

Boscawen Selectmen's Regular Session
Final Meeting Minutes • May 25, 2016
Approved June 1, 2016

Present: Bernie Davis, Jr., Roger Sanborn, Mark Varney, Alan Hardy, Nicole Hoyt, Pamela Hardy, Kellee Jo Easler, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, Sean Skabo, Bruce Crawford, Eric Guay, Janet Levy, Peter Miner and David Silver

Candace Haithwaite and Michelle Brochu were excused.

Chairman Sanborn opened the meeting at 4:31 PM. Selectman Davis led us in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Acceptance of Minutes – May 18, 2016 Public Session:

Board Action: Selectman Davis moved to accept the May 18, 2016 public minutes. Selectmen Varney seconded the motion. All in favor, the minutes accepted as written.

The Board discussed the recent issue of conducting business on social media. It was decided that the forum is not conducive to remedy important issues. The Board requested the following statement be posted on the Town of Boscawen Facebook page: "Town of Boscawen Official Site". The statement is as follows: "For official information and responses please contact the Town at www.TownofBoscawen.org or 603-753-9188".

Police Chief Kevin Wyman informed the Board that the department will be placing the speed trailer at various points around town to remind residents and visitors how fast they are moving through Boscawen. Kevin mentioned the rise in meth related incidents as the drug is increasingly available. He is in the process of setting up CPR training for the Parks counselors. Fire Chief Ray Fisher stated that he had many firefighters and wives interested in recertification as well. Kevin suggested going through the Red Cross with the larger group. Kevin mentioned that emergency dispatch is expanding and we may see an increase in the 2017 budget.

Public Works Director Dean Hollins shared that the trimming and mowing is almost complete in preparation for Memorial Day. Preparation work for paving has begun for Queen, Dove, Robin and Depot Streets. He will also need to replace the tires for the backhoe soon.

Fire Chief Ray Fisher announced that the Firemen's Memorial will be held on June 12, 2016. The rescue boat will be here next week, they are just waiting on the motor.

Human Resources Director Pam Hardy, announced that the Department of Labor is modifying the Fair Labor Standards Act. This change will be to adjust a minimum wage for salaried employees. This change will take effect December 1, 2016. Pam will be receiving more information at her next training.

Planning and Community Development Assistant Kellee Jo Easler announced that the collision course for all employees that drive Town vehicles will be held here at the office on June 1, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

Co-Administrator Alan Hardy informed the Board that he and Mark attended the unofficial gathering that took place at the Library last Friday regarding Dollar General. Mark wanted to officially thank Alan for attending and for his expertise on the subject of the process. Alan stated that he thinks that there will be two more meetings/hearings before the ZBA can consider voting on the variances submitted.

Alan briefed the BOS on two of the vacant deeded properties. 33 Duston does not meet health and safety codes and will need to be disposed of. We can deed this property to the park owner as they are willing to dispose of it.

Board Action: Selectman Varney moved to deed the property at 33 Duston to the park owner for disposal. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

The second parcel for destruction is at 4 Boyce. The park owner does not have the proper equipment to remove the manufactured home. Alan suggested that the town split the cost of hiring a company with the necessary equipment to do the job and to allow access to the transfer station for disposal. Dean is in agreement with this solution.

Board Action: Selectman Varney moved to split the cost with the park owner and allow for access to the transfer station. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

The Board requested an update regarding the Torrent building and if it is prepared to receive the boat next week. Alan shared that he had met with Kevin Tucker at the Torrent and discussed the Penacook Rescue Squad using the upstairs for storage of some items. Old Home Day has marked many items for the transfer station. Selectmen Davis has offered to go in and remove the items and Selectmen Varney will purchase a Knox Box with a keypad for access to the Torrent.

Board Action: Selectman Davis moved to allow for PRS use of the upstairs at Torrent for storage. Selectman Varney seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

At this time the Water Precinct Commissions were invited to the table accompanied by Janet Levy, P.E. of LEVY ENGINEERING, INC. A resident had come before the board a few weeks ago, regarding his water protection bill from the PBWP. He had not paid the bills since the hydrants on his street were unusable. Discussion ensued regarding the black hydrants on Water Street and if they were usable in a structure fire situation.

The Fire Chief and the Selectmen were under the impression that back in 2010 the hydrants were bagged and then painted black indicating that they were unusable. In addition during the summer of 2010 a pipe collapsed when a Webster tanker refilled from one of those hydrants with a 2 ½ inch hose.

Engineer Levy stated that the hydrants are usable but the amount of pressure may be insufficient for a structure fire. A dedicated pump could be purchased, and in 2010 the cost was estimated at \$85,000. This would also require a generator. She reminded the Board of a notice given back in 1977 to either treat the pond or you cannot use it. That is when we began the process of moving to the current wells we have up on Route 3. They also worked at that time on a procedure for decontaminating the line should we ever use a fire truck as a pumper at the Raymond Road pumping station. There was a concern at that time that if we did use the fire truck to pressurize the line for fire-fighting purposes, the line would be contaminated. Today, that procedure is no longer possible due to changes in regulations. The best course of action would be to have a water tank built. This however would cost 1 million of tax payer and water customer dollars.

Commissioner Skabo suggested that the PBWP work with the Fire Department on testing the hydrants to see what they are capable of for output.

Ray and Peter will work out the details.

Chairman Sanborn requested that the Commissioner send a letter to Mr. Silver holding his bill until the lines are tested. Commissioner Skabo concurred. The Commissioners and guests left the meeting at this time.

Chairman Sanborn moved to a non-public session at 5:50 PM, seconded by Selectman Davis. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Upon exiting the non-public session, Selectmen Davis moved to seal the non-public and Chairmen Sanborn seconded. There being no further business, Chairman Sanborn moved to adjourn at 6:47 PM, seconded by Selectman Varney. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Nicole E. Hoyt

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