Holderness Select Board Meeting Minutes May 14, 2020

Select Board Members Present: Chair, Jill White and Kelly Schwaner. Vice Chair, Woodie Laverack was present by remote link.

Others Present: Town Administrator- Michael Capone. Recreation Director Wendy Werner and Recreation Board Members Tom Stepp, Jenny Evans, Nate Fuller and George Sutcliffe were all present via remote link.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM. Ms. White read the following into the record: Due to the ongoing emergency orders in place, the Board is operating under RSA 91-A:2 that allows for remote participation by Board Members. Limited socially distanced seating is available in the second-floor meeting room. Remote access to the meeting, is allowed by invitation.

The Chair then polled all meeting participants to ask if they had anyone else present in the room with them and if the meeting was being recorded.

New Business: Wendy Werner-Recreation Director and Recreation Board Members – Wendy informed the Select Board that the Recreation Board had voted 5-0-1 at their meeting on May 11, not to offer the SummerEscape program this year due to uncertainty around the ongoing pandemic. They were present this evening to provide some background for their decision, get some input from the Select Board and discuss how best to communicate the decision to the public.

Ms. White, Mr. Laverack and Ms. Schwaner all offered their support of the Recreation Boards decision noting that it could not have been an easy one, but given the circumstances was the best option to pursue.

The Select Board, Wendy and the Recreation Board then reviewed the draft announcement that had been prepared and discussed how to notify residents of the decision. Wendy mentioned that she planned to notify staff and existing registrants first and then post the notice on the Town Website, the Recreation Board Home page and Facebook. Nate Fuller suggested that the Notice be forwarded to the Holderness Central School for distribution through their email list.

Wendy mentioned that they were waiting for the next directive from the Governor's Office before making decisions with regard to opening the Beach, offering tennis lessons and restarting other programs that were suspended in late March when the Governor enacted the stay at home order.

The Select Board members thanked Wendy and the Recreation Board for all of the efforts on behalf of the community during these challenging times. Wendy and the Recreation Board thanked the Select Board for their support.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Laverack moved, with a second from Ms. Schwaner to adjourn the meeting at 5:59PM. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of adjournment by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Capone Town Administrator