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3 **APPROVED**
4 **TOWN OF PELHAM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
6 **May 23, 2017**
7 **APPROVED – June 20, 2017**
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9 **CALL TO ORDER** - approximately 6:30PM
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PRESENT: Mr. William McDevitt, Ms. Amy Spencer, Mr. Paul Leonard, Town Administrator
Brian McCarthy

ABSENT: Mr. Doug Viger, Mr. Hal Lynde

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12 Mr. McDevitt conducted the meeting.
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14 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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16 **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

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18 There were no announcements.
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20 **MINUTES REVIEW**

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22 May 9, 2017 – Deferred to next meeting.
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25 **OPEN FORUM**

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27 No one came forward.
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29 **APPOINTMENT(S)**

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31 **Volunteer Interviews:**

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33 Ken Stanvick – Conservation Commission Member – completing Kaela Law's term
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35 Mr. Stanvick came forward to discuss his application. He was currently an alternate seeking to be
36 appointed as a full member. Mr. McDevitt explained since he was seeking to fill the vacancy left after
37 Kaela Law resigned, State Law directed them to make the appointment to fill out the balance of the
38 term, which expires March, 2018. He told Mr. Stanvick he would be welcome at that time to come
39 back in for a reappointment interview.
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41 Mr. Stanvick stated when he originally signed on the committee he took what was available, which was
42 an alternate. He said his motivation for being on the commission hadn't changed. He had a deep
43 concern about conservation, not only acquiring land to be conserved, but what happens to the land once
44 it's been acquired, such as opening up trail systems and what could be done to have more public access.
45 He spoke about the value of plants and animals and the contributions he would like to continue making
46 on the committee.
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Mr. McDevitt thanked Mr. Stanvick for coming forward. *(The Board made the appointment later in the meeting – see below)*

Heather Patterson – Zoning Board Alternate – 3 year term

Ms. Patterson came forward to discuss her application to the Zoning Board. She told the Board she had lived in Town for approximately eighteen years. She's been heavily involved with recreation and sports, and most recently was involved with the Zoning Board on a personal matter, which she found interesting.

Ms. Spencer questioned Ms. Patterson if there was anything in particular in her background that she felt made her well suited to the position. Ms. Patterson replied she was presently a recruiting manager for an IT firm in Andover. She discussed her background, interests and experiences.

Mr. McDevitt commented that the Zoning Board got into some interesting issues and in order for people to deal with them, members had to know the laws and how the laws apply. He stated that the NH Municipal Association offered courses from time to time and asked if she would be willing to attend a course. Ms. Patterson answered yes; she was very interested in taking courses. Mr. McDevitt asked if there was any personal matter that may be coming up in front of the Zoning Board. Ms. Patterson replied she should have one matter during the next meeting. Mr. McDevitt stated that was okay; if appointed she would have to step down for the proceedings. Ms. Patterson understood.

Mr. Leonard thanked Ms. Patterson for applying and getting involved with the Town. *(The Board made the appointment later in the meeting – see below)*

Lisa Loosigian – reappointment – Conservation Commission – 3 year term

Ms. Loosigian told the Board she enjoyed being on the Conservation Commission and liked the work they did. She said she appreciated getting to know Pelham in new ways. She commented that she was an advocate for the environment and worked for a residential storm water program through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Ms. Loosigian stated that she had reapplied to continue the good work of the commission.

Ms. Spencer thanked Ms. Loosigian for the services she had provided and for her continued interest.

Mr. McDevitt asked if she had any personal matter coming in front of the commission. Ms. Loosigian answered no. Mr. McDevitt said storm water expertise was very important to have on the commission. *(The Board made the appointment later in the meeting – see below)*

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and decision regarding the date for the special Town Meeting

Mr. McDevitt told the Board that the Planning Board, with a 5-2 vote, approved the Warrant Article (known as #4 on the March, 2017 ballot) to eliminate the 55+ housing developments and encourage 62+ housing developments. He said the Selectmen now needed to decide when a Town Meeting would be scheduled. Mr. McDevitt explained that the article was previously approved (during March, 2017 Town Meeting) by 71% of the voters; however, there had been a procedural error which rendered it moot. He stated although the article passed by the majority it could not be enforced by the Town at this time. He explained that the Selectmen asked the Planning Board to reconsider article. The Planning Board reconsidered (during a public hearing May 22, 2017) and presented it back to the Selectmen

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without any changes. He said there had been quite a bit of good discussion among Planning Board members and the public. Mr. McDevitt said he was asked after the Planning Board meeting if the special Town Meeting would be similar to those held years ago with people gathering and asking questions. He explained the special Town Meeting would be conducted by secret ballot vote, just as the Town did in March. Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office.

MOTION: (Spencer/Leonard) To schedule a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2017 with the poll hours being 7am – 8pm to be held at Sherburne Hall.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

Mr. McDevitt understood that both Mr. Viger and Mr. Lynde would strongly support the vote. He noted if the Board hadn't moved forward the special Town Meeting would have been pushed into July.

Vote – Volunteer Board Positions

The Selectmen took the following action.

MOTION: (Leonard/Spencer) To appoint Heather Patterson as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term expiring at Town Meeting March, 2020.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

MOTION: (Spencer/Leonard) To re-appoint Lisa Loosigian as a member to the Conservation Commission for a three year term expiring at Town Meeting March, 2020.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

MOTION: (Leonard/Spencer) To appoint Ken Stanvick to the Conservation Commission to complete Kaela Law's term expiring at Town Meeting March, 2018.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

MOTION: (Spencer/Leonard) To appoint Diane Chubb as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term expiring at Town Meeting March, 2020.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

MOTION: (Leonard/Spencer) To appoint Deb Ryan as an alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term expiring at Town Meeting March, 2020.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

Mike Gendreau – reappointment – Conservation Commission – 3 year term

Mr. Gendreau discussed his application for reappointment. He told the Board he had a lot of interest in preserving and connecting properties. He also enjoyed working with the Forestry Committee and the

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Border Riders. He stated he had learned a lot and wanted his children to have the same opportunities he had as a child enjoying the outdoors. He wanted to continue helping out and being involved.

Mr. McDevitt asked if he had any matter that would be going in front of the commission in the near future. Mr. Gendreau answered no.

MOTION: (Spencer/Leonard) To re-appoint Mike Gendreau as a member to the Conservation Commission for a three year term expiring at Town Meeting March, 2020.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S / SELECTMEN REPORTS

Mr. McCarthy informed that the Transfer Station project was moving along; the foundation would be poured shortly. He explained that the voter's voted to approve a compactor and a building for single-stream recyclables. He said the Town would be doing more recycling. The reason they reviewed the project was due to the hauling costs tripling; therefore it made sense to build our own building and have our own equipment to reduce costs. He then spoke about the Town office's transitions into new computer software programs. Mr. McCarthy ended his report by letting the Board know that Primex was impressed with how much the Town had accomplished during the short time since the transition with them last year. His goal was to continue achieving lower rates.

Ms. Spencer thanked Mr. McCarthy for the work to get the Town in compliance with the insurance company. She reported that the Pelham Youth Council met last night and discussed their initiatives. She stated that they expanded the PYC membership to essentially open it to anyone in the community age 12-23.

Mr. Leonard informed that he attended the D.A.R.E graduation at the Pelham Elementary School. The School administration gave thanks to both the Police Department and the Selectmen for continuing to support the program at the elementary school and expanding it into the middle school. He also spoke about the Sean Paradis Road Race that was well attended and 'went off without a hitch'.

REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: (Leonard/Spencer) Request for a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II,a & c (Personnel; Matters which, if discussed publicly, would affect adversely the reputation of any person)

ROLL CALL: Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes; Mr. Leonard-Yes

It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take any other action publicly, except to possibly seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the meeting. The Board entered into a non-public session at approximately 7:17pm.

MOTION: (Leonard/Spencer) To leave non-public session.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

MOTION: (Leonard/Spencer) To indefinitely seal the non-public meeting minutes.

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VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

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164 The Board returned to public session at approximately 7:36pm.

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166 **ADJOURNMENT**

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MOTION: (Leonard/Spencer) To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: (3-0-0) The motion carried.

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169 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Charity A. Landry
Recording Secretary