

Boscawen Selectman's Regular Session
Final Meeting Minutes • January 14, 2015
Approved January 21, 2015

Present: Craig Saltmarsh, Roger Sanborn, Bernie Davis Nicole Hoyt, Alan Hardy, Kellee Easler, Pam Hardy, Karen Mackenzie, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, Bryan Christiansen, Brian Durocher, Leslie Palmer

Chairman Saltmarsh opened the meeting at 4:38 PM.

Bryan Christiansen, representing Comcast, met with Selectmen to discuss renewing the Town's five year Franchise Agreement set to expire in July, 2015. He presented the Board with a draft copy of the agreement. Discussion followed regarding internet access for Town buildings. Mr. Christiansen reiterated that internet services are not part of the Franchise Agreement; the agreement is for video services only. When asked, he confirmed that internet service cannot be added to the Franchise Agreement. He noted that the Town could purchase internet service as a Business Class customer at a favorable rate similar to residential customers. Because the Town Hall only needs internet access during elections, Mr. Christiansen indicated that he would be willing to write a side agreement in which Comcast would provide internet service during election months only. A Public Hearing will be required to consider the new Franchise Agreement. Mr. Christiansen will meet with the Board again in the spring after Town Election.

Brian Durocher met briefly with the Board to continue his discussion regarding his complaints against the Citgo Station. Options available regarding the creation of a noise ordinance were again discussed; Mr. Durocher indicated that he will research what other towns have instituted. Planning and Community Director Alan Hardy recommended that Mr. Durocher start keeping a record of the complaints and indicated that a successful solution to the noise problems would be through the owner, not the Town, due to difficulty of enforcing a noise ordinance.

Department Heads presented preliminary budget information to Selectmen. The information will be compiled and salary and benefit calculations added, to be reviewed at next week's Board meeting.

Director Hardy discussed the sale of Town owned property at 80 Queen St. and 124 Corn Hill Rd. Following a review of terms and selling price, the Board authorized Director Hardy to sign the necessary paperwork to have the properties listed.

The Board approved encumbering the balance of account #4152312 for assessing services related to the five year Town re-evaluation.

Board Action: Selectman Davis moved to encumber the balance of account #4152312 for assessing services related to the five year Town re-evaluation. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Director Hardy presented the Board with the NHDES Commissioner's letter written to the Town in response to the Selectmen's letter to the Commissioner withdrawing support for Boscawen's representatives on the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC). The Commissioner stated that although there is nothing in the statutes that authorizes the Commissioner to remove duly appointed members from the Committee, nominations brought forward by the Board will be considered by DES in due course.

Planning and Community Development Assistant Kellee Easler presented appointment letters to the Agricultural Commission for Board signature.

At 6:22 PM, Selectman Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Sanborn. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie M. Palmer