

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
Thursday, September 05, 2019 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Edward Cherian, Roger Sanborn, Lorrie Carey, Kevin Wyman, Alan Hardy, Dean Hollins and Kellee Easler.

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

Conservation Commissioner Tom Gilmore came to speak to the Board today regarding an application for a new alternate member of the Conservation Committee. Gilmore would like to recommend Brendon Jackson as the alternate member. Gilmore expresses that Jackson is greatly qualified for the committee. The Board agrees with Gilmore.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve Brendon Jackson as the alternate member of the Conservation Committee. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Cherian wanted to discuss Old Home Day to get a post OHD discussion, Carey mentioned that they have not yet met and will meet the 3rd Monday in September and they will discuss this year's events. Cherian mentioned that there were a lot of discussion on adding entertainment for the kids. The Police Department mentioned they would like to do a softball game the Fire Department VS. The Police Department. Cherian mentioned it would be great to have the fire department have an engine down at the event for a water game for the kids. Cherian also mentioned for Elektrisola to do their event down at the OHD event instead of a standalone event to increase attendance for their events. Discussion in sued and Carey mentioned she will bring all the feedback to the committee meeting this month.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler mentioned that Rip Patten from Credere, LLC and Matt Monahan from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission will be attending the next Board of Selectmen meeting to talk about the opportunities on Commercial Street for clean-up grants. Easler had spoken with the new residents that moved in next to the Town building on Commercial Street. Easler mentioned that there is grant money that can be eligible for that requires a match from the Town which is about \$60,000.00. Cherian asked to have a map brought to next week's meeting.

Carey mentioned she spoke with Jarred Reynolds from UNH Cooperative extension about shortening up the business survey for the Town and he will stream line it geared toward our interest.

Hardy mentioned that the software that is available for the Towns website will not support an open concept for the community to in put their own events. However Town Clerk/Tax Collector Hoyt is willing to get the training for the website and to help with the emails to create the community calendar.

Hardy continued the discussion from last week work session about the three agreement with Primex. Primex is trying to lock in a fixed increase for three years and guarantee not to go up more than 9%. It was mentioned that there has not been much of an increase. Between 2015 and 2019 there has

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been an increase of \$6,200.00 in those 5 years. Hardy mentioned to hold off on one more week and he will reach out to a competitor that has had interest in working with the Town.

Alan mentioned that Town Clerks office went to the Fish and Game training for OHRV registration, Fishing and hunting licenses. Part of the contract with Fish and Game is that the Town will take credit cards in the office. Cherian mentioned that he had thought that the fees for credit processing would be too high and they voted to not offer it. Hardy mentioned that there was a part of the original proposal that had high fees and Town Clerk Hoyt will present a new proposal for the Town Clerks office to start offering credit cards in house. Cherian mentioned that being able to offer all the Fish and Game services is great for the community. Hardy mentioned that once the office is up and running for those services he would like to do something to promote it. Public Works Director Hollins mentioned that at the transfer station they are presented with the question about credit card processing all day and no one carries cash anymore.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler mentioned that the CIP membership for the Planning board is coming up for the meeting next week on Wednesday September 11th at 3:30pm and would like to have a member from the Board of Selectmen there. Cherian would like to know if there is a breakdown of what is in the CIP fund by each department.

Hardy mentioned that he will have a draft copy of the Penacook Rescue agreement to work through during the work session on the 12th of this month.

Hardy mentioned that there may be significant changes in the Advisory Budget Committee there are three committee members that their term expires in 2020. Currently there are five members with one alternate. Cherian mentions that they can stay at five with an alternate or seek out more members to create a committee of seven with an alternate. Cherian mentions to have Barbara Randall reach out to the members that terms end in January 2020 and see if they are wanting to renew.

Public Works Director Hollins wanted to let the Board know that they have started with winter preparation of the sand, Hollins mentioned that the backhoe broke down in this process and the parts are on order. Hollins has sent all the trucks in for inspection and there are some repairs that need to be made and one of the smaller plow trucks is at Grappone and needs to have some major repairs done. Dean mentioned that he has asked them to do an inspection on that vehicle to see if it is worth keeping or if he should trading it in.

Dean mentioned that paving is delayed and is looking mid-September they are estimated to start paving.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler presented the Board with the shelter Memorandum of Understanding for signature. Emergency Management Director Varney and Merrimack Valley School's Facility Director Fred Reagan both read over the MOU. This will enable the Town to be able to hold a shelter at Boscawen Elementary School. Easler will update the

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EOP to go along with the MOU.

Chairman Cherian made a motion that the Board approves Memorandum of Understanding between the Merrimack Valley School District and the Town of Boscawen. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor

Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the work session on August 15th. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Carey mentions that there is a grant work shop offered but UNH Cooperative Extension on October 22nd for anyone who is interested on getting grants on for the Town.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic non-public RSA 91-A: 31 II (c). Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to come out of nonpublic non-public RSA 91-A: 31 II (c). Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to approve the abatement application for \$166.75 and to send a letter explaining the Towns change in procedure for sewer abatements. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:45pm. Selectmen Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.