

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2019

Present: Jonathan M. Daley, Chairman; James C. Bailey, III, Selectman; John P. Stohrer, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Brett Cherrington, Harrison Cook, Becky Johnson, Stormy Gleason, Jen Weimer, Tom Kamberis, Robin Sweetser, Charles Roberto, Dianne Ek, Martin Bowen, Leigh Bosse, John Segedy.

Chairman Daley opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. **OPEN SESSION**

Becky Johnson – Ms. Johnson spoke to the Selectmen with regard to an event she would like to hold in Butler Park on Saturday, November 30th. She said the event would be called “Small Business Saturday” and would include local businesses who will offer samples and highlight new products and more. She said they would like to have a tree lighting, caroling, gift wrapping and beverages as well. Ms. Johnson said she did leave a message for the Chamber of Commerce to find out if they would like to be involved. Leigh Bosse said that this event will take away from the “Old Fashioned Christmas” event the Lions Club sponsors each year. Chairman Daley agreed and suggested Ms. Johnson meet with the Lions Club to discuss a combined event.

Brett Cherrington – Mr. Cherrington came before the Selectmen to talk about three items, the Bennett subdivision, plastics recycling and the sidewalk project. He began by showing the Board a map of the Bennett subdivision in which there are nine lots owned by the Town. Mr. Cherrington would like the Selectmen to consider placing those lots into conservation due to the proximity to Fox State Forest and would increase the wildlife habitat area.

Mr. Cherrington asked about the status of recycling plastics in Hillsborough and was told by Chairman Daley that the Solid Waste Advisory Board has been looking into alternatives for plastics such as plastics to oil, having residents throw plastics away (and reduce purchasing plastics) since they would be incinerated and produce heat. Mr. Cherrington supported a decision to discontinue recycling plastics and burning them with the solid waste instead. He briefly mentioned consideration for investing in a glass crusher in the future.

Mr. Cherrington also asked the Selectmen to consider bike lanes as part of the sidewalk project but the Board said bike lanes are not being discussed as part of that project.

2. **ROAD NAME CHANGES (911)**

Chairman Daley began the discussion by giving a brief overview as the reason the Selectmen are considering changing three road names at this time. He said for the purpose of E911, it makes it difficult at times when there are road names that are similar or in the case of Concord End Road, parts of the road doesn’t go through to another part of the road. At this time, the Selectmen are considering renaming two parts of Concord End Road as well as Kimball Road and Emerald Lane. There were several residents of these roads in attendance who had the following comments:

Robin Sweetzer & Tom Kamberis – Ms. Sweetzer & Mr. Kamberis are from Concord End Road and both feel that it’s not hard to find their house especially with GPS and said they don’t have problems

with getting deliveries so isn't sure why it's a problem for emergency services. They are not in favor of having their road name changed.

John & Diana Linden – Mr. Linden lives on Concord End Road and suggested the Selectmen consider using “North” and “South” instead of changing the names completely. He has lived on the road for 40 years have only had 4 or 5 emergencies during that time but chose to drive themselves to the hospital to save time. Ms. Linden said they didn't have a phone for seven years when they first moved in but the school and everyone else knew how to find them. They have also had three people who live out of state come visit and they didn't seem to have a problem finding them.

Jen Weimer – Ms. Weimer who lives on Concord End Road said she is in favor of changing the road name and spoke about difficulties with getting packages and directions.

Harrison Cook – Mr. Cook said he lives on Concord End Road and asked what is driving the consideration to change the road names. Chairman Daley said E911 suggested various roads in town with similar names be changed in order to avoid confusion during an emergency. At times mutual aid is called in and not everyone is or will be familiar with the fact that there may be more than one road with very similar names.

Diane Ek – Ms. Ek lives on Kimball Road which is a Class VI road and said there are only a couple of houses on that road and would like the name to remain the same and asked the Selectmen to consider changing Kimball Hill Road instead since those homes are mostly second homes for people. She noted that the State of NH for some reason thinks their road is in Deering.

Charles Roberto – Mr. Roberto also lives on Kimball Road and said he lives at the very end off the grid. He owns the old Kimball property and purchased it because of the history even though it's a Class VI road. He has lived there for 25 years and would also like the Selectmen to change the name of Kimball Hill instead.

Ms. Buono told those in attendance that although she understands the concern, the reason the Selectmen are holding this discussion is to gather input from residents who live on these roads. The Board has not yet decided whether or not they will definitely be making changes and it's important to calmly talk about it tonight.

Martin Bowen who lives on Kimball Road said it would be nice to have a few more road signs.

John Segedy said he thinks the “N” or “S” for Concord End Road is a good idea and would cause minimal inconvenience.

Selectman Bailey said the decision to change the road names isn't set in stone and said those in attendance have given the Selectmen a lot to think about and discuss.

3. **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Daley moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 15199 - 15259 a/k/a Voucher 42, 43, 43A & 44 in the amount of \$273,421.27 (includes 188 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 21880 – 21937 a/k/a Vouchers 42, 43, 44 in the amount of \$164,244.22. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Daley moved to approve the Consent Agenda for October 29, 2019. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Abatements – Map 12 Lot 90-05 (burned down) \$5,440.19 & Map 12 Lot 67-23 (non-livable) \$5,391.81

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Daley moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Hillsborough Reborn – Selectman Bailey reported that the town-owned lot between Depot Street and River Road was worked on by volunteers from Hillsborough Reborn in an effort to clean low brush off of it. He said there are a few dead trees that Billy Goss has his eyes on in order to have them taken down. Selectman Bailey noted that the side of the hill is always wet and they have to be careful how much brush they take off in order to make sure it stays stable. He also stated that there is no way the sidewalk can be moved back in the area of the parcel since there simply isn't enough room.

New Phone Service – Chairman Daley said he is still trying to find a phone vendor to use for the Water & Sewer Department, Fire Station and Transfer Station. If he's not able to locate one, these departments will move over to Comcast as we're doing with the other departments in Town.

Economic Development Committee – Selectman Stohrer informed the Board that due to Jane Williams stepping down as Chairman of the EDC, he has offered to take on the role. He said the Committee will be working to update the Mission Statement and the website with the assistance of DECA.

Anticipated Tax Rate – Ms. Buono informed the Selectmen that due to revues being lower than anticipated, the valuation of the Town going down a couple of million dollars and having to increase the overlay amount (used for abatements) for the utility cases that many municipalities are dealing with, the Town's portion of the tax rate will be increasing approximately .60 this year. She said it looks like the tax rate will be finalized later this week.

Rex Gray – Ms. Buono said a letter was received from Rex Gray who would like the Selectmen to take over the roads in his subdivision so they are maintained by the Town. The Board discussed the letter and the decision was that until the subdivision is more substantially built up, they would not move to take them over. Ms. Buono will send Mr. Gray a letter to that effect.

County Road Property – Ms. Buono said the timeframe to receive sealed bids for the purchase of Map 5 Lot 52 on County Road has ended and one bid was received in the amount of \$1,000 from Peter Palmer who is an abutter. Bid specs were mailed out to abutters of the property and advertisements were placed in both of the local newspapers. Ms. Buono described the lot which is triangular and extremely rocky. The Selectmen reviewed photos of the property as well as the location of the lot on the tax map. Selectman Bailey moved to award the sale of Map 4 Lot 52 to Peter Palmer in the amount of \$1,000. Motion was seconded by Chairman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Moose Grant – Samantha Gallo, Library Director, brought forward paperwork for a moose grant that they have received for the purpose of to clean the ceilings on the first floor, repair the frieze, and reattach paint that is peeling off. Chairman Daley signed the paperwork presented in order to allow the Trustees to move forward with accepting the grant.

7. **NONPUBLIC SESSION**

Chairman Daley requested a nonpublic session and moved to go into nonpublic session at 7:44 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (c). Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Daley – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Daley, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Stohrer, Town Administrator Laura Buono, Leigh Bosse.

Mr. Bosse came before the Selectmen to discuss taxes owed on Map 11K Lot 334.

Chairman Daley moved to come out of nonpublic session at 7:47 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Daley – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Daley moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

Jonathan M. Daley, Chairman

James C. Bailey III, Selectman

John P. Stohrer, Selectman