

Boscawen Selectman's Regular Session
Final Meeting Minutes • April 15, 2015
Approved April 29, 2015

Present: Craig Saltmarsh, Roger Sanborn, Nicole Hoyt, Alan Hardy, Kellee Easler, Pam Hardy, Michelle Brochu, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, Bruce Crawford, Jack Shields and Leslie Palmer

Chairman Saltmarsh opened the meeting at 4:32 PM.

Bruce Crawford and Jack Shields, representing the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail met with the Board to discuss parking as it related to the Rail Trail. One idea brought forward was to create some additional parking spaces on River Rd. Following discussion, it was decided not to pursue this as it is problematic to have snowmobiles down by Crete's farm and it would create a disturbance for neighbors in the area as noted by Selectman Sanborn. It was recommended instead to concentrate parking down at Hannah Dustin. Mark Piontowski has been asked if he would provide gravel to create 4 or 5 parking spots; he is willing to participate if his concerns regarding liability and vandalism are alleviated. Co-Administrator Alan Hardy asked if the Town would like to advertise parking at Jamie Welch Park for access for the Rail Trail. He pointed out that All States Asphalt continues to be supportive of recreational parking in their lot as long as there are no problems. Mr. Crawford suggested the installation of "No Parking" signs at the path that the Cretes use to access the corn fields. Also the Board supported the installation of a Rail Trail parking sign at Depot St.

Action Item: Co-Administrator Hardy will contact NH DOT to remove the "No Thru Traffic" sign at Depot St now that the Bridge has been removed and will also discuss the possibility of installing a Rail Trail parking sign.

Clean up at the Hannah Dustin monument was also discussed. Co-Administrator Hardy indicated that a small group will continue to work on it.

Action Item: Co-Administrator Hardy will contact Unitol regarding the clean-up of trees that they dropped at the park.

Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2015 Public Session:

Board Action: Selectman Sanborn moved to approve the April 1st public minutes as amended. Chairman Saltmarsh seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2015 Non-Public Session:

Board Action: Selectman Sanborn moved to approve the April 1st non-public minutes as written. Chairman Saltmarsh seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Police Chief Kevin Wyman reported on a recent arrest in which the suspect head butted the Police Cruiser and dented it. The suspect has been charged with Criminal Mischief and will be required to reimburse the Town for damages.

Town Clerk Michelle Brochu reported that she met with Jonathan Parker from Recharged Solutions to continue work on the new Town Website. The Boscawen Community Facebook page continues to be updated as well.

Town Accountant Pam Hardy noted that the latest monthly electric bill for all Town buildings was \$1,215 compared to the previous bill of \$4,654 as a result of contracting with Agera Energy. The Board thanked Co-Administrator Hardy for recommending the contract with Agera.

The vacant Library Director position is being split between two part time library employees and is working out well.

Co-Administrator Nicole Hoyt reported that the 2nd quarter sewer bills will be going out soon. She brought forward a request for a sewer abatement from a resident whose water bill was entirely abated. Following discussion with the Board, it was decided that the sewer bill should be calculated based on past typical usage instead. Co-Administrator Hoyt will bring back a figure next week.

Paul Gendron will be conducting a perambulation of the Concord/Boscawen town line and will be in touch soon to see if someone from Boscawen would like to accompany him. Chairman Saltmarsh indicated he may be able to go out.

Action Item: Co-Administrator Hoyt will contact Unitil to let them know that the Town is ready to have the light fixtures removed from the poles in which the lights have been turned off.

Co-Administrator Hoyt brought forward a letter from the NH DOT outlining where rumble strips will be installed along Rt.4. Representatives from NH DOT have offered to speak with the Board to answer any questions.

Selectman Sanborn noted that the crosswalks in Town are in need of repainting and recommended that they be painted in a similar fashion to those in Warner.

Planning and Community Development Assistant presented the Board with several documents for signature: a denial for a disability exemption (the Town does not grant disability exemptions), a denial for an elderly exemption (the resident is over the income limit), an intent to cut, a veteran's exemption and an abatement. She also presented a recommendation from Avitar to release a current use designation and not charge a land use change tax, as the current use was approved in error back in 1991. The Board concurred with the recommendation.

The Planning Board approved the California Fields 38 Unit Condominium Complex development with construction expected to begin within the year. The project will be ADA

compliant and will also comply with the Town's outdoor lighting and road construction ordinances.

Co-Administrator Alan Hardy met with Water Precinct Commissioners last week regarding water bills for Town owned properties. The Town has agreed to pay the past due balances on two properties and the Precinct has forgiven several large bills.

The Public Works department has cleaned up the fields at Jamie Welch Park and teams will begin playing on Sunday.

The Merrimack Valley Little League will be cleaning up the Church Park this Saturday.

The Town owned property at 7 Merrill Corner will be sold by sealed bid as approved by the Board.

Board Action: Chairman Saltmarsh moved to authorize the sale of 7 Merrill Corner by sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$37,000 to cover costs. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Board Action: Selectman Sanborn moved to authorize the payment of a \$5,000 deposit to be paid by cash or bank check from the winning bidder in the sale of 7 Merrill Corner. Chairman Saltmarsh seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Co-Administrator Hardy brought forward a request from Rhoda Hardy to have the Town make a \$50 donation to Gundalow Company in memory of Jeff Taylor. The Board approved the request.

Board Action: Selectman Sanborn moved to donate \$50 to Gundalow Company in memory of Jeff Taylor. Chairman Saltmarsh seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

State Representative Caroletta Alicea provided the Board with information regarding State aid to municipalities; Boscawen stands to lose a large portion as a result of proposed budget reductions. She urged Selectmen to write a letters to the Governor and Legislators expressing concern with the downshifting of costs to the Town. She also provided updates on House Bills related to the noticing of Planning and Zoning meetings. Representative Alicia also reported that she will not seek re-election as a Merrimack Valley School Board member next year.

At 6:25 PM, Selectman Sanborn moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Davis. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie M. Palmer