

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
Thursday May 14, 2020 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Paul Dickey, Alan Hardy, Kellee Easler, Katie Phelps, Kearsten O'Brien, Mark Varney, Tama Tillman, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman, Nicole Hoyt and Haley Dilts-Brown.

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. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Town Administrator Hardy and Police Chief Wyman made a request to the Board to use \$10,000.00 of Police Department impact fees to go to equipment use for tablets to be installed in five out of six police cruisers. The total of the installation is roughly \$27,000.00. The Board would like to see a breakdown of the money sources at the next meeting. No decisions have been made at this time.

Hardy made a request to the Board to use \$1,503.74 of Administrative fund impact fees to purchase office chairs for the Board room.

Hardy made a request to the Board to use \$460.65 of contingency money for the plate glass installation in the Town Clerks office.

Selectman Dickey made a motion to approve \$1,503.74 of Administrative fund impact fees to purchase office chairs for the Board room. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Dickey made a motion approve \$460.65 to be paid out of contingency money for the plate glass. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Emergency Management Director Varney updated the Board on Covid-19. He reported that businesses are beginning to open their doors to the public. He let the Board know that Clear choice MD is now offering free antibody testing. Covid-19 testing has become more accessible without the need of a PCP note. Varney, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Hoyt, Hardy and Human Resource Director/Finance Director Phelps will meet next week to talk about the phases of opening the office to the public without any set dates in place. Varney spoke with Hoyt about being able to open the Town Clerk office to the public, currently are waiting for direction from the DMV and State because they are both still closed to the public and are limited to appointments only.

Hardy updated the Board that Old Home Day is scheduled to meet on May 21st with the Board and do a virtual meeting on May 18th. The Board is interested in hearing from the OHD committee.

Hardy presented the Board with two Veteran tax exemptions recommended by Avitar for landowner H and landowner KH.

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Selectman Dickey made a motion to approve the veteran's tax exemptions for landowner H and landowner KH. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Hardy presented the Board with a package for nonprofit application for the Boscawen Historical Society recommend by Avitar.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to accept the nonprofit application for the Boscawen Historical Society recommended by Avitar. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Hardy presented two abatement request for lot 183c-10 for 2020 lien of \$16.07 and for lot 181-24 2020 interest gravel tax of \$7.87.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to approve the abatement request for 183c-10 2020 lien \$16.07 and 2020 gravel tax interest lot181-24 \$7.87. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Hardy presented the Board with a \$5,000.00 donation from Briar Hydro for the funds to be used in the Boscawen Community to anyone who is affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic. He recommended to put the funds into the Welfare donations and as opportunities arise, Welfare Administrator Gerlack will bring them to the Board for approval.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to accept the \$5,000.00 donation from Briar Hydro. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Dickey asked Hoyt about marriage license procedure? Hoyt explained that the couple would need to be present in person and the process takes about an hour. She explained that along with the State are not doing marriage license at this time, except in a scenario where one of the spouses is in the military and about to be deployed. She explained in normal circumstance a marriage license would expire in 90 days, the State extended the licenses for 6 months.

Wyman reported that the speed trailer is set up and being moved around Town.

Public Works Director Hollins wanted to let the Board know that the Underwood asset management project is in the works, Underwood will come out to do GPS coordinates on structures and storm sewage drains. He reported that spring cleanup has been completed. Cherian asked how the recycling center is doing. Dean let him know that recycling is going well, except plastic. They have lost money on recycling plastic and decided not to put the recycling container out.

Tax Collector/ Town Clerk Hoyt reported that she received election information from the Secretary of States regarding party change affiliation, usually this is done in person. During this pandemic the Secretary of State's office has created a fillable party affiliation form that needs to be signed by the applicant and a witness, than mailed into the Town Office. The only issue she sees is that the

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deadline to change your party is June 2nd. Hoyt will post this information on the website and Facebook, she also will post the form on the website. Cherian asked if absentee ballot counting could start earlier on Election Day. Hoyt explained that there is no definite answer at this time of how that will proceed.

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

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

Hardy updated the Board that the Department of the Historical Places will be soda blasting the Hannah Dustin statue to clean it up in the beginning of June.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Haley Dilts-Brown.