

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2021

Present: James C. Bailey III, Chairman; John P. Stohrer, Selectman; David J. Rogers, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Leigh Bosse, Ernie Butler.

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. OPEN SESSION

Leigh Bosse – Mr. Bosse updated the Selectmen with regard to Town Meeting and said that after thinking about it more, the voting will remain at the Middle School and the Town Meeting will be held at the High School. He said a good test will be this coming Saturday when the School holds its Deliberative Session at the High School.

2. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Bailey moved to go into nonpublic session at 6:02 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (c) reputation. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer – yes; Selectman Rogers – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Bailey, Selectman Stohrer, Selectman Rogers, Town Administrator Laura Buono, Ernie Butler.

Mr. Butler brought forward a request to the Board with regard to a resident who was recently very ill and has since passed away.

Chairman Bailey moved to come out of nonpublic session at 6:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer – yes; Selectman Rogers – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Budget Discussion – Ms. Buono presented the updated version of the 2021 Budget and Warrant. She said the revenues are still an unknown and although the total financial package has been reduced over 2020's, the Town portion may increase depending on the Rooms & Meals Revenues and the Highway Block Grant funding Hillsborough receives from the State. She said there is a possibility that the revenues sent to towns and cities this year will be reduced due to COVID. The bottom line of the operating budget is just under a 1% increase over 2020 and she said the money to fund the Capital Reserve Funds is being taken from the undesignated fund balance since most of that is from the budget surplus this past year due to the fact that some programs were not run due to COVID. The Board feels comfortable with the budget and as far as the State revenues are concerned, those are out of their control at this point. Ms. Buono reminded the Selectmen that the Budget Public Hearing will be held on February 10th at the Fire Station.

Planning Board Appointment – Ms. Buono brought forward Mark Bodanza’s name to the Selectmen as requested by the Planning Director to have appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Board. She said Mr. Bodanza has lived in Hillsborough for quite a few years and up until recently, has always worked outside of town which limited him on his availability. Chairman Bailey moved to appoint Mark Bodanza as a Planning Board Alternate for a term of three years. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Commission Appointment – Ms. Buono said she received an email from Richard Head, Chairman of the Conservation Commission who has asked that Roger Shamel be reappointed for three years. Mr. Head also noted that Russ Galpin did not wish to be reappointed. Chairman Baily moved to reappoint Roger Shamel as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission for a three-year term. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Meeting – Selectman Stohrer asked whether or not the Board should consider postponing Town Meeting or if there is even a need to. After a brief discussion with regard to the budget and the fact that residents are accustomed to having the meeting at the same time each year, they would leave it on March 9th.

Planning Board – Chairman Bailey said all the Zoning Warrant Articles are mostly housekeeping items. He noted that the wind and solar article is aimed toward large operations.

Economic Development Committee – Selectman Stohrer said the EDC Meetings will start back up after Town Meeting and it was noted that the Chamber of Commerce asked about them. Apparently the Chamber is considering going regional with Keene & Peterborough.

Kemp Park Committee – Selectman Rogers said they got into the Hansen House and there is a lot of old furniture inside but that moving the building 90 degrees shouldn’t a big challenge because the building is sturdy. He said they are still getting information on funding from the Preservation Alliance and it seems somewhat promising.

4. **LONG TERM PROJECTS**

Manahan Boat Dock – Ms. Buono said that the Town has received the recorded permit back from the registry of deeds.

Woods Woolen Mills – Ms. Buono said she and the Planning Director have a meeting with EPA and DES this week to further discuss the possible funding for taking the boiler house down. She said Hillsborough is still in the running and our chances seem to be very good.

Sidewalk Project – Ms. Buono said the engineers are still working with NHDOT to respond to some remarks and once that is completed they will set up one-on-one meetings with any property owners that easements may be necessary.

Noise Ordinance – Selectman Rogers said he is about 90-95% completed with a draft Noise Ordinance for the Board to review but he would like to get the Police Chief’s input first. Timing for a public meeting was briefly discussed.

5. **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 16430 - 16467 a/k/a Vouchers 3 & 4 in the amount of \$183,492.90 (includes 157 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 024561– 024637 a/k/a Vouchers 4 & 5 in the amount of \$174,542.53. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for January 27, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Veterans' Tax Credits – Map 11I Lot 114
- Intents to Cut – Map 8 Lot 144 Center Road; Map 9 Lot 2 Center Road
- Water & Sewer Abatement – Map 23 Lot 93 \$3,466.96; Map 25 Lot 17 \$1,402.92; Map 16, Lot 200 \$365.00
- Yield Tax – Map 3 Lot 1 in the amount of \$5,869.89
- Cemetery Deed – Allison & Jeremiah Johnson

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. 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

John P. Stohrer, Selectman

David J. Rogers, Selectman