

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:00pm

In attendance: Mark Varney, Roger Sanborn, Edward Cherian, Katie Phelps, Kevin Wyman, Mike Fisher, Dean Hollins, Kellee Easler, Nicole Hoyt, Alan Hardy and Sarah Gerlack.

Chairman Mark Varney opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 5:00pm and a moment of silence.

The Board wanted to thank everyone involved in making the elections successful.

State Senate Candidate Mason Donovan came to speak to the Board about running for the Senate seat for district 7. Mason is a resident of Boscawen and knows that there are a number of issues that are important to the Town of Boscawen. These include the Opioid Crisis, the rising tax rates, and the schools portion of the tax rate. Mason stated that “the Merrimack Valley School District loses \$117,000.00 annually and will continue to lose for the next 20 years”. The State has stepped away from education and this the driving force of increased rates. Mason believes that he has the time to dedicate to the Senate for District 7. Being a business owner he has the time to commit to the Senate and he also understands why business want to stay in NH. Selectmen Edward Cherian asked Mason how he stood on the Net Metering Bill and Bio Mass bill. Mason expressed that he is for the override and that they will help NH become energy independent and that will make a difference for our foresters. Mason wanted to thank the members of the Select Board, Chief of Police and Fire Chief for all the work they do for the Town of Boscawen.

Co-Administrator Nicole Hoyt questioned to see if there were any items that should be removed from the Consent portion of the Agenda.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectmen Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

The Board wanted to congratulate Co-Administrator Nicole Hoyt for the completion of her joint certification of certified Tax Collector and Town Clerk. The program is a four year program.

Old Business:

Finance Administrator Katie Phelps has been in contact with Emily Bode who would like a fund to be set up in her father’s name, Jim Bode. The fund will need to be set up in March at Town Meeting. Emily had previously sent in a check for \$500.00 and requested that the check be used now for garden creation and maintenance around the bench that Jeff Abbe installed. She will send another check once the fund is created.

Katie presented the Board with a check from the family of Jim Bode to set up a fund in his name for the Town Community Garden. The family will send another check when the fund is created.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to accept the check for \$500.00 for the Town

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Community Garden. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

The Board would like to remind the department heads that their evaluations need to be in to them by October 3rd. The Select Board will review them and conduct the review on October 24th.

Welfare Administrator Sarah Gerlack presented the Board with donation checks totaling \$1,300.00 for the Snack Pack program.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to accept the \$1,300.00 for the Snack Pack program. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor

Kellee Jo Easler from Assessing, presented the Board with the Riverbend Payment In Lieu of Tax agreement. A letter with a contract was sent to the Director and there has been no communication with the Town. The first payment of the agreement will be due December 1st.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to go forward with the PILOT agreement as written. Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Co Administrator Nicole Hoyt wanted to update the Board with the sewer readings from Pennichuck. Nicole mentioned that there was a decrease in the amount of the warrant and is wondering if there is a need for a possible fee increase. Nicole stated that she will have more information in a few weeks when the next cycle of sewer bills are generated.

Co Administrator Alan Hardy wanted to let the Board know that the Sewer Users Ordinance is in the final stages.

Public Works Director Dean Hollins updated the Board on the paving projects. They have finished paving on Goodhue Road, Lawrence, and Welcome last Friday. They are working on Eel Street and Cornhill Road the rain is slowing the paving down. Dean met with the person that does the crack sealing will be starting to seal in the next two weeks. He received an email from the company that is overseeing the new well at the Queen Street landfill and that is rescheduled to September 25th.

Dean has talked to a few of his colleagues about the contracted price from GMI and they have all said that is a great price and is just an increase that is happening everywhere. Dean is comfortable with the contracted price.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to accept the proposal from GMI. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Fire Chef Ray Fisher wanted to let the Board know that he received notification that the 50/50 grant from the state for \$602.00 has been accepted. The grant will pay for the new radio.

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The Fire department will start selling Chicken BBQ tickets. The fundraiser is scheduled for October 6th. Tickets are \$10 and they will be on sale at the Town office and Fire Department. The Fire Department will also be raffling off a generator worth \$7,500.00. The price of the raffle tickets will be posted when available.

Police Chief Kevin Wyman updated the Board on the Police Officers being trained for the personal use of Narcan. Shaun Brechtel from Penacook Rescue has been able to certify several officers and the rest will be scheduled to be trained.

The Board would like to have a Public Information night with Penacook Rescue and the residents of Boscawen regarding the fee increase for 2019. The meeting will be scheduled for September 26th at 5:30pm in in the Boardroom.

Action: Katie Phelps will post the letter from Penacook Rescue under the Warrant Articles on the website for the public to read and Nicole Hoyt will reach out to Penacook Rescue.

New Business:

Police Chief Kevin Wyman wanted to talk to the Board about having signs posted down at the Boscawen Park/Jamie Welch Field stating the hours that the park is open. There has been an increase number of trespassing down there.

Dean Hollins Public Work Director is working on getting a quote for demolition of the house on the top of the hill due to a safety hazard. Dean mentioned that this contractor is interested in purchasing the property as well.

Co-Administrator Alan Hardy wanted to update the Board that the new information he has received on the TAP application for the Rail Trail purchase has been submitted. There is a lawyer in Concord that is willing to negotiate with Pan Am and they are wondering if the Town would be willing to contribute to those fees. The Board has made it clear that the Town has not budgeted anything for this project and that it was pitched at no expense to the Town when the project was first presented. Alan also wanted to let the board know that he will be working with council to update the agreement with the Church and the Town Hall usage.

The Board would like to make sure that there is a budget going forward for the Town Hall to be professionally cleaned on a quarterly basis and to make sure it is maintained. The janitor does a good job doing the day to day cleaning but will need to be deep cleaned several times a year. Alan suggested to get an enclosed bulletin board for the policies and procedures and the Fire Safety Documents. The Board is asking to get quotes on cleaning companies.

Selectman Edward Cherian has asked to have everyone email him a list of possible improvements for the Old Home Day events. Currently the list contains, Background Checks, Calendar of events early for events, meetings to be held in the Boardroom and to have the merchandise being sold to be

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in the office before they are advertised being available. Ed has asked them to set the dates for the when they want to receive contracts by.

Kellee Easler has asked Charlie Neibling as the Town Forester to put together a proposal to go out when Kellee gets an intent to cut to do a check done in matrix. Charlie believes that it will take roughly an hour and the cost would be \$60.00. Kellee would like to ask conservation to pay for it. It came about when Kellee received an abatement for a timber cut. This is standard practice in many Towns.

Welfare Administrator Sarah Gerlack would like to donate from the Welfare budget to the Police Departments Christmas for Kids program.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 from the Welfare Budget to the Christmas for Kids program. Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to approve nonpublic #1 and #2 from 9/5/2018. Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (l). Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Mark Varney made motion to come out of RSA 91 A: 3, II (l) and go into RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Mark Varney made motion to come out of RSA 91 A: 3, II (a) and seal the nonpublic minutes. Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 6:45PM. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack