

**Town of Boscawen**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
Boscawen Municipal Complex  
Final Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 4:30pm  
Approved October 18, 2017

Present: Mark Varney – Chair, Bernie Davis, Roger Sanborn, Katie Phelps, Jason Killary, Ray Fisher, Dean Hollins, Nicole Hoyt, Alan Hardy, Kellee Jo Easler, Michelle Brochu and Linda Chandonnet

Chair Varney opened the meeting at 4:39pm, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**MOTION: Chair Varney made a Motion to open to public hearing at 4:45pm. Seconded by Selectman Davis all in favor, none opposed.**

**Kellee Jo Easler, Planning and Community Development Assistant:** Mrs. Easler began by stating the Town of Boscawen Board of Selectman will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Meeting Room at the Boscawen Municipal Complex 116 N. Main Street, Boscawen N.H. to receive public input regarding the March 2018 ballot question, “Shall we allow operation of Keno games within the Town of Boscawen?” The Town has to approve it first to be on the ballot before they can consider doing it in the establishments. We have Alan’s, Kapelli’s, and the Smoke Shack who serves liquor. Director Hardy explained that it has to be an existing establishment with a liquor license. Mrs. Easler joined in by stating, first it has to go to a public town meeting and people would have to vote if they wanted it on the ballot and when it’s approved then the establishments could apply for a liquor license through the liquor commissioner, then a percentage of the money would go to kindergarten.

**Brian Fleury:** Mr. Fleury thinks it’s a bad idea because instead of people going to Belmont to gamble they would come this way and it would create more traffic and it’s the whole gambling scene. He stated that if he had a say, he wouldn’t allow this on the ballot. Director Hardy did explain that if it wasn’t on the ballot you could get a petition warrant to put it on the ballot. There would have to be at least 25 residents for a petition warrant article. The gaming commission watches it carefully because they don’t want any problems or gaming. Selectman Sanborn questioned if a percentage will go to other town kindergartens. It was discussed that if we allow it be on the ballot then the public can vote if they want it or not.

**MOTION: Chair Varney made a motion to close public hearing at 4:56pm. Seconded by Mr. Davis, all in favor, none opposed.**

**MOTION: Chair Varney made a motion to include Keno as a ballot question. Seconded by Mr. Davis, all in favor, Roger abstaining.**

**MOTION: Non-Public Minutes from 10.04.17 #1. Chair Varney made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Davis, all in favor, none opposed.**

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**MOTION: Non-Public Minutes from 10.04.17 #2. Chair Varney made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Davis, all in favor, none opposed.**

**MOTION: Non-Public Minutes from 10.04.17 #3. Chair Varney made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Davis, all in favor, none opposed.**

**MOTION: Non-Public Minutes from 10.04.17 #4. Chair Varney made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Davis, all in favor, none opposed.**

**Michelle Brochu, Town Clerk:** Mrs. Brochu presented a letter to the Board of Selectmen for signatures. The NH Division of Motor Vehicles implemented their Vision software and as far as she knows it went smoothly.

**Katie Phelps, Accountant/Human Resources Director:** Mrs. Phelps shared the 2018 Holiday schedule for approval.

**MOTION: Chair Varney made a motion to accept the 2018 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Mr. Davis, all in favor, none opposed.**

**Jason Killary, Police Lieutenant:** Lieutenant Killary stated they received a call and there is a tree cutting company going through town between now and Christmas 5 days a week. They will need one officer every day and will try to fill in with an officer from town and if they can't then they'll go to surrounding towns. Director Hardy also added that if a tree has a mark it will be getting cut.

**Ray Fisher, Fire Chief:** Chief Fisher stated we are now the keepers of a UTV which was given to them by the police department and that it will be painted red. They had the Chicken BBQ and it was a sellout. They drew the gun winner and it was a Manchester Firefighter, and the bow winner was Public Works Director, Dean Hollins. After all expenses were paid the chicken BBQ made \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00 profit.

**Dean Hollins, Public Works Director:** Director Hollins is meeting with the paving person at GMI tomorrow for the paving project at Jamie Welch Field and they were informed that as long as we can do it before it snows, and we have agreed.

**Linda Chandonnet, Planning and Community Development:** Had no updates at this time.

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**Kellee Jo Easler, Planning and Community Development Assistant:** Mrs. Easler has received payment from legal in regards to the Collins Barn Easement at 236 King Street. They have an issue with the doors, the contractor they spoke with doesn't feel they can do period correct doors. Co-Administrator Hardy added that unfortunately the paving in front of the doors is higher the further you go away from the door, so it's sloping into the garage. When they were talking about mounting doors that were going to hinge, they can't open them. Planning and Community Development Assistant Easler said she sent the request to Avitar and unless the Collins come up with another plan for the doors that doesn't involve outward swinging period doors or the Board of Selectmen are willing to revisit the condition, the application can't be approved. The Board needs to decide if you'd like her to come up with another idea. Kim Collins stated in a letter it would not be appropriate or ethical for them to execute the document knowing they cannot comply. The hope is that the Board of Selectmen will consider removing the condition in order to avoid additional legal fees for this issue. Unfortunately the Collins will not be able to pay more legal fees at this time. It was discussed that because the Collins live in Florida they could submit a new proposal to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen agreed for now the condition in the Barn Easement should stay in place until a new proposal is submitted.

**Alan Hardy, Planning and Community Development Director:** Director Hardy says there is an issue with the hot water in the police station. The 80 gallon Boiler Mate steals the energy from the boiler as it's heating and now it has started to leak, once they start to leak they don't stop. Since we do have the funding already set aside to replace the equipment he would like the approval to go ahead and replace it as soon as he gets the pricing. It would be replaced with the contractor who takes care of the system.

**MOTION: Chair Varney made a motion to get the Boiler Mate replaced. Seconded by Selectman Davis, all in favor, none opposed.**

Last week Director Hardy attended the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GASIT). That's the 5.2 million dollar plan for King St. It stayed in the cycle and we'll have to go through this process every year, and occasionally projects get bumped. But what no one planned on was the Greenway Group from Concord doubled the number of people that otherwise would have been there. They are trying to convince the commission through DOT to give them money for the Greenway proposal. The Greenway proposal is to connect to our rail trail is intermodal transportation. They did talk to the committee members, but it wasn't the right place for that and it was really about the plans. The 10 year plan is a whole lot of money, and right now we're in year 9. Every year this comes up and they go with Mike Tardif and make sure we're there to support it. It went well, and he has the plans if anyone wants to look at it. In our case it's talking about within the footprint that's currently there 1/3 length, no change to pushing out to sidewalks, but to rebuilding them. The circle is in the 10 year project and goes up to the area where the flag

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pole is. The flag pole could go in the center and the agreement should be that it would be ours to take care of and not the state or public works.

The Ford Explorer has been replaced, and we would like authorization of a written proposal, so if Selectman Bernie finds a deal that's acceptable, he can sign the documents on behalf of the town. Chair Varney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sanborn, all in favor, none opposed.

**Nicole Hoyt, Tax Collector/Co-Administrator:** Mrs. Hoyt had no updates at this time.

**New Business:**

**Ray Fisher, Fire Chief:** Chief Fisher says they want to plant a Christmas tree at the traffic circle, but wants to know where it should be planted. Director Hardy will find out first who owns the land.

**MOTION:** Chair Varney made a motion to leave the public meeting at 5:15pm. Seconded by Mr. Davis, all in favor, none opposed.

**MOTION:** To enter Non-Public Session held under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) made by Selectman Varney. Seconded by Selectman Sanborn, all in favor, none opposed.

**MOTION:** To exit Non-Public Session held under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) made by Selectman Varney. Seconded by Selectman Davis, all in favor, none opposed.

**MOTION:** To seal the Non-Public Session held under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) made by Selectman Varney. Seconded by Selectman Sanborn, all in favor, none opposed.

**MOTION:** To adjourn made by Selectman Varney. Seconded by Selectman Sanborn, all in favor, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

**\*For unedited minutes please refer to The Town of Boscawen's Website**

*Respectfully submitted by Linda Chandonnet*