

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021

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

In Attendance: Bill Goss, John Segedy, Leigh Bosse, Brian Bebe, Dave Fullerton, Riche' Colcombe, Jessica Morris, Sarah Auger, Meleny Vasquez-Nagy, Joseph Demmons, Mary Morehouse-Rogers, Mark Lawson, Adam Savell.

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

1. OPEN SESSION

John Segedy – Mr. Segedy spoke with regard to the Face Covering Policy that is on the agenda tonight and urged the Selectmen to keep it in place and gave his personal reasoning for the request. He said if they choose to make it a choice, he hopes they put something in place to make the person who doesn't want to wear a mask to stay 6' away from everyone else because he would consider that assault if they try and come closer to him than 6'. He also voiced his opinion with regard to the Selectmen reviewing a new draft of the proposed noise ordinance toward the end of their last meeting under the Long Term Project List even though there was a lot of discussion about it during public comment. He said it gives the impression they were trying to hide it.

Brian Bebe – Mr. Bebe started to speak about an issue he had with his neighbor in which he stated he was slandered by them on Facebook and that she is a member of the zoning board however, Chairman Stohrer stopped him and said this was not the place to discuss those types of issues. He also mentioned that he called the police about his neighbors at 10:45 the other night and was not happy with their lack of action against them. Mr. Bebe then said that he feels they have a right to know who asked for the noise ordinance. Later in the meeting, Mr. Bebe asked how many votes do they need to receive to have a Selectman removed from their seat. Chairman Stohrer said he doesn't know what the process is but there is no voting. Selectman Bailey said how it was explained to him a few years ago, not about a Selectman but it still pertains, is that the public voted for them and that's why they are there and the next time the position is open, that's when you either vote for or against the person.

Dave Fullerton – Mr. Fullerton feels the Board is being deceitful by waiting until the end of the meeting to review a new draft of the noise ordinance.

Leigh Bosse – Mr. Bosse said he feels there is a problem with the way the agenda is set up. The Long Term Project List is at the bottom of the other subjects listed on the agenda and it makes it look as if those items are not going to be discussed. Ms. Buono said the list has been on the agenda for a few years and serves as a reminder to the Selectmen and public of ongoing long-term projects. She said sometimes they have updates to bring up on the items and sometimes they don't but if she knows the Board will be doing work on one of the items that are on that list, she will call it out under "Other/Old Business" on the agenda.

Selectman Bailey said the Long-Term Project List is there to remind the Selectmen that these projects are still ongoing and has been used for the last 4-5 years. He said it doesn't matter that the updated draft of the noise ordinance was brought up under that section of the agenda at the last meeting since it was not a public hearing, it was a work session, they were not taking public comment on it. He said they can put a million drafts of the ordinance together and that doesn't matter, the one that really matters will be the one after a public hearing and they have not yet held a public hearing on it.

Riche' Colcombe – Ms. Colcombe gave her input as to the agenda setup and noted that this week the initial agenda had a nonpublic listed with “end of meeting” in parenthesis. Ms. Buono said that meant the nonpublic would be held at the end of the meeting and it was listed that way due to a comment Mr. Bosse made at the last meeting about the agenda design in which he felt it gave the impression the nonpublic sessions were in the middle of the meeting based on how it was listed. Ms. Riche' said it's not so much the semantics of the agenda but she feels the updated draft ordinance was intentionally held to the end of the meeting. She said that hopefully the amount of comments made against the ordinance over the last couple of months carries some weight as far as the number of constituents who are not in favor of an ordinance versus those who asked for one. Ms. Colcombe then said that she supports dropping the mask policy and leave it up to an individual to choose whether they want to wear one or not.

Meleny Vasquez-Nagy – Ms. Vasquez-Nagy said she wanted to make a comment about the mask policy and feels that wearing masks should be a choice now. She said she would also like to have NH Turnpike added to the list of roads to be paved and described where she lived with Bill Goss.

Jessica Morris – Ms. Morris added her comment about the agenda design and said she feels there is confusion as to agenda and non-agenda items. She commented on the proposed Noise Ordinance and said her husband is a logger and the equipment they use is loud and her stepfather is a carpenter in the center and he uses equipment that can be loud as well. She thinks there is a lot to be considered especially with the livelihood of some people.

Sarah Auger- Ms. Auger said she is in support of summer camp and she hopes the Selectmen open it. She said she is also in favor of having a choice for mask wearing for kids who may attend camp and around town.

Joseph Demmons – Mr. Demmons said he feels the Noise Ordinance is ridiculous and said he runs a lot of equipment, log splitter, chainsaws, etc. He said he lives next to the elementary school and said the school itself is noisy especially when the kids are at recess or when the school buses go in and out. He feels they should focus their energy on life events like speeding and not a noise ordinance. He said if neighbors are not getting along then the whole town shouldn't pay the price. He feels with the amount of signatures on the petition, the ordinance should be put to bed.

A member of the public asked if there is a curfew time for people to shut down? Chairman Stohrer said he doesn't think there is anything official for the public but that 10:00 p.m. comes to mind. She asked why is it good for one person to be told to shut their noise down at that time but not another? She said it happens all the time on Windsor Road that one party gets reprimanded by the police but not the other. Selectman Bailey said there is a curfew at Manahan and Grimes Field which are town-owned properties. Chairman Stohrer said there is no ordinance in place right now.

Mary Morehouse-Rogers – Ms. Rogers made a comment with regard to the previous speaker and said that she believes it is a police issue and it should be taken up with them.

Mark Lawson – Mr. Lawson said he went around to businesses and got 50 signatures of business owners who do not want the Noise Ordinance. He said he did not want to make the list public due to harassment issues on Facebook.

Adam Savell – Mr. Savell asked for an update on the Manahan Boat Dock. Selectman Bailey said the permit has been obtained and they are planning on having it done in the Fall if all goes as planned.

2. BILL GOSS RE: 2021 PAVING BIDS

Mr. Goss reviewed the paving bids that were received with the Selectmen. The bids were reviewed in the form they were submitted as follows:

1. R & D Paving	Paving (Binder)	\$ 76.95/ton 850 Tons
	Shim @ 3/4"	\$ 78.52/ton 575 Tons
	Overlay @ 1"	\$ 78.52/ton 1,190 Tons
	Reclaim and Grade	\$ 1.53/yd (\$1.15 + 0.38)
2. Advanced	Paving 1.75"	\$ 76.00/ton 1350 Tons
	Pave 2"	\$ 71.10/ton 1267 Tons
	Reclaim and Grade	\$ 1.95/yd
3. GMI	Paving	\$ 75.20/ton
	Reclaim and Grade	\$ 1.40/yd.
	Project Total \$208,034.00	
4. Pike	Paving	\$ 64.60/ton
	Reclaim and Grade	\$ 1.20/yd.
	Project Total \$175,680.00	

Mr. Goss said that even though R&D Paving and Advanced Paving didn't total their bids, based on the pricing per ton it's obvious that Pike Industries is the lowest and he recommended that the Selectmen approve their bid. Chairman Stohrer moved to award the 2021 paving contract to Pike Industries in the amount of 175,680. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Town Office Parking Lot – Bill Goss reviewed the parking lot repair and expansion for the Town Office Building as had been discussed during the budget process. He said the Highway Department will get the prep work done (pulling up the old pavement and moving dirt) but they will have to contract the retaining wall. Mr. Goss is waiting for pricing on the wall but we should get up to 10 more spots in the lot. He said they would like to go around the portico and close it off underneath to get rid of the snow and ice falling hazard. The Highway Department can take over plowing of the lot next winter as well.

Colby Road Bridge – Mr. Goss reported that the footings are in for the Colby Road Bridge and the rip rap has been laid as well. He said the bridge deck will be put in tomorrow and that will complete another red listed bridge.

Crosswalks – Mr. Goss said he's getting ready to have line painting done downtown and brought up the various crosswalks that the State wants us to remove -the diagonal at Rte. 149 and Central Street, Hoyt Lane, and one coming out of Butler St. across from Eaton Furniture. They don't want the Town to paint these again and just stick with the straight crosswalks instead of the angled ones since there is less time for the pedestrian to be in the roadway. This was briefly discussed as was the overlaying project that was done previously in which the Town had to re-paint the lines and crosswalks after the State covered them. Mr. Goss will only paint the parking spots and the approved crosswalks and let the others fade out.

Town Face Covering Policy – Ms. Buono said that she has been approached a few times asking about having the face mask policy in the town buildings dropped. She said that Project Genesis will still use face masks due to the close quarters but in speaking with the staff in this building, there is only one staff member who will continue to wear a mask if the standards are relaxed (she doesn't deal with the public often). Selectman Bailey said he feels it's time to make it an option and said that when the public is in the building they will still be asked to social distance from each other. Chairman Stohrer agreed with the social distancing and that it can be revisited if it becomes an issue. Chairman Stohrer moved to relax the mask policy within town buildings and to make it optional with social distancing still being practiced. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

2021 Summer Camp – Selectman Bailey said that Ms. Buono sent the board a detailed explanation with regard to the recommendation coming out of the meeting she held with the Camp Director and Waterfront Supervisor. He said hiring is behind since they haven't run camp since 2019 and they usually train counselors in the CIT program (counselor in training) one year prior to them being hired. We also don't have certified lifeguards available to fill slots. Selectman Bailey agrees with the rationale about not having camp this summer and to make plans for next year beginning this fall to get counselors/lifeguards trained and get things back rolling again. He said he would like to get back also but there are a lot more things that have to be done logistically than just bringing the kids back. Selectman Rogers said he doesn't feel strongly one way or the other but he does think it would be good to have the camp just to try and get back to more of a sense of normalcy but he does understand the hiring and training issues. He thinks as the summer goes by there will be fewer concerns with interacting with people and he said if he balances it, he's 51% in favor of opening the camp but that is a close call. Chairman Stohrer said it's a tough decision but in this case the Camp Director and Waterfront Supervisor both said they would not be able to pull this off and he always likes to follow the experts so as much as he doesn't want to say it, he doesn't feel they can run it this year. Chairman Stohrer moved to cancel 2021 Summer Camp with the suggestion that the plan to start training this fall move forward. Selectman Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion passed with 2 in favor and 1 (Selectman Rogers) abstaining.

Hazard Mitigation Committee – Ms. Buono asked if any of the Selectmen are interested in serving on the Hazard Mitigation Committee. She said the meetings are from 3:00 – 5:00 twice a month and will run for a couple of months. The first meeting is Monday, May 24th. At this time none of the members were available to participate due to their work schedules.

4. LONG TERM PROJECTS

Noise Ordinance – Chairman Stohrer stated that the Draft Ordinance was sent to Town Counsel for review and he came back with a couple of suggestions and also the comment that the adoption of this ordinance doesn't fall under the authority of the Selectmen but would need to go to Town Meeting for a vote on a warrant. Selectman Rogers said he didn't think this was a done deal because he doesn't

understand what the opinion is based on. Ms. Buono said that both Town Counsel and NHMA have stated it would have to go to Town Meeting for a vote. This was briefly discussed.

5. **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Stohrer moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 016668 - 016699 a/k/a Vouchers 18 & 19 in the amount of \$168,204.95 (includes 192 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 025132– 025209 a/k/a Voucher #14 in the amount of \$892,365.99. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

** A/P Checks include payment to HDSD in the amount of \$814,726.16

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Stohrer moved to approve the Consent Agenda for May 12, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Land Use Change Tax – Map 12 Lot 136; Map 8 Lot 49
- Yield Tax Levy – Map 6 Lot 38 in the amount of \$5,322.38
- Intent to Cut – Map 11I Lot 50 Beard Road
- Cemetery Deed – Kenneth & Judith Perkins
- Yield Tax – Map 4 Lot 15 \$686.23; Map 12 Lot 495 \$490.27; Map 1 Lot 56 \$741.61; Map 5 Lot 53 \$2,731.5; Map 10 Lot 19 \$353.58; Map 2 Lot 32 \$2,025.30; Map 6 lot 3 \$300.09; Map 8 Lot 144 & Map 9 Lot 2 \$3,123.62
- Disabled Exemption Map 16 Lot 249

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Stohrer moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **NONPUBLIC SESSION**

Chairman Stohrer moved to go into nonpublic session at 7:30 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (a) personnel. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Stohrer – yes; Selectman Rogers – yes; Selectman Bailey - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Buono opened a discussion up with the Selectmen in order to clarify an issue that arose.

Chairman Stohrer moved to come out of nonpublic session at 7:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Stohrer – yes; Selectman Rogers – yes; Selectman Bailey - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stohrer moved to adjourn at 7:48 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: _____

John P. Stohrer, Chairman

David J. Rogers, Selectman

James C. Bailey III, Selectman