

Boscawen Selectmen's Regular Session
Final Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2015
Approved July 1, 2015

Present: Craig Saltmarsh, Roger Sanborn, Bernie Davis, Alan Hardy, Nicole Hoyt, Kellee Easler, Pam Hardy, Michelle Brochu, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, John Keegan and Leslie Palmer

Selectman Sanborn opened the Bid Opening for the sale of 50 Jackson St at 4:00 PM.

Selectman Sanborn opened the bids; one qualifying bid in the amount of \$50,500 was received. The business check submitted will be replaced by a certified check upon acceptance.

Board Action: Selectman Davis moved to approve the qualified bid of \$50,500 in the sale of 50 Jackson St. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Board Action: Selectman Davis made a motion that the buyer will pay for the cost of disposal of the building's contents at Wheelabrator. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Chairman Saltmarsh opened the meeting at 4:35 PM.

Co-Administrator Nicole Hoyt reported that the Town received one qualified bid of \$50,500 in the sale of 50 Jackson St. The Town has received \$119,500 in sales of tax deeded property this year. Chairman Saltmarsh acknowledged the hard work of Co-Administrators Nicole Hoyt and Alan Hardy in making the 50 Jackson St. sale a reality.

Acceptance of Minutes – June 10, 2015 Public Session:

Board Action: Chairman Saltmarsh moved to accept the June 10th public minutes as amended. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Town Clerk Michelle Brochu presented the Dog Warrant for Board signature.

Police Chief Kevin Wyman discussed the Police Department's response to a report of a possible stolen vehicle at Elmwood Motor Lodge on June 24th. The vehicle in question was in fact stolen and Police took two people into custody. Because of the motel's close proximity to the Summer Park Program, Chief Wyman asked that the program be put into a modified lockdown as a precaution. Parents and guardians received a letter of explanation; Chief Wyman provided the Board with a copy to review. An explanation of the event will also be posted on the Town website. Following a discussion of park evacuation procedures, Chief Wyman indicated he would contact the Emergency Management Director to complete work on the evacuation program.

Action Item: Chief Wyman will contact Emergency Management Director Shawn Brechtel to complete work on the Town's evacuation program of Jamie Welch Park.

Planning and Community Development Assistant Kellee Easler presented for Board signature Avitar Associates' recommendation to retain another attorney for the Fairpoint Litigation case. The Town's current attorney concurs with Avitar's recommendation; it would be cost prohibitive not to switch to the attorney recommended to the towns that Avitar represents. Co-Administrator

Hardy researched the issue and found that other Avitar towns are following the recommendation as well. The Board concurred.

Assistant Easler also presented a Timber cut for Board signature and a ZBA Appeal for the Selectmen to review.

The Board approved the request of the Old Home Day Committee to hold Cow Patty Bingo in a shady area at Jamie Welch Park and line dancing on the tennis courts during Old Home Day.

John Keegan, Chairman of the Agricultural Commission, met with Selectmen to discuss the results of the Community Kitchen Feasibility Study. He provided the Board with the background of the project including the grant money awarded and the consultants tasked with performing the study. The results indicated that it is not economically feasible to create a kitchen in Boscawen but there is an underutilized kitchen in Warner that has potential. The consultants found that education is key; farmers do not know of the current kitchens available. The Agricultural Commission hopes to take the valuable research gathered in the study and engage with local organizations to make the farm to table connection to improve the food system locally and statewide. The Board thanked Mr. Keegan for his presentation and the hard work of the Commission.

Co-Administrator Hardy presented a \$1,400 change order for the Forest Lane Drainage Improvement Project for Board signature. He reported that Public Works Director Dean Hollins will pin the grates after the project is complete. Final paving is expected within the next couple of weeks.

Co-Administrator Hoyt presented a letter she drafted to a resident outlining the rules of the Summer Park Program for Board review.

Co-Administrator Hardy reported that there is currently no tenant in the commercial property at 29 N Main St. He also reported that the hot water heater at the Town Hall is broken. Selectman Davis will meet with a plumber on Thursday, June 25th to discuss repairs to bring the work up to code. Energy efficient gas and electric options will be reviewed. During the repair, the Town Hall will not be available for rent. Co-Administrator Hardy recommended offering the option of using the Town Office Conference Room to the Red Cross for their Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 30th.

Action Item: Co-Administrator Hoyt will contact the Red Cross to see if they would like to use the conference room for the June 30th blood drive.

Co-Administrator Hoyt asked for Board approval of a \$.25 increase per hour for the Summer Park Program Counselors as approved during budget talks. The Board approved the increase.

Board Action: Selectman Sanborn moved to increase the hourly pay of Summer Park Program Counselors by \$.25 an hour. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Co-Administrator Hoyt brought forward a possible donation list on behalf of Ted Houston who recommended that the Town charge \$50 for use of the Town Hall which would then serve as a contribution to a charitable organization of the renter's choice.

The Board approved a donation of \$25.25 to the Summer Park Program.

Board Action: Chairman Saltmarsh moved to accept a donation of \$25.25 to the Summer Park Program. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

The first Parks and Recreation Summer Concert will take place this Thursday evening, June 25th with a performance by Paul Gormley.

Town Accountant Pam Hardy reported that checks have been disbursed for insurance buyouts.

Fire Chief Ray Fisher reported that TDS will be installing fiber optics at the Fire Department on Monday, June 29th. Comcast will be contacted to cancel service and return equipment.

Action Item: Co-Administrator Hardy will contact Comcast to cancel service and return equipment when Chief Fisher lets Alan know the installation is complete.

There was no public comment.

At 5:50 PM, Selectman Sanborn requested to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 IIc to discuss a welfare case and Selectman Davis seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

A motion was made by Selectman Davis to come out of Non-Public Session at 6:08 PM and Chairman Saltmarsh seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Board Action: A motion was made by Chairman Saltmarsh to seal the non-public minutes for one year and Selectman Sanborn seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

At 6:10 PM, Chairman Saltmarsh requested to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to discuss a personnel matter and Bernie Davis seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

A motion was made by Roger Sanborn to come out of Non-Public Session at 6:25 PM and Bernie Davis seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Board Action: A motion was made by Roger Sanborn to seal the non-public minutes and Bernie Davis seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

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Board Action: A motion was made by Roger Sanborn to seal the non-public minutes and Bernie Davis seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

At 6:35 PM, Bernie Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Roger Sanborn. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Leslie M. Palmer