

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Boscawen Municipal Complex
Final Minutes
Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 2018 at 5:00pm

Present: Edward Cherian, Mark Varney, Roger Sanborn, Katie Phelps, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, Dean Hollins, Alan Hardy, Nicole Hoyt, Caroletta Alicea and Charlie Niebling.

Chairman Mark Varney opened the meeting at 5:00pm, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Alan presented the Board with an intent to cut on map 83 lot 57 for signature. Alan explained this map and lot are not on the list. Dean has issued a temporary curb cut.

Moderator Charles Niebling came to speak to the Board and staff to ask if there were any questions leading up to the Town Meeting. Mark mentioned that he has spoken with Assistant Moderator Jim Scrivens and that at the next supervisors of the checklist meeting, they will need to appoint him as Moderator Pro Tem. This will take place March 3, 2018 at 11am. Jim does not need to attend this meeting. Charlie spoke to the Board about the NHMA floor amendment to SB438. This bill will rest the authority to postpone the Town Meeting on the Secretary of State instead of with the Moderators and local officials. Charlie urged the Board to contact our senators before they take the floor for their vote tomorrow. Alan will put together the letter from the Board and staff and email it to Senator French.

MOTION – Selectman Edward Cherian made a motion for the Board to send a letter to Senator French expressing opposition to SB438 as currently written, however to vote yes if with the NHMA amendment. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

School Board Member, Caroletta Alicea, addressed the Board regarding the meetings the superintendent and assistant superintendent had with the new teachers and administrators. These meetings were successful in showing support and appreciation for the new employees. The budget hearing for Merrimack Valley School District went well and voting will be 3-8-18. Polls will be open from 11:00am – 7:00pm and the Annual District Meeting will follow after the closing of the polls. Caroletta, speaking as a House Representative, shared that the speaker of the house deemed tomorrow the celebratory day for black history month. Caroletta chose two Merrimack Valley High School students to volunteer as pages for the day.

Public Hearing – For Keno in Town

Chairman Mark Varney opened the public hearing. Alan's restaurant is interested in having Keno and has begun advertising to vote yes. The money raised from Keno will be allocated through a grant to fund full day Kindergarten in NH. The Town is not required to vote yes on Keno to receive grant funding.

MOTION – There being no public input, Selectman Roger Sanborn made a motion to close the public hearing. Chairman Mark Varney seconded. All in favor.

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Katie Phelps, Finance – The Auditors have been in the last few days and will be finished up by 10am tomorrow morning. Alan wanted to say that Katie was well prepared and everything went as expected.

Dean Hollins, Public Works – Dean had a resident contact him that was having problems with their sewer. He called the repair company to let them know that it is not the Town's part of the line and that the customer was responsible to fix it. He later got a call from the resident's attorney asking for a copy of our sewer ordinance. We currently don't have a digital copy to send. Dean contacted Underwood Engineering and they will be sending a digital copy. Dean responded to the resident's attorney and asked him contact Upton and Hatfield if he has any further questions.

The Town of Boscawen is one in a few towns that don't post their roads for weight limits in the spring. Surrounding towns have posted already. Dean suggests that we may want to consider posting as the Town has worked on quite a bit of paving. He mentioned that he will work with individual businesses that may need waivers. Signs will be ordered for next year.

Alan Hardy, Administration – Alan presented the Board with a resignation from Paula Dill from the Trustee of the Trust funds.

MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to accept with regrets Paula Dill's resignation from the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Alan has an application for an open seat on The Planning Board. Following procedure he asked the chairs of the Planning Board and the Select Board to come up with two members each to review the application. Bruce Crawford said that he and Barbara Randall will represent the PB. Selectman Roger Sanborn and Edward Cherian have agreed to represent the BOS. The meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday at 4:30pm. Alan also presented the Board with an easement for 219 Water Street. A private donor paid for the cost of this easement.

MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to allow Co-Administrator Nicole Hoyt to sign the closing documentation for the Easement for 219 Water Street. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Nicole Hoyt, Administration – The Town Report has been sent to the printers and she will check on progress in the coming days. It will be available to go online once we have the hard copies. Lien notices for outstanding bills in 2017 have been sent out.

New business

Alan wanted to remind the department heads that there will be no retro pay from January 1st – Town meeting.

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The Board briefed the staff on the Penacook Boscawen Water Precinct budget hearing. As of April 1, 2018, Pennichuck Water Works will be taking over all services for the Penacook Boscawen Water Precinct. The commissioners are still going to stay on. The transition will continue until July 1, 2018. They will be available Monday through Friday 8pm-4pm and 3 days a week will have a service team in town with emergency hours. It is unclear at this time how that will affect the Town for the sewer readings/billing. They continue looking into contracting out to clear the hydrants. The Board requested that if the Town is going to continue to clear hydrants they will need to work with legal to come up with a MOU.

MOTION – Selectman Roger Sanborn made a motion to recess the public meeting at 6:04pm. Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to go in to nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) and go into non public RSA 91-A: 3, II (i). Selectman Roger Sanborn Seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (i) and go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (e). Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (e) and go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) and to seal all nonpublic minutes. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Selectman Roger Sanborn made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 6:49pm. Chairman Mark Varney seconded. All in favor.

*Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack
(Minutes produced from recording)*