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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2016

Selectmen Present: Chairman Brad Howell, Abigail Arnold, and Henry Kunhardt

Staff Present: Town Administrator Jamie Pike

Also present: Betty Behrsing, Lisa Bourbeau, John & Pat Thalhauser, Polly Freese, Guy Tolman, Ben & Robin Haubrich, John Arnold, Betsy Hardwick, Dennis Orsi and others.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Chairman Howell opened the public hearing

The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public testimony on the appropriation and expenditure of unanticipated funds in the amount of \$70,000 for the purposes of purchasing Map 3 Lot 26.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to appropriate and expend unanticipated funds in the amount of \$70,000 to acquire Map 3 Lot 26 as approved at the annual Town Meeting held on March 12, 2016.

Mr. Thalhauser what the Board's plans for the property were. Mr. Howell explained that the property is restricted in its use as open space for passive recreation until it is determined by the Town that it shall be used as a cemetery. There were other questions from the audience regarding the funds to be used to purchase the land. It was explained that members of the Taylor family have donated the \$70,000 to the Town for the express purpose of purchasing the lot from the Timothy B Taylor Trust. The transaction is merely a pass-through donation. It was also asked why the need for this hearing if the purchase was already approved at Town Meeting. The public hearing is required pursuant to RSA 31:95-b to authorize the Board to expend funds raised from an unanticipated source.

Chairman Howell called for a vote upon the motion. All members were in favor of the proposed appropriation and expenditure. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Documents executed in conjunction with the above approval include a settlement statement and a manifest authorizing the Treasurer to release funds for the land purchase.

ADJOURNMENT: Brad adjourned the meeting at 6:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Not approved until signed.

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt