

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Roger Sanborn, Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Katie Phelps, Kevin Wyman, Mark Varney, Alan Hardy and Kellee Easler.

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

Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve the consent agenda with minor changes to the 10/31/2019 meeting minutes. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Town Administrator Hardy and Finance Director Phelps started the conversation about setting the 2019 tax rate. They provided the Selectboard with a spreadsheet detailing three different proposals. After considerable discussion, the Selectboard choose to go with option two. Option two would set the municipal portion of the tax rate at \$8.08 per thousand, down from the 2018 municipal rate of \$8.15 and the 2017 rate of \$8.24.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve the tax rate for the second half of 2019 for \$8.08 for Municipal portion with a totally tax rate of \$28.12 per thousand. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Selectwoman Carey suggested to add to the Planning & Community Development budget line an additional \$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00 for economic development. The decision was to place \$5,000.00 in the budget for economic development.

EMD Director Varney updated the Board on the generator for the municipal building. It is suggested to keep the current generator in place and re-wire and switch out the transfer switch. The cost would be \$53,000.00 for construction and \$9,500.00 for the design and service study.

Police Chief Wyman mentioned that the Police Department was in need of fire extinguishers. Hardy asked Wyman to get a list of what he needs and he will get a quote for them.

Human Resource and Finance Director Phelps mentioned to the Board that it is time again to evaluate the Board of Selectmen stipend. The Board proposed to keep it the same.

Phelps presented the proposed 2020 holiday schedule to the Board for review.

Selectman Sanborn made a motion to approve the 2020 holiday calendar as presented. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Phelps presented dates for the Budget meeting and Budget hearing for approval. The Budget Meeting would be January 23rd 2020 and the Budget Hearing February 6th 2020. The Board has suggested a closer date and will discuss more options at the next meeting.

The Board stated that the meeting next week will be canceled due to the holiday and will not be

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rescheduled.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler mentioned that a Public Meeting will need to be held for the Brownfields grant. The Public meeting will be held on November 21st and is a requirement of the grant application process.

Hardy updated the Board on the prices for natural gas and electricity, Hardy will have numbers for next week.

**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.**

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

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:07pm. Selectwoman
Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.