

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019

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

In Attendance: Bill Goss, Michael Pon, Joyce Bosse

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

1. **OPEN SESSION**

There was no public comment.

2. **BILL GOSS RE: LOADER & BACKHOE PURCHASES**

Bill Goss came before the Board to bring forward the purchases for the Highway Department as a result of Town Meeting.

Backhoe - He said that as was discussed, the Highway Department is in need of a new backhoe which will come out of a combination of the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve Funds (CRF). The bulk of the money will come from the Highway Department CRF. The Transfer Station will receive the Highway Departments current backhoe and the Highway Department will have the new one. Mr. Goss said the Transfer Stations backhoe is 22 years old and the one they will be receiving is only 10 years old. Mr. Goss said he received three prices \$110,890 from John Deere; \$121,000 from Caterpillar; and \$111,100 from Beauregard. Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the purchase of a backhoe from John Deere for the amount of \$110,890 and to use a combination of funds from the Highway and Transfer Station CRF's . Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Loader – Mr. Goss reviewed the purchase of a new loader with the Selectmen. He said the lowest price from John Deere was used in the warrant article that was passed at Town Meeting. The loader cost is \$216,113 with a trade in allowance of \$20,000 and the plow package is \$27,605 which was the lowest and comes from a company out of Maine. They will be trading in the Transfer Station loader and sending their old one to the Transfer Station. Ms. Buono said she will be sending the information to the finance company for this purchase. Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the purchase of the loader and plow package as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Water Truck – Mr. Goss said they have been looking to replace their 50 year old water truck and have come across a government surplus truck which is a 1994 Western Star AWD with 12,000 miles on it. The cost of the vehicle is \$2,800 and will more than likely last for 30 years. Mr. Goss said the only thing they are currently working on is getting the vehicle from Texas to NH. He said he is estimating that the trucking will be approximately \$5,000 but even with that, this is a great deal due to the low mileage and condition of the truck. This was discussed. Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$8,000 for the purchase and transportation of the government surplus water truck to be taken from the Highway Department CRF. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 14465- 14509 a/k/a Vouchers 12 & 13 in the amount of \$168,698.51 (includes 129 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 20601– 20600 a/k/a Voucher 12, 13 & 14 in the amount of \$241,799.80. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for March 26, 2019. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Intent to Excavate – Map 10 Lot 44; Map 7 Lot 196; Map 10 Lot 44
- Gravel Tax Levy in the amount of \$209.44
- Discretionary Preservation Easement Deed – Hubbard
- 2018 Corrective Property Tax Abatement - Map 8 Lot 118 in the amount of \$1,299.61

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed with two in favor and one abstention (Selectman Stohrer).

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bible Hill/Moore Road Street Light Request – Ms. Buono said she has received a request from a resident for the Town to take over financial responsibility for a street light on the corner of Bible Hill and Moore Road. The light was briefly discussed and the Selectmen asked Ms. Buono to get additional information with regard to monthly cost and whether or not the Highway Safety Committee recommends bringing that light online with the rest of the municipal street lights.

Franklin Pierce Lake Association Request – Ms. Buono informed the Board that she met with the Waterfront Supervisor (WS) with regard to the request from Franklin Pierce Lake Association (FPLA) to have a live band on the beach on July 6th in order to celebrate their 10th year. Ms. Buono said the recommendation from the WS is to have the lifeguards stay on the beach until 7:30 that evening in order to cover the event (they usually leave at 5 p.m.). It will also need to be understood that the lifeguards will be concentrating on the roped off swimming area and not where boats will be parked outside of the ropes. Chairman Bailey said he doesn't want to set a precedence for others to request to use in front of the lifeguard house and pointed out that the Town built the pavilion for these types of events. He noted that this is a holiday weekend and if the weather is nice, the beach will be packed. Ms. Buono said that no matter how much it's advertised, there will be people on the beach who did not anticipate a live band and may not be happy with the sound level. Selectman Daley said he is leaning toward approving it with a strict list of rules and said that the Association President said they would take care of everything associated with the request. Ms. Buono said she is concerned that if there are unruly folks there, they may not listen to the lifeguards. Selectman Stohrer suggested requiring a police detail for the event and if anything gets out of hand, it gets shut down. The final decision was that FPLA will be required to have a police detail for the event as well as make sure the bathrooms are cleaned and any trash on the beach picked up. The town will absorb the extra expense associated with keeping the lifeguards on until 7:30 p.m. Chairman Bailey moved to allow FPLA to hold their 10 year celebration with the stipulations listed. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Historic District Commission – Chairman Bailey discussed the fact that one of the Commissioners recently resigned (Jim Larkin) and another Commissioner's term is up (Jan Michael). Chairman Bailey said the resignation comes on the heels of a suit against the ZBA with regard to an approval for a private solar array on a resident's property (Bennett) within the Historic District. A brief overview of the Bennett's project as well as the history of the changes that were being made to the Commission was given in order to update Selectman Stohrer. Chairman Bailey feels the Board should wait to appoint new members to the Commission until the suit is settled since the Commission cannot discuss it. Ms. Buono suggested that if the suit is brought up at a Historic District Meeting, the Chairman should simply state that it is not going to be discussed. The fact that the Rules and Procedures still need to be written and approved was brought up as well. Selectman Daley isn't sure the Board should wait to appoint members but should instead move forward with the business that needs to be completed. The makeup of the Commission was also discussed with regard to the number of district members versus non-district members. There are five Commissioners as well as alternate positions available. The Selectmen would like to have three District members serving on the Commission. Ms. Buono will ask Robyn Payson to send out an email blast to the District residents asking for anyone who is interested in serving to fill out a volunteer form so that the Selectmen can review them and meet with potential members.

History Alive – Selectman Daley said that the organizers of History Alive (formerly known as Living History) are concerned about parking in the center during the event and would like to have the traffic pattern around the triangle be one way for that weekend. Ms. Buono suggested that they speak with the police department and that they can probably get signs from Bill Goss to use if he has them.

Health Insurance Rates – Ms. Buono said she just received the final rates for the employee health insurance packages. During the budget process the Town had been given a guaranteed maximum change of 1.6% increase. Ms. Buono said the rates have actually been reduced by .6% for all the packages.

Bill Goss Vacation Time – Mr. Goss requested that the Selectmen grant him an extension to use a week of his vacation time. He said they were short staffed most of the year and he didn't have an opportunity to take enough vacation time to keep him under the accumulation limit. Chairman Bailey moved to allow Mr. Goss a 3 month extension on his vacation accumulation limit overage. Selectman Stohrer seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Commission – Ms. Buono brought forward a request from Richard Head, Chairman of the Conservation Commission to have Richard McNamara appointed as a full member of the Commission. The Selectmen all know who Mr. McNamara is and had no questions. Chairman Bailey moved to appoint Richard McNamara for a 3 year term as a full member to the Conservation Commission. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development Committee – Ms. Buono spoke with the Selectmen about a requested change from the Chamber of Commerce to have Robert Nash serve as their representative on the Economic Development Committee due to Susie White's desire to step down from the EDC. Chairman Bailey moved to appoint Robert Nash for a 3 year term as a full member to the Economic Development Committee. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectmen Committee Assignments – The Selectmen committee assignments were discussed and decided as follows:

Jim Bailey – Planning Board

Jon Daley – Conservation Commission, W&S Commission, Solid Waste Advisory Board
John Stohrer – Economic Development Committee, Historic District Commission

Chairman Appointment – Chairman Bailey moved to appoint Selectman Daley as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

State Representative Feldolfi – Ms. Buono asked the Selectmen to take some time and review how State Representative Feldolfi has been voting on items that affect the Town and our residents. She said there have been some bills that he has voted for or against (NH Retirement and Revenue Sharing for example) that end up costing the Town and thus the taxpayers, more money. Ms. Buono said she's disappointed that he is not voting in a manner that is benefiting the taxpayers and although she has emailed him in the past requesting his support in voting a certain way on bills, perhaps it would be beneficial for the Selectmen to do the same and encourage him to vote for or against bills that will benefit our residents.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Sidewalk Project – Ms. Buono said Dubois & King (engineers) will be coming to the April 9th Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the status of the project with the Selectmen.

Welcome to Hillsborough Sign – Ms. Buono told the Board that she was waiting for a price to repaint the Welcome to Hillsborough sign coming from Antrim. Chairman Bailey said the Chamber also discussed the project and mentioned that one of the signs will need to be replaced entirely.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 7:58p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. 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, Chairman

Jonathan M. Daley, Selectman

John P. Stohrer, Selectman