

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

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

The Selectmen met at 6:35p.m.at the Middle School prior to Town Meeting to discuss the following:

1. TOWN MEETING MATERIALS

Ms. Buono reviewed the warrant articles that each Selectman had assigned to them as well as the miscellaneous information she supplied to them to assist them with any questions which may be asked. Ms. Buono pointed out that there was also a list for each of them of building projects in the case any questions are asked about what we anticipate spending money out of the CRF's for those purposes as well as a list of projects and equipment in which funds from various CRF's were used in 2019.

2. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Daley moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 15601 – 15635 a/k/a Vouchers 10 & 11 in the amount of \$160,841.67 (includes 127 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check number 022770 - 022846 a/k/a Vouchers 12 in the amount of \$1,090,690.26. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

** A/P Vouchers include payment to HDSD in the amount of \$878,082.29

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Daley moved to approve the Consent Agenda for March 10, 2020. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Intents to Cut – Map 10 Lot 4; Map 9 Lot 1
- Veterans' Tax Credits – Map 22 Lot 28; Map 22 Lot 30; Map 1 Lot 31; Map 12S Lot 230

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Daley moved to approve the budget minutes for February 25, 2020 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Historic District Commission – Selectman Stohrer brought up that since Jan Michaels term on the Historic District Commission has expired, he would like the Board to appoint Melinda Gehrish as a full member (she's currently an alternate member) for a period of three years. With that, Selectman Stohrer moved to appoint Melinda Gehrish as a full member to the Historic District Commission for a period of three years. Motion was seconded by Chairman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Livingston's Auto Repair – Chairman Daley said he received a complaint that there is a lot of junk behind Livingston's garage and asked if they are allowed to have it there. Ms. Buono said she does not know if they are one of the licensed junkyards in town but she will look into it.

Chadwick – Selectman Bailey said Ben Chadwick approached him at the polls and was upset that he received a letter from the Code Enforcement Officer with regard to a plan to remove his building on Main Street which is partially burned down. According to Mr. Chadwick, he expected he would receive a letter from the police department which stated he could move forward and take the building down since it was the subject of arson. Ms. Buono said she believes Mr. Chadwick was aware the building had been released as evidence because he had already discussed the demolition permit with our building office but she will find out if they are going to issue a letter to him.

Library Heating System – Ms. Buono informed the Board that once again the heating system at the Library is in need of repairs. She said this time it is the newest unit which is just over a year old and needs a new coil. Unfortunately the warranty has expired. The history of the ongoing issues with the units was briefly discussed. Selectman Bailey said he will check with the school to find out who they use to service their units.

New Phone System – Ms. Buono said they are almost settled into the new phone system with Comcast and are awaiting a few adjustments on the various bills. She said TDS had charged both the Town Office and the Fire Department a sizeable early termination charge due to the fact that although the 5-year contract with them was dated December of 2014, apparently the date they used as the beginning of the contract was the date we began using the phones and not the date the contract was signed. Ms. Buono said even though their TDS contact knew we were going to switch to Comcast, he did not bring it to her attention that the December date was not considered the start date for the contract. Chairman Daley said he would like to know the end date for the Comcast contract so that his business can submit pricing once that contract is up.

6. LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Woods Woolen Mills – Ms. Buono said she was contacted by Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission with regard to an EPA Program that we will hopefully be approved for the purpose of removing the boiler house at Woods Woolen Mills. Based on the outline of the program and the conversation Ms. Buono said she had with a representative from EPA, they will review the test results for the property and schedule a site visit. If our project is approved, the work will be done toward the end of the year. Ms. Buono wanted to make sure the Selectmen are in favor of submitting our project for their consideration. The Selectmen all agreed to have it submitted.

Road Names – Ms. Buono said she received two suggested names for Emerald Lane from Sue Durling. The names are Blueberry Lane since there is a blueberry farm at the end of the road and Curtis Road since Ms. Durling had heard that Curtis Rowe, who was a skilled excavator who constructed the duck pond on that road, used to live in the old white house across from the pond on Old Henniker Road. These two names as well as Presby Lane will be considered.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Daley moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

James C. Bailey III, Selectman

John P. Stohrer, Selectman

David J. Rogers, Selectman