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**PRESENT:** L. Smith, A. Brubaker, D. Robinson, W. Barker, R. Dean, J. Fermery, L. Ruest

**NOT PRESENT:** D. Janik

**REORGANIZATION OF TIC**

**Swearing In Of All Members By The Town Clerk:** H. Knowles swore in those members present and distributed appointment forms for signatures as appointed by the Board of Selectmen on April 17. D. Janik will be sworn in at a later time. All are open ended appointments.

**Nomination Of Officers:**

**MOTION:** To nominate and appoint L. Smith as Chairman.

**MOTION: D. ROBINSON**

**SECOND: W. BARKER**

No other nominations were heard.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION:** To nominate and appoint A. Brubaker as Vice Chairman.

**MOTION: D. ROBINSON**

**SECOND: W. BARKER**

No other nominations were heard.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION:** To nominate and appoint L. Ruest as Secretary.

**MOTION: D. ROBINSON**

**SECOND: W. BARKER**

No other nominations were heard.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**Duration Of Committee:** L. Smith encouraged seeking younger persons' membership assistance in order to keep this Committee active going forward.

**UNFINISHED PROJECTS**

**PSB Grounds Improvement:** The area of the Public Safety Building grounds alongside the Town Hall parking lot where the propane tank was buried has yet to be raked and reseeded. It is felt that this work could be done on a Saturday when the Town Hall is closed to the public so that

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the parking lot area can be utilized to perform the work. Loam will be needed to top dress the area for seeding.

**Historical Society Museum**

**Safety Issues:** It was determined that the electrical needs at the Museum are of priority. The Committee will review the listing prepared in the past and seek pricing from electricians. R. Dean reported that the question relating to the front light not working has been identified and is all set now.

In addition, she reported that the Historical Society is looking to add a hard-wired fire alarm system to the building (45 Exeter Road). The Historical Society will be asking the Fire Department to review a fire alarm plan, and then bring recommendation to the Town Improvement Committee, and Board of Selectmen, for consideration. Three prices are in order.

The Historical Society is also making arrangements to reorganize the interior of the Museum and is working with architectural designers. Question was raised as to whether there are any conditions as part of the Cy Pres Petition that may affect these considerations. R. Dean stated she would research the Cy Pres.

**Rodent Problem:** The Committee discussed the status of the ongoing squirrel infestation. It was re-determined that the Committee will make arrangements to trim back the trees and growth from the rear wall. Efforts will be made to obtain the use of a bucket truck and then work will be scheduled within the timeframe of the availability of the bucket truck. It was suggested that attempt be made to correct the rodent problem from inside the attic area. R. Dean will obtain an electronic emitter device that deters rodents for use at the Museum in this regard.

**Town Hall Landscaping – Grant from Rye Garden Club:** J. Fermery reminded the Committee that he prepared a landscaping plan for submission. A. Brubaker will follow-up to determine the deadline for application and submit the plan and information on behalf of Hampton Falls for 2019.

**Liberty Elm Tree Project – 2020:** L. Smith reminded the Committee of the specifics of this project. He noted that 100 trees have been ordered (2016) with a delivery date of 2020. A good number of the trees, separate from those ordered by private individuals, will be available to the Town for planting. Suggested planting locations included along the Route 88 side of the Town Hall, one to replace the failed elm tree along the front of Gov. Weare Park and a number on Route 88 to replace those large stately trees removed due to deterioration. Discussion of available locations, funding, and watering needs took place. A work party was suggested to stake locations for plantings as the delivery date gets closer. It was understood that permission should be obtained from the NH-DOT for plantings on Route 88 (keeping plantings away from overhead wires) and that it will be important to seek assistance to keep newly planted trees watered.

**Floating Dock at The Depot:** It was noted that fundraising is needed for this project in order for all to proceed. Fundraising suggestions include engraved dock planks (\$500) or engraved paver blocks (\$1,000 each). A. Brubaker suggested the group currently fundraising for a new playground and outdoor learning center at the elementary school may be able to assist with this

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fundraising. Another suggestion was to seek assistance from residents who use the boat launch at present.

**Gov. Weare Park Guardrails (Parking Lot):** The Committee agreed to this project as a first priority. There is a need to determine the number of posts and rails needed in conjunction with available telephone pole(s).

In addition, posts will need to be pulled to allow the placement of a donated metal shed alongside or in the area of the existing wood frame shed. This donated shed will store a machine used to groom the baseball infield. Once placed, the posts and rail(s) will need to be reset.

**POTENTIAL NEW PROJECTS**

**Parking Lot Between Library and PSB:** L. Smith explained the need of additional parking for Library, Fire Department and Election events and the efforts to utilize the area between these two buildings. Preliminary numbers have been obtained of \$50,000+. Tree removal and precast concrete steps and rail(s) are needed as well.

**Concrete Apron at PSB:** The concrete aprons need to be cut back and then the opened areas paved in. L. Ruest requested that should concrete or paving in work be scheduled that the issues relating to the Town Hall entrance ramp be tied in with this work.

**Other:** No other items were discussed at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No members of the public were present.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

**MOTION: D. ROBINSON**

**SECOND: R. DEAN**

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**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED - TUESDAY, MAY 21, 8:30 AM**