

**Town of Boscawen
CIRCLE COMMITTEE
Boscawen Municipal Complex
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 31, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

1 Members Present: John Keegan, Jeff Abbe, Beverley Drouin

2 Members not Present: Hillary Bailey and Julie Fournier

3 Chair. Keegan opened the public meeting at 6:10pm.

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5 Chair Keegan read Clauses B, C, and D of the agreement between the NHDOT and Town which
6 states the terms of the working agreement between the NHDOT and the Town of Boscawen.

7 SAFTEY-

8 Chairman Keegan sat down with the Police Chief to discuss safety issues. The Chief believes the
9 best place to park and stage equipment is off Harris Hill Road. Ms. Drouin said there is a
10 sidewalk on the South East side with a significant curb. Ms. Drouin said there is a field where we
11 could park on the North East side of the road. Chairman Keegan will speak again with the Chief.
12 Ms. Drouin has used this space in the past.

13 Chair Keegan had spoken with the Chief about the timing of the NHDOT bridge work planned
14 for this spring. The Chief did not have specific information but strongly suggested we
15 coordinate our work with the NHDOT contractor. Mr. Abbe said this will be a big project. He
16 knows personnel at NHDOT and volunteered to find dates. Chair Keegan reported Boscawen
17 Public Works some signs, but it is day to day if we can use them. Mr. Abbe suggested we
18 coordinate with the NHDOT contractor's bridge work schedule, as they will already have signs
19 up.

20 WATER/ELECTRIC ACCESS- Chair Keegan said there is a pull box in the circle but don't
21 know exactly where it ends outside the circle. Discussion ensued about the desire for both
22 electricity and water in the circle. Questions were raised about how the Penacook circle had both.
23 Mr. Abbe believes it is hard wired and will have more information at the next meeting. Chair
24 Keegan suggested delivering water through the conduit and use of solar lighting. Discussion
25 moved to potential water sources near the circle. Chair Keegan said there are two hydrants on
26 Harris Hill Road near the site. However, in talking with Dean Hollins and Adam Eugenis at
27 Public Works, they noted that every time a hydrant is used sediment is stirred up in part of the
28 piping system. Another option would be to ask the Precinct to add a new access to their system.
29 He noted that Doug Thompson had recommended drip irrigation. Chair Keegan reported Alan
30 Hardy is willing to donate roughly 1000 feet of 1 inch tubing. Chair Keegan raised the
31 question if the line should be buried or laid on the ground and picked up every year. After
32 some discussion, burying the line was the consensus despite the upfront cost as it would save
33 labor in the long run. Chair Keegan offered another option. Purchasing a water tank and pump
34 on a trailer. The trailer could be filled as needed at the Town Office. Mr. Abbe questioned the
35 feasibility of the tank option and Ms. Drouin suggested collecting budget information and
36 checking with the Precinct about the feasibility of connecting to their system. Then we would
37 know if more funding is needed to make the project happen this spring.

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40 PLANTINGS- Ms. Drouin presented a detailed sketch of her for plantings along with photos of
41 other traffic circles for information and comparative purposes. All showed groupings of three
42 large plantings, stones/walls and trees. The Exit 17 circle is 71 feet across. She planned for a 4
43 foot buffer, three low stone walls would be ideal but, large boulders could be substituted. Ms.
44 Drouin recommended: Artic Fire Dog Wood, Blue Spruce Shrub, Birds Nest Spruce and Mungo
45 Pine for bushes. Mr. Abbe noted a larger buffer might be needed due to the high volume of truck
46 traffic and the danger of driving inside the buffer area. Discussion followed about where the
47 stone walls should be placed. Ms. Drouin favored drivers facing the stone wall coming into the
48 circle while Messrs. Abbe and Keegan favored offsetting the walls between entrances. Ms.
49 Drouin plans to meet with Ms. Barbara Rollins at NHDOT prior to the next meeting and, among
50 other things discuss the wall placement and perimeter setback. Ms. Drouin explained the garden
51 should be simple but include species that provide color for as much of the year as possible.
52 Species she suggested are: autumn joy sedum, echinacea, daffodils and sunflowers.

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54 FINANCE- Chair Keegan reported that since the last meeting another \$250 has been added to
55 the Roger Woodbury Memorial Fund bringing the total funding now available to \$2,000. Ms.
56 Drouin asked if more funds were needed how the money would arrive at the Town coffers. Her
57 question arises from experience raising money on-line for an organization with a Link where
58 funds are deposited directly into their organization's account. Ms. Drouin thinks most people
59 will just want to click on a Link. Chair Keegan noted any funds collected will go to the Town
60 but he does not know if the Town can accept funds through a Link. Chair Keegan said the
61 Agriculture and Town Beautification funds are in the Town Budget for this project. He will ask
62 Mr. Hardy if this can be done.

63 Chair Keegan reported the BOS would like to spend funds in Town whenever possible. Doug
64 Thompson, Matt McKerley and Kyle Porrier are all possibilities for landscaping work. Mr.
65 Thompson, who volunteered his service last year to Mr. Hardy, is the only landscaper with
66 whom Mr. Keegan has spoken. Now that we have a better idea of what we want to do, he will
67 need to be contacted to delve into some of the detail. Matt McKerley and Kyle Porrier, both of
68 whom had good reviews, are also possible resources. Mr. Abbe asked if we could work with all
69 of them and each help a little. Ms. Drouin asked Mr. Abbe who is going to reach out to Wes
70 Niebling about the stone wall work, which is roughly 36 feet total length. He will. Ms. Drouin
71 said she will connect with Nancy Towle. Chair Keegan will start working on a budget and talk
72 with Doug Thompson about landscaping details as well as Bruce Crawford about the water line.
73 Ms. Drouin sees the big challenges as stone walls, water and clearing the site.

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75 **Adjournment: 7:00pm**

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77 *Respectfully submitted, Danielle Bosco*

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