

**Town of Boscawen**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Final Minutes  
Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Alan Hardy , Katie Phelps, Gail Egounis, Shawn Brechtel, Dean Hollins, Tim Kenney, and Kellee Easler.

Chairman Cherian opened the Public Meeting pertaining to the Commercial Street Grant.

Rick Vandenberg, Credere Associates and Matt Monahan Central NH Regional Planning Commission came to speak to the Board as a required element to meet the Brown Fields Grant requirements. Prior to the submission of a cleanup grant a Public Meeting is required to present that grant warrant and comments. The grant is due in two weeks. Vandenberg presented a draft of the grant which outlines how the cleanup will go. The Grant will be decided on between May and June of next year. Once awarded, the grant can be used right away. Cherian mentioned that if the grant is awarded, the \$400,000.00 grant and the \$100,000 town match will need to be decided on at Town Meeting in March as a warrant article. The \$400,000.00 will come from EPA and \$100,000.00 will come from the town in a combination of cash and/or in-kind services.

**Selectwoman Carey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.**

Finance and Human Resource Director Phelps and Treasurer Egounis presented the Board with the 2020 Finance Budget.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to provisionally approve the draft Finance Budget for 2020. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Lawre Murphy, Chair, Boscawen Public Library Trustees, presented the Library Budget to the Board with a 3% increase due to personnel and payroll service increases. The Board would like the trustees to look for a new payroll company to decrease that cost and re-present the draft budget.

Cherian mentioned that there has been a written complaint about a sign that was nailed to the telephone pole in the right-of-way near Corn Hill Road. Town Administrator Hardy mentioned that the Town's sign ordinance does not grant authority for the Town to order that signs in the right-of-way be removed. The Town cannot remove the sign unless it is on Town property.

**Cherian made a motion to approve a legal action approved in a nonpublic. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All on Favor.**

**Selectwoman Carey made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor**

The agreement between the Town and Penacook Rescue has been signed.

Fire Chief Kenney presented the Fire Department Budget with no increase for 2020. Kenney mentioned a line to add Penacook Rescue to the Fire Department Budget is new for 2020. Chief

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Shawn Brechtel from Penacook Rescue, has proposed a 5% increase for 2020, up from the 2019 budget. This increase is due to the increase in personnel costs.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to provisionally approve the draft budget for the Fire Department 2020 budget. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Cherian mentioned that Underwood is collecting information and making progress with the Penacook-Boscawen Water Precinct review and would like to schedule a meeting with the Selectboard and Staff to present the findings.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler presented the Assessing Budget to the Board with an added line for a part time clerk.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to provisional approve the draft budget for Planning and Community Development for 2020 as presented. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Town Administrator Hardy mentioned that there was a previous conversation pertaining to the 1913 Library. Hardy suggests to bring everyone that has interest in the building together to have a meeting to go over to the building and make a plan on how to use the building going forward.

Public Works Director Hollins mentioned that the paving for the season is done. Dean mentioned that the tipping fees are going to increase for 2020, to \$1.05 a ton. That will increase the Public Works Budget for this coming year.

Hardy mentioned that the new Town Hall range is required to have a hood installed by the manufacturer's service representative. Hardy is going to get a price quote for the hood system fabrication and installation. A fire-suppression system would then be installed in the hood.

Hardy let the Board know that there was a mobile home that was tax deeded this year. Before the town moved to evict the owner, the park owner's evicted him due to back lot rent and his water bill. Hardy asked the Board to extend the former owners access one more day to allow them to get their personal items from the house. The extension was granted.

Jeff Conner, Robin Atwell and Gary Kenney asked to speak to the Board today pertaining to the Kenney Garage property that needs to be cleaned up. Cherian mentioned that the Town has the pressure of the state and DES to get the property owners to clean up the land in a timely manner. Conner mentioned that David Kenny has been working on the cleanup of the property until he was recently hospitalized for a serious illness. Mary Ellen Kenney and Gary Kenney mentioned that Conner is the property owner but is not the owner of the "junk" that is on the property. Cherian mentioned that unfortunately, it is the property owner's responsibility to see that the property is cleaned up. The Town would like to help Conner find the right resources to get the land cleaned up. The town is going to file a motion to require the property to be cleaned up properly and will require receipts that it was moved from the property by a licensed hauler and where it was taken.

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**Selectwoman Carey made a motion to adjourn at 7:22pm. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.