

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Roger Sanborn, Katie Phelps, Kellee Easler, Timothy Kenney, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman and Alan Hardy.

Selectman Sanborn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Cherian and Town Administrator Hardy asked Keith Pratt, President of Underwood Engineers and Connie Hodge, Project Engineer to come and speak to the Board today prior to Underwood issuing their report on the Penacook-Boscawen Water Precinct. In October, at the request of the Water Precinct, the Board of Selectmen authorized Underwood Engineers to conduct a study of the Precinct and its operations. Underwood Engineers assessed their assets including 150 acres of property, mostly in Boscawen, some in Webster, three gravel packed wells, a well control and corrosion control building, four water storage tanks, a water pump boosting station on the corner of Water Street and Raymond Road. The district operates four pressure zones, an Administration and Maintenance building and other equipment. There are over 1,200 connections on the system, with a direct connection to the Concord system for emergencies. There are over 50 properties that are served by the precinct that are located in Concord.

Underwood Engineers looked for information on water quality, infrastructure capacities, future planning for capital improvements, etc. Underwood looked back to 2015 into their budget to collect information, and the records do not show that the rates have been changed since 2016. Their expenditures in 2015 to 2017 were in the range of \$650,000.00 and in 2018, there was a decrease and their expenditures were roughly \$445,000.00 those years they ran surpluses according to records. In 2019 the budgeted numbers increased to \$784,000.00. They projected that their revenue would project that. They are currently contracting out for their administration and billing services to Pennichuck Water Works in Merrimack and Nashua; that is a three-year contract that ends in April 2021. The operations budget in 2018 was around \$218,000.00. Underwood is ready to release their report. They are still waiting for a few reports from the Precinct that they have not yet received due to them being unavailable at the time they were requested. Cherian would like to review the draft report and meet with the Water Precinct Commissioners to review it.

Hardy presented the Board with Agnes Colby's resignation from the Supervisors of the Checklist as of March 2020.

The Board accepts her resignation with regret and want to thank her for her years of service as a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Town Administrator Hardy updated the Board on the work at the Kenney's property. Hardy spoke with Mary Ellen Kenney and Mark Kenney yesterday; they have a plan to continue to work on the site to remove the vehicles and Hardy has a plan to meet with Mark on the 25th of January to walk the property. Hardy will take pictures and write a report recommending a path forward. The family has made significant progress on David Kenney's behalf that Hardy could see from the street. Department of Environmental Services will have to come in to re-inspect the property with Hardy

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in the spring. Mark Kenney from the audience mentioned that if the Board had any question that he was there to answer them. The Board wanted to thank them for all the progress that had been made on the property and hopes to have all this completed soon. Mark Kenney was unaware that this was not just a Town issue but that DES was involved. It is also currently in court. Once the Town and DES can report that it is clear they should be able to request modifications of the Court. Cherian mentioned that with the inspection on January 25th, they could bring in DES for a resolution of this matter. Kenney mentioned that fines are supposed to start on January 23rd, and the inspection is for two days later. The Board will reach out to see if the fines can be held until after the inspection since progress is being made. The Board mentioned that they would have a discussion at next week's meeting on a continuation.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler presented the Board with the ESR from Underwood Engineers for Boscawen Sand and Gravel for authorization of signature.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to authorize Kellee Jo Easler to sign on behalf of the Town the ESR with Underwood for Boscawen Sand and Gravel. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Cherian wanted to mention that they had been looking at the school budget that had an unexpected increase. Selectwoman Carey sent a lot of information via email and Town Administrator Hardy has invited Superintendent Mark McLane and business manager to next week's Work Session to explain to why there has been such an increase for the school.

Hardy mentioned that Maria from the Purple Heart Designation will be attending next week's meeting to explain all the information regarding being a Purple Heart Town. The signs for the Purple Heart Community are \$500-\$600 dollars, Carey mentions getting sponsorships from local business/organizations. The proclamation will be written and submitted.

Cherian would like to table the discussion on the UNH Economics Development Survey until next week's Work Session.

Hardy mentioned that they are monitoring the year end budget that is at 97% of the total approved. Finance Director Phelps stated the cut off is January 7 for 2019 bills.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve Nonpublic #1 from December 12th. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Hardy presented the 2020 draft Warrant Articles to the Board for review and consideration.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to recommend Warrant Article #5 to appropriate \$6,000.00 for the Boscawen Historical Society. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Sanborn made a motion to recommend Warrant Article #6 to contribute \$7,600.00

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to the Community Action Program. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Sanborn made a motion to recommend Warrant Article #7 to contribute \$500.00 to the Court Appointed Special Advocates. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Sanborn made a motion to Establish Creaser Town Forest. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Phelps presented the Board with a \$1,000.00 donation to the 1913 Library Fund from Masson Donovan.

Selectman Sanborn made a motion to accept the \$1,000.00 donation for the 1913 Library Fund. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Sanborn made a motion to seal nonpublic minutes RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectwoman Carey seconded. In favor.

Selectman Sanborn made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:58pm. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.