

**Town of Boscawen**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Final Minutes  
Wednesday, February 06, 2019 at 5:00pm

In attendance: Mark Varney, Roger Sanborn, Katie Phelps, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, Dean Hollins, Kellee Easler, Alan Hardy, Nicole Hoyt, and Haley Dilts-Brown.

Chairman Mark Varney opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 5:00pm and a moment of silence.

**Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

Chairman Mark Varney announced that the Joseph Haas court appeal is closed. The Supreme Court found that there is no grounds for proceeding any further. The Court did not find any reversible error on the part of the lower court.

Planning and Community Development Director Kellee Easler wanted to let the Board that they received notice from Michael Courtney, Town Counsel, that there will be a hearing for Mary Weeks Family Trust Vs Town of Boscawen, on March 6th. Michael Courtney, Barbara Randall, and Kellee will be attending the hearing at the Superior Court.

The Board of Selectman met with the two final candidates for the new Fire Chief position. The candidates were also brought to the Fire Department to meet the fire fighters. Effective March 13, 2019 Lieutenant Timothy Kenney will be the new Fire Chief. The position will remain a volunteer position with an annual compensation of \$14,000.00. The Board thanked everyone for being part of the hiring process and thanked Chief Fisher for his service. The Fire Department Salary budget increase of \$25,000.00 will be moved to the Fire Department equipment fund. If the money does not get spent in 2019, it will go back into the General Fund for 2020.

Police Chief Kevin Wyman wanted to let the Board know that Police Administrator Lynne Davis had surgery on her hand today and her procedure went very well. She will be out of the office for a couple of weeks. Kevin and Lieutenant Jason Killary will be performing the administrative duties.

Fire Chief Ray Fisher announced that he will be stepping down as Forest Fire Warden effective March 12th. Ray spoke with the State yesterday about the position, explained the position is governed by the state and will be up to the Town to recommend a new Forest Fire Warden. Currently the Forest Fire Deputy Wardens in place are: Michael W. Fisher, Scott Dow, Timothy Kenney, and Corey Welcome.

Public Works Director Dean Hollins let the Board know that one of the pick-up trucks is having repairs done to the power steering lines. The underneath of the vehicle is completely rusted. In the future this truck will need to be replaced with a new pick-up truck. Also every couple of years the septic pipes freeze at the Transfer Station. The septic will be pumped out tomorrow and will be good until spring. Elektrisola was interested in working together with the Town, on recycling cardboard. Unfortunately there is too much cardboard produced and the Town does not have the facility for such high volume.

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Tax Collector/ Town Clerk Nicole Hoyt brought up a past discussion about a resident on N Main St, having problems with their water meter continuously running. This has been an ongoing discussion between the Water Precinct and Pennichuck, to have the problem rectified. The past decision by the Board was to make things right with the owner's sewer bill. Nicole presented the Board with a sewer overage abatement to be signed.

Kellee Easler let the Board know that Sarah Gerlack and she will talk about the Welfare and Assessing Poverty Abatement in the next BOS meeting. A conversation with Tom Gilmore, Conservation Commission Chair, today about the proceeds from the Timber Cut, the money will stay with the Conservation because of a town meeting action many years ago at the March 14 1989 town meeting. Tom's proposal is to forgo their normal contribution operating expenses, the budget is \$2,200.00. Tom offered to remove the \$2,200.00 from the budget and will come up with the money themselves. Tom mentioned that the Conservation Commission is working with the Planning Board, regarding the Natural Resources chapter 8. The Natural Resource Inventory will cost approximately \$7,500.00. The Conservation Commission has offered to underwrite cost of the Natural Resource Inventory.

Administrative Assistant/ Deputy Town Clerk Haley Dilts-Brown wanted to let the Board know that Concord Regional VNA is offering a Matter of Balance class. A Matter of Balance is a nationally recognized fall prevention program focused on supporting older adults living in the community to find ways to reduce the fear of falling while increasing their physical activity levels. Haley made a request to the Board to allow Concord Regional VNA to use the Town Hall every Thursday May 2nd – June 20th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at no charge to VNA.

**Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to allow Concord Regional VNA to use the Town Hall every Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at no charge. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to move the nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (I), 1-30-2018 from nonpublic to public. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

The Board wanted to discuss about the Conservation funds from the timber harvest cut. As far back as Town meeting 1989, it was said that all funds from cuts would go to the Conservation Committee. The Board recently made a motion that they split the funds from the recent cut 50/50 with the Town. The money will not be split and will remain in the Town Forrest and Conservation fund. It was suggested that the Town changes that next year with a warrant article. The Board would like to see that help with some tax relief.

Captain Mike Fisher expressed that he is Happy with the new Fire Chief choice and is looking forward to the future.

**Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 5:30pm. Selectman**

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**Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to withdraw his motion to adjourn the public meeting at 5:30pm. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to accept the 1-30 minutes. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 5:30pm. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Haley Dilts-Brown.