

**Town of Boscawen**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Final Minutes  
Wednesday, August 22, 2019 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Edward Cherian, Roger Sanborn, Lorrie Carey, Katie Phelps, Kevin Wyman, Dean Hollins, Alan Hardy, Kellee Jo Easler, and Haley Dilts-Brown.

Chairman Edward Cherian opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00pm and a moment of silence.

Chairman Cherian announced that the Maintenance Winter Hydrant Agreement has come back with no further changes. The Board signed the agreement.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

Town residents Bradford and Kennetha Marshall wanted to talk to the Board about their denied abatement the land property on 154 N Main St. The land assessment went from \$75,600.00 up to \$109,500.00, they think this is an unreasonable increase for 1 acre in a short period of time. Cherian explained that Avitar is the company that assessed the land and every 5 years there are market changes. Easler disclosed that the Marshall's could appeal the assessment to the Board Tax Land Appeals or to the Superior Court. Easler also presented land properties that were sold in Town that Avitar used to compare when they reviewed their abatement.

Chairman Cherian publicized that they received the Penacook Rescue Squad agreement and will review it.

Town Administrator Hardy opened discussion for updates for Old Home Day.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler let the Board know that bills came in from Central NH Planning Community that were not given to her from last year because of a glitch in their accounting department. Easler let the Board know that these bills were not budgeted for. One of the bills is in the amount of \$1,750.00 for the second payment for land use handbooks, and \$2,000.00 for the Master Plan, for a total shortage of \$3,750.00. Hardy recommended as they get closer to the year end to see if this money can be found in the budget and retain from using money from the contingency. The Board agrees with that idea.

Human Resource and Finance Director Phelps updated the Board on the MS 434 draft, this is due by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Phelps reported about helping with the Old Home Day Golf Tournament and it was a big success.

Police Chief Wyman did not have anything new to report.

Public Works Director Hollins updated the Board about being on the paving schedule until mid-September depending on the weather conditions.

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Hollins reported that he attended a recertification class on gas pumps, this is done every two years. Every three years there is an inspection with the State on their gas pumps and that is scheduled for this year, this will be done at the end of September.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve nonpublic #4 from 7-25 and nonpublic #1 from 8-8. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

**New Discussion:** Chairman Cherian wanted to have a discussion with the members of the Penacook Boscawen Water Precinct and Planning Board members to be able to find a solution to stop any disconnects going forward on site plans.

Penacook Boscawen Water Precinct Commissioners Bruce Crawford, Bill Devine, Lorrie Carey, and Precinct Consultant Janet Levy were in attendance. Members of the Planning Board present included Chair Barbara Randall, Roberta Witham, Vice-Chair Mark Varney, and Paul Dickey. Randall asked that projects be brought to the Planning Board beforehand for input, in order to move business and properties along. Varney explained the reason for this conversation is because of the Dollar General hydrant placement issue. He explained at the time of the original Dollar General site plan discussion there were no additional comments made from the Water Precinct. Crawford clarified that the initial plans given to the Precinct asked for a supply of water, there was never mention of a hydrant. The hydrant came into the process later from the previous Fire Chief with the conditions of approval. The question arises of who owns the hydrant and who will be maintaining it? Crawford continues to explain that it is costly to maintain a hydrant or if any damages are done. Carey asked which would work better a sprinkler system or a hydrant system for a commercial business. Levy explained a fire protection plan is based on case to case, but overall a sprinkler system is better because of its response time and more coverage.

The Board felt that this was a successful discussion and going forward all departments will have better communication for future site plans.

Penacook Rescue Squad Chief Shawn Brechtel spoke about the emergency medical services agreement and the supporting documents. The Board invited Brechtel to next Thursday's Board of Selectmen work session.

**Selectwomen Carey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Selectmen Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Haley Dilts-Brown.