

Town of Boscawen
Select Board Work Session
Final Minutes
Thursday July 16, 2020 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Paul Dickey, Alan Hardy, Katie Phelps, Kearsten O'Brien, Kellee Easler, Dean Hollins, Tama Tillman, Gary Tillman, Barbara Randall and Sarah Gerlack

This meeting is being held under a Declaration of Emergency by the Governor and by the Board. Under RSA 91-A: 2, III (b) the requirement of a physical quorum is waived and this meeting is being held entirely remotely, and is being recorded.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler presented the PA-16 –The Application for Reimbursement for Towns and Cities in which Federal and State Forest Land is Situated for signature.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve and sign the PA-16. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler presented the PA-28-Inventory of Taxable Property Form for signature. Easler mentioned that this form is signed yearly as procedure.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve and sign the PA-28. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Easler presented the Board an Abatement request from property, map 45, Lot 4; it is recommended to deny the abatement.

Selectman Dickey made a motion to deny the abatement request for Map 45-Lot 4. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Town Administrator Hardy updated the Board on property 105/107 High Street. Hardy reported that 95-99% of the vehicles that were stored there are no longer there. They recommend not going forward with legal actions as the property owners have cleaned the property as instructed. There are now new owners to the property. They will continue to track the two properties.

Hardy mentioned that there was nothing new to report on 20 High Street and would like to avoid going to court but would need to hear from them. Cherian mentioned to give them an additional week and let them know that the next step will result in legal actions. Hardy mentioned that all standard paper work is complete if they fail to reply.

Hardy discussed the deeded properties, discussion ensued and the deeding process is underway.

Finance Director Phelps would like to know the Board's recommendation on the Purchasing and Credit Card policy updates. Discussion ensued and the Board made a decision to increase the sealed

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bid process from \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Cherian asked Phelps to present the revised redline to the next meeting for approval. For the Credit Card policy, to increase the Police Department and Public Works credit limit up to \$5,000.00.

Rip Patten from Credere Associates came to speak to the Board regarding Commercial Street EPA Grant that the Town had applied for. Cherian mentioned that they applied for the Cleanup grant for \$500,000.00 and was not approved and came in 7th and EPA chose the top five. The discussion is to whether to try for the grant again or to sell the property. Patten mentioned that you could intergrate the two projects as long as the property stays in the Towns possession. Discussion ensued and the Board is still looking to apply for the grant. Hollins will be inquiring about the closure on the CND landfill closure and the time line of the project. Hardy asked what the risk is if the building deteriorates and falls on its own, Patten mentioned that if it landed in the river that would or could be a problem.

Selectman Dickey mentioned that instead of taking just credit cards at the transfer station to take checks and credit cards and absorb the fees for a year to eliminate cash handling. Public Works Director Hollins mentions that it is a great option to give the community another option.

Chairman Cherian mentioned that a solar company is proposing to create a Payment In Lieu of Tax agreement for the Town of Boscawen. The discussion will continued in a nonpublic session.

Selectwoman Carey mentioned that there are empty flower barrels and watering trough around the 1913 Library and the Municipal Building and inquired if it was okay for a volunteer to do them.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (j). Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3 II (j). Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

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

Town Administrator Hardy wanted to discuss what the plan for the boat launch was for the weekend for the overflow parking, the signs have come in and PD will get those installed. Hardy mentioned that the parking that was discussed behind Dorval house is not ready due to no signs installed and there is nothing to protect from the weight of the cars on the septic system. Chairman Cherian mentioned to have the Police monitor the Boat launch early morning to make sure that they park properly. Selectman Dickey mentioned put camera up down at the park due to the vandalism that is continually happening.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (j). Selectman Dickey

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seconded. All in favor.

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

Selectman Dickey makes a motion to adjourn 7:22pm. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack