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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION**

PSB Conference Room

Tuesday, October 25th 2016 6:00 p.m.

UNAPPROVED

Selectboard members present: Charlie Hancock-Chair, Scott Perry-Vice chair, Mark Brouillette, Sarah Silva

Colin Sorenson (via conference call)

Visitors: Sue Wilson

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

- 1. Review and make any changes to the agenda.** Colin motioned to remove item #3 from the agenda, seconded by Sarah; motion failed 3-2 by a roll call vote of Colin-yea, Sarah-yea, Charlie-nay, Mark-nay, Scott-nay.
- 2. Review Outreach material regarding the upcoming Bond Vote for a new Town Office.** Charlie presented the FAQ's sheet on the projector for board members to review and make final edits before presenting to the town. Board members made changes as necessary to improve the clarity of the topics in question and provide fact based answers. After discussions took place, Scott motioned to leave question #8 on the FAQ sheet as originally written. This passed 3-2 by a roll call vote of Colin-nay, Sarah-nay, Charlie-yea, Mark-yea, Scott-yea. Members also agreed that while the question of operating costs, #11 on the FAQ, still has to be answered in its entirety adding in a reference for the current operating costs located in the Town Report on pages 30-31 would provide a good segue for residents to begin with.
- 3. Town Road Crew / Town Equipment use for private work.** Board members discussed the misunderstanding regarding town equipment and private use after a resident hired out the St. Onges' grader to work at their private residence and it was mistakenly thought that the towns' equipment was being used at the residents' home. Mark reiterated before the board that the town does not and never has provided town equipment for private use; the

only express circumstance that would allow this is during a time of an emergency in which Fire/Rescue experience trouble with road access trying to respond to a resident. Board members discussed communication between resident concerns and themselves and code of conduct when receiving inquiries such as this.

4. **Water Issues.** The board discussed the issue of residents needing water due to dry springs from lack of rain over the summer. They addressed the concern about selling town water as needed. They agreed that water should be made available to residents as needed at the town garage once they have contacted the town clerk; the \$50.00 service fee will be waived and the resident will be charged a flat \$55.00 (base rate for up to 4000 gallons) per quarter. Sarah motioned to sell residents town water at \$55.00 per quarter upon registering need for water with the town clerk and Mark, this was seconded by Mark and passed by 4-0- 1 abstention.

- a. The board will be reaching out and coordinating SOS as effective November 4th Mark will no longer be working for them. Carry this item over.

Scott motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Mark, the board adjourned at 7:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Reighley