

Boscawen Selectmen's Regular Session
Final Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2015
Approved June 3, 2015

Present: Craig Saltmarsh, Roger Sanborn, Bernie Davis, Alan Hardy, Kellee Easler, Pam Hardy, Kevin Wyman, Dean Hollins, Ray Fisher and Leslie Palmer

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

The Town only received one bid in the amount of \$45,000 from Bill Heinz. The bid also contained some provisions including a request to allow use of the Transfer Station free of charge in order to remove the contents of the house. Co-Administrator Alan Hardy stated that the one bid received did not qualify as the minimum bid was set at \$60,000.

Selectman Sanborn closed the Hearing at 4:10 PM

Craig Saltmarsh opened the regular meeting at 4:30 PM.

Fire Warden Ray Fisher reported that there were seven plus brush fires and that on an average the same seven fire fighters responded.

Human Services Director Leslie Palmer reported that Human Services activity has slowed down. Most requests are for rental assistance; the need for utility assistance has dropped with warmer weather.

Public Works Director Dean Hollins reported that work on the porch at Dorval house began this week.

Co-Administrator Hardy discussed with the Board the signage related to the Rail Trail. He explained that the State approved the installation of Rail Trail signs on Commercial St. The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail installed signs which lead residents in the direction of the Rail Trail. However, the State also requires that destination signs showing designated parking be installed for the Rail Trail. Following a discussion on parking on River Rd, the Board decide to hold off on allowing parking on River Rd until the Rail Trail is extended to Hannah Dustin.

Board Action: Chairman Saltmarsh moved to hold off on allowing parking on River Rd for the Rail Trail until the Rail Trail is extended to the Hannah Dustin. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Co-Administrator Hardy also discussed the Water Precinct's policy regarding new construction. If a cut across a road is necessary to tie into the water lines, the contractor is held responsible for restoring the resulting ditch to the Precinct's specifications. Director Hollins will also inspect the road to approve the work. Co-Administrator Hardy and Director Hollins learned of the new policy as a result of responding to numerous complaints regarding a ditch created during the construction process of a new home in Town.

Town Accountant Pam Hardy reported that tax payments have started to come in for the first half of 2015.

Assistant Palmer brought forward a message to Selectmen from Shirley Whitcher who reported that David Whitcher will not be putting up flags this year. Many were taken down or turned in. She is hopeful that someone else will be able to do it. Also, Nancy Towle called to say that David Whitcher will not be mowing the grass at the traffic lights this year. She asked that the Town find someone dependable to do the mowing or she will not plant and maintain the flowers. Assistant Palmer also brought forward a question from a resident concerning leash laws in the Town. Police Chief Kevin Wyman confirmed that there is no leash law in Town. The resident expressed concern over the increasing number of loose dogs throughout Town lately. Loose dogs have approached her as she walked her leashed dogs, posing a threat to her and her dogs. Town Clerk Michelle Brochu offered to post information on the Town website and write an article for the Newsvine reminding residents to control their dogs. The Board agreed that would be helpful.

Primex has recommended, from a liability standpoint, that the Board of Selectmen review and update the Town's agreement with the Boscawen Congregational Church and have Town counsel review it.

Being no further new business, Chairman Saltmarsh asked for public comment. Gail Egounis, as a member of the Budget Committee, asked for a more detailed budget report than the summary she received. Discussion followed as the level of detail the Board would like to release when responding the inquiries for information.

Action Item: Co-Administrator Hardy will prepare a more detailed budget report to be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

At 5:03 PM, Selectman Sanborn requested to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 IIC to discuss two legal issues and Chairman Saltmarsh seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

A motion was made by Selectman Davis to come out of Non-Public Session at 5:20 PM and Chairman Saltmarsh seconded. All in favor, the motion was approved.

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

At 5:21 PM, Selectman Davis moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Saltmarsh. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Leslie M. Palmer