

**Town of Boscawen**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Final Minutes  
Thursday March, 05 2020 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Roger Sanborn, Alan Hardy, Nicole Hoyt, Katie Phelps, Kellee Easler, Mark Varney, Shawn Brechtel, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman and John Keegan.

**Selectman Sanborn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to the draft minutes from 2/20/2020. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Town Attorney Jim Raymond came to speak to the Board regarding his role at Town Meeting. The Board and Raymond mentioned that the moderator runs the meeting and he is there if he is called upon from Moderator Niebling. Questions regarding the warrant arose, Raymond mentioned that the Department of Revenue has the final say and the recommendation is to act on it and allocate the money from elsewhere in the budget.

Emergency Management Director Mark Varney and Assistant Emergency Management Director Shawn Brechtel mentioned to the Board that they have been updated on the Corona Virus. Varney mentioned that the State of NH and the CDC recommend standard precaution at this time which includes but is not limited to, stay home if you are sick and have a fever and wash your hands often. The Flu is still in full force and at this time is more deadly than the Corona Virus.

John Keegan updated the Board with the plan for the Boscawen Roundabout near exit 17. Keegan presented a detailed plan that included a variety of scrubs, plants and a stone walls. They have been lucky to form a committee of active members to help make this possible. The access to water has been the major concern as well as the safety of the individuals who will do the work. Keegan mentioned that there is a conduit that is about 1,100 feet away that would be the closest source of water. They plan to put in four sprinkler heads that will cover the area. Keegan has been working with Doug Thompson to trench water to the roundabout. The stone walls are roughly going to cost \$4,000.00. They plan to do some fundraising to raise the funds to fund this project and get sponsors from local businesses. Town Administrator Hardy mentioned that they could receive donations to the Town Beatification Fund, G/L Account #4583803, for the project.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler presented a Cash Escrow Agreement for signature. The Piontkowski's traded in the bonds and have sent in \$50,000.00 cash that has been deposited. Planning Board agreed yesterday to release the bond.

**Selectman Sanborn made a motion to sign the Cash Escrow Agreement for \$50,000.00. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Easler presented the Board with the Underwood Engineers Engineering Service Request, or ESR, authorization for signature.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to designated Kellee Jo Easler to sign the ESR agreement on behalf of the Select Board. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

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Hardy mentioned that he has arranged for the Elevators to be inspected along with the sprinkler alarm system next week while the majority of the office staff is at Elections.

Town Clerk /Tax Collector Hoyt spoke to the Board about the Boston Post Cane, Hoyt mentioned that the last recipient of the most recent Boston Post Cane had passed away last May. Hoyt mentioned that they posted on the website looking for nominees. There is a Boscawen Resident, Agnes Marshall, she is currently 99 years old and will be 100 in November. Hardy mentioned that they do have the original Boston Post Cane and plan to make a case to display that. Hoyt mentioned that she will speak with the Family to arrange a time to present the Boston Post Cane.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to present the Boston Post Cane to Agnes Marshall. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

Hardy mentioned that we need to come up with a policy with receiving grants. Finance Director Phelps and Hardy are hesitant on signing a grant for the Police Department based on the person who signs the grant would be taking the financial responsibility of managing the grant. Discussion ensued and the Board suggest that the whole grant is to be provided to the Select Board before the financial responsibility is signed going forward. The Board does not want to lose out on any grants due to deadlines missed but they do still need to see the grant applications. Police Chief Wyman reach out to the grant holder and make sure the grant will still be available due to the deadline.

Fire Chief Tim Kenney mentioned that the Town Clerks office can now issue fire permits starting on Tuesday at Elections.

Public Works Director Dean Hollins mentioned that they have been working on the furnace at the transfer station. It is currently up and running. Hollins mentioned between now and next fall he will be looking for quotes to replace it. There is a grant through NH the Beautiful that he can apply for to help pay for it. Selectwoman Carey asked if the Town currently recycles. Hollins mentioned that we still recycle everything but plastic.

Hoyt mentioned to the Board that they had received the 2017 Receivable list, those are the properties that are going to be going to deed March 24<sup>th</sup>. They have all been notified according to the law.

Hardy mentioned that NH DOT has asked to hold public meetings regarding the bridge work in the Board Room. These will be public meetings.

Selectman Sanborn wanted to mention that he is retiring as a Selectman and wanted to say that he has enjoyed his time as a Selectman for all these years. He presented the staff present with some candies. His last meeting will be next week.

**Sanborn made a motion to change the name Board of Selectmen to Select Board. Cherian seconded. All in favor.**

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**Chairman Cherian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.