

**Town of Boscawen**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Work Session  
Thursday, January 16 2020 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Roger Sanborn, Katie Phelps, Kellee Easler, Timothy Kenney, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman and Alan Hardy.

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

The Board asked Merrimack Valley School District Superintendent Mark MacLean and SAU Business Administrator Robin Hines to come and speak to the Board to explain the increase in the funding for the school district. The Board Congratulates MacLean on receiving the Superintendent of the year award. Chairman Cherian mentioned that there was an increase of almost a million dollars from the Town of Boscawen. MacLean mentions that the totally appropriated budget over the last several years is up 6.59% in total, the revenues have been declining in the bi-annually budget. The stabilization aid was restored and the kindergarten stabilization stayed the same. The ADM's also known as the Average Daily membership of each town is calculated, Boscawen's ADM is roughly been around 20% since 2016 and is suspected to go up to 20.9% for next year's school year. The increase is from the Boscawen's portion of the ADM's.

Water Commissioners Bruce Crawford, Lorrie Carey and Bill Murphy came to speak to the Board regarding Underwood Engineers' Draft Study of the Water Precinct. Cherian mentioned that the report has been provided with facts and figures, Cherian asked the Commissioners if they are still interested in drafting a warrant article for this year's Town Meeting for the Town to take over the operations of the Water Precinct. Crawford mentioned that the report would need to go to their attorney, a separate engineer and that it may too soon to get a warrant article ready for this year's Town Meeting. Crawford mentioned that they will discuss it at their next meeting. Cherian mentioned to reconvene in April and to see how to move forward. The Board is open to any questions between now and April that the Precinct may have.

Masson Donovan came to speak to the Board concerning the 1913 Library. Donovan would like to reinstate the 1913 Library Committee along with several other residents that would like to become members.

Paul Strieby came to speak to the Board regarding the Town Hall for a religious purpose and asked if there could wave the fees, there is no profit made off this event. Strieby has rented the Town Hall for 8 evenings in the month of February. The Board stated that due to it being a nonprofit that that the standard is to waive the fees.

**Selectman Sanborn made a motion to waive the fees for this event. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Marie Grella from the Purple Heart Association came to speak to the Board regarding Boscawen becoming a Purple Heart Community. Grella stated that once the Selectmen decided that they want to become a Purple Heart Community the next step is to get the proclamation signed. Boscawen is already a Purple Heart Trail and by becoming a Purple Heart Community Boscawen will be able to

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publicly recognize Purple Heart recipient's by putting their names on the signs. The cost of the signs are \$555.00 for six signs, it will be no cost to the Town; more often a local organization will offer to buy the signs for the Town. Boscawen will be the 11<sup>th</sup> Town in NH to become a Purple Heart Community. Selectwoman Carey read the proclamation aloud and the Board signed the proclamation.

Police Chief Wyman mentioned that they received the check for the K-9 grant for \$25,000.00 and they started to order the equipment needed. The dog should be ready to be picked up and start training at the end of March. The weeks that Officer Chislett will be gone for K-9 training his salary will be reimbursed. The dog will have a name prior to training.

Public Works Director Hollins mentioned that the trucks are ready for the incoming snow this weekend.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler stated that they have a new employee for the Planning and Community Development Department that will be starting on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Director Phelps presented the Board with the new 2020 Warrants for discussion.

**Selectwoman Carey made a motion to recommend Warrant #3 to raise and appropriate \$152,000.00 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds previously established by Highway Heavy Equipment \$45,000.00, Public Works Building \$20,000.00, Police Vehicle \$40,000.00, IT \$15,000.00 and the C&D Landfill Closure \$32,000.00. Selectman Sanborn Seconded. All in Favor.**

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to recommend Warrant Article #4 to establish the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep of the town-owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00, to be placed on this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to not recommend Warrant Article #8 to appropriate \$3,500.00 to Riverbend Community Health for operating expenses due to the Payment In Lieu of Tax agreement the with the Town. Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

**Selectwoman Carey made a motion to recommend Warrant Article #9 to appropriate \$5,700.00 towards the operating expenses of the Penacook Community Center. Chairman Cherian second. All in favor.**

**Selectman Sanborn made a motion to adopt a deadline policy for accepting fund requests for Warrant Articles. The deadline will be December 15, 2020. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

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**Selectman Sanborn made a motion to recommend Warrant Article #11 to appropriate \$31,250.00 for the EMPG 50/50 grant. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Joe Kenney came to speak to the Board regarding the extension for the fines to be waived for Kenney's Garage. Hardy mentioned that they are scheduled for an inspection where they will take pictures to show the court the progress to then make a decision. One of the land owners mentioned that they have gotten a lot cleaned off the land and having scrap yards come a pick up items. Hardy mentions that they have a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> to take the pictures to update the Select Board and the Court. Joe Kenney asks if they can drop the law suit due to progress being made.

**Selectman Sanborn made a motion to approve nonpublic minutes from 1/6/2020 #1, #2, #3. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

**Selectman Sanborn made a motion to approve nonpublic from 1/6/2020 #4 with corrections made. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor.**

**Selectman Sanborn made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:25pm. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.