

Boscawen Selectman's Regular Session  
Final Meeting Minutes • January 21, 2015  
Approved February 4, 2015

Present: Craig Saltmarsh, Roger Sanborn, Bernie Davis Nicole Hoyt, Alan Hardy, Kellee Easler, Pam Hardy, Karen Mackenzie, Michelle Brochu, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, Bruce Crawford and Leslie Palmer

Chairman Saltmarsh opened the meeting at 4:38 PM.

Bruce Crawford, representing the Boscawen Historical Society, met with the Board to discuss the Society's findings related to the rail crossing at the intersection of Commercial St. and River Rd. At the request of the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development and the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, the Historical Society researched the rail crossing and determined that the Town of Boscawen retains the right of crossing at this location. Mr. Crawford presented the Board with a letter outlining the reasons for the determination and asked the Board for a letter of support clarifying that the Town never gave up the right of access to the crossing. The Goal of DRED is to ensure access for the restoration and clean-up of Hannah Dustin Island while the goal of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail is to retain access to the newly constructed Rail Trail. The Board agreed to support the findings in a letter from the Board.

**Action Plan: Mr. Crawford will draft a letter of support to be signed by the Board.**

Mr. Crawford also presented the Board with his report as Planning Board Chair regarding the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) "Wild and Scenic" River proposal. The Board previously referred the proposal to the Agricultural Commission, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board for their recommendations. All the Boards came to the same conclusion that the "Wild and Scenic" designation is not for Boscawen. The report outlines the reasons supporting the joint recommendation. The Board will submit a response to UMRLAC and enclose the report. It was suggested that the letter also be sent to the National Park Service and the Governor's Office. Selectman Sanborn remarked that the more agencies that hear about the Town's response, the better.

**Action Plan: Mr. Crawford will draft a letter of response to be signed by the Board.**

Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2015 Public Session:

**Board Action:** Selectman Sanborn moved to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup> public minutes as amended. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2015 Non-Public Session:

**Board Action:** Selectman Davis moved to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup> non-public minutes as written. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2015 Public Session:

**Board Action:** Selectman Sanborn moved to approve the January 14<sup>th</sup> public minutes as written. Chairman Saltmarsh seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Acting Town Clerk Michelle Brochu reported that she met with Jonathan Parker along with Planning and Community Development Director Alan Hardy to discuss changes to the Town website. The website will have a complete overhaul resulting in a better looking and easier to use site. Director Hardy noted that the Town website has been down recently due to problems with the host company. If the problems continue, the Town may need to choose a new host company; the transition would take approximately two days.

Fire Chief Ray Fisher verified that the heater on the generator is not responsible for the increased electric usage at the Fire Station. Director Hardy confirmed that electric usage this winter is much higher than it was this time last year. Chief Fisher will continue to work to find the reason(s) for the increase.

Agnes Colby has been appointed to the Supervisors of the Checklist to fill a vacancy; she will be on the ballot in March. Discussion followed regarding Supervisor of the Checklist meetings at the Town office. It was confirmed that Supervisors of the Checklist are not considered Town employees as they do not receive a W-2. It was also confirmed that a Town employee should be present during the meetings in the event there is a problem in the building that needs attention.

Police Chief Kevin Wyman reported on a car accident involving a Police Officer on Monday; the Officer was not injured.

Planning and Community Development Assistant Kellee Easler presented Planning Board Appointments for Board signature.

Amendments to the Barn Preservation Easement were discussed. Selectmen agreed to the terms for replacing the barn door and the relocation of the business sign on the property.

**Board Action:** Chairman Saltmarsh moved to amend the Barn Preservation Easement to include updating the barn door upon replacement or 5 years, whichever comes first and the relocation of the business sign by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Alan Hardy reported that all bills related the Boscawen Canterbury Bridge removal have been paid. Boscawen is waiting for reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire and Canterbury. Discussion followed as to the construction of an educational kiosk at the location of the former bridge as required by the NH Department of Historical Resources.

**Action Plan:** Selectman Sanborn will contact the NH State Prison about creating a sign/kiosk.

Town Accountant Pam Hardy reported that the Boscawen Library will be receiving money from a Trust Fund set up for the purpose. The money will be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds and the interest earned will be used by the Library. Town Treasurer Karen Mackenzie will look into investment options.

Office Administrator Nicole Hoyt brought forward a candidate nomination by Treasurer Mackenzie to the Budget Committee.

**Board Action:** Selectman Sanborn moved to appoint Will Swyers to the Budget Committee. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Tax Collector Hoyt presented the Warrant for the new sewer rate for Board signature.

At 5:45 PM, Chairman Saltmarsh moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Sanborn. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Leslie M. Palmer*