

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020, 12:30 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING**

First Selectman Matthew Hoey called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Present: Board Members: Matthew Hoey, Charles Havrda, Louis Federici and Sandra Ruoff

Town Officials: Environmental Planner Kevin Magee, Land Acquisition Chair Gary MacElhiney and Clerk Traci Brinkman

Mr. Havrda led the pledge.

- 1. Consider and take possible action authorizing the first selectman to apply for and accept on behalf of the town a grant from the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program and authorize him to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said grant should the town be selected for a grant award.**

Mr. Hoey explained that the town received this grant about two years ago for a different neglected cemetery. At the time he put together a committee comprised of Carl Balestracci, Joel Helander and Tracy Tomacelli to identify other opportunities. They are looking at applying for funds for the old Small Pox Cemetery, which fits the grant guidelines. He added that for the last cemetery public works employees did some tree removal and they hired contractors to clean up the site and restore headstones. He asked that the board give the same consideration for this application, which helps to preserve these old cemeteries.

Mr. Magee noted that this cemetery is off of Clapboard Hill Road tucked up behind a house.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Ms. Ruoff and seconded by Mr. Federici, the board voted unanimously to authorize First Selectman Matthew Hoey to apply for an accept on behalf of the town a grant from the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program and to authorize him to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and document necessary to obtain said grant should the town be selected for a grant award.

*Vote: In Favor: Hoey, Havrda, Federici and Ruoff
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None*

**2. Land Acquisition - Discuss negotiation strategy for a to be determined property.
(Executive session may be required)**

Motion: Upon a motion made by Ms. Ruoff and seconded by Mr. Havrda, the board voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 12:34 p.m. and invited Mr. Magee and Mr. MacElhiney to discuss negotiation strategies regarding a to be determined property.

*Vote: In Favor: Hoey, Havrda, Federici and Ruoff
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None*

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mr. Federici and seconded by Ms. Ruoff, the board voted unanimously to return to public session at 1:03 p.m.

*Vote: In Favor: Hoey, Havrda, Federici and Ruoff
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None*

Motion: Upon a motion made by Ms. Ruoff and seconded by Mr. Federici, the board voted unanimously to authorize the Land Acquisition Commission to negotiated under the parameters discussed during the executive session.

*Vote: In Favor: Hoey, Havrda, Federici and Ruoff
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None*

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mr. Federici and seconded by Ms. Ruoff, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

*Vote: In Favor: Hoey, Havrda, Federici and Ruoff
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None*

Respectfully submitted,

Traci K. Brinkman
Clerk
Board of Selectmen