

Boscawen Selectman's Regular Session
Final Meeting Minutes • April 1, 2015
Approved April 15, 2015

Present: Craig Saltmarsh, Roger Sanborn, Bernie Davis, Nicole Hoyt, Alan Hardy, Kellee Easler, Pam Hardy, Michelle Brochu, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, Mike Fisher, Christian Chandler and Leslie Palmer

Chairman Saltmarsh opened the meeting at 4:37 PM.

Christian Chandler met with the Board to discuss the Bandstand which is nearing completion. He still needs to install tie downs, but the project is otherwise complete. He will soon be going before the Eagle Scout Board for review. He thanked everyone who supported the project through donations and construction help. He indicated that he would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in early May featuring the Merrimack Valley Jazz Band and Select Chorus. He will coordinate the date with Administrative Assistant Leslie Palmer. The Board remarked that the Bandstand look great and thanked Mr. Chandler for his hard work.

Approval of Minutes: March 25, 2015 Public Session:

Board Action: Chairman Saltmarsh moved to approve the March 25th public minutes as written. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2015 Non-Public Session:

Board Action: Selectman Sanborn moved to approve the March 4th non-public minutes as written. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes: March 31, 2015 Non-Public Session:

Board Action: Selectman Sanborn moved to approve the March 31st public minutes as written. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Assistant Palmer brought forward a request from a non-resident to use the Town Hall free of charge for a luncheon following an internment at the Veteran's Cemetery. The Board approved the request and further clarified that the Town Hall should be free of charge for any one requesting use of the space following a Veteran's Cemetery service, based on availability. The Board recommended letting the Veteran's Cemetery know that the Town Hall is available.

Action Item: Co-Administrator Nicole Hoyt and Assistant Palmer will draft a letter to be sent to the Veteran's Cemetery informing them that the Boscawen Town Hall is available free of charge following Veteran's Cemetery services.

Co-Administrator Hoyt asked Selectmen if they would like to continue with the items on the agenda or if they would like to take comment from the public. Chairman Saltmarsh asked for public comment.

Fire Chief Ray Fisher and Fire Captain Mike Fisher addressed the Board asking for clarification on the Town's policies related to Medical Leave and Administrative Leave. Chairman Saltmarsh indicated that the discussion as it relates to Chief Fisher would be better handled in a Non-Public Session. Co-Administrator Alan Hardy clarified that RSA 91-A:3 IIa allows for an employee to discuss matters in a Public Session should the employee choose to do so. Chief Fisher indicated that he would like to continue speaking in the Public Session. Following further discussion regarding leave policies, Captain Fisher remarked that it he would like to see all employees treated equally as is relates to leaves of absence.

Chairman Saltmarsh called for a brief Board recess to sign administrative paperwork at 5:15 PM and reopened the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Public Works Director Dean Hollins asked the Board for approval to purchase a new Liberty dump truck. The cost will be approximately \$133,000; he is waiting for pricing of available options.

Board Action: Selectman Davis moved to authorize Director Hollins to purchase a new Liberty dump truck for approximately \$133,000. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Police Chief Kevin Wyman reported that the new police cruiser is ready and he will pick it up tomorrow, April 3rd.

Board Action: Chairman Saltmarsh moved to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to transfer \$26,596.00 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for the following expenditure: \$26,596.00 to Irwin Automotive Group. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Planning and Community Development Assistant Kellee Easler presented a Conservation Appointment, an abatement and two excavation permits for Board signature. Co-Administrator Hardy provided some background on one the companies seeking an excavation permit. The Town is working the company in question to bring it into compliance. In the meantime, the company can operate according to the terms of the 2009 permit; excavation cannot begin until May 1st.

Assistant Easler reported that the Boscawen Congregational Church is filing for an exemption for the Parsonage and that an abatement appeal will go through their attorney.

Co-Administrator Hardy discussed with the Board the terms of a recently approved barn preservation easement. According to the terms, the owner is supposed to relocate a sign on the

property by April 1st. Because the ground is still frozen, Co-Administrator Hardy asked for Board approval for a 60 day extension on moving the sign. The Board approved the request.

Board Action: Selectman Sanborn moved to approve a 60 day extension on the sign relocation as required by the barn preservation easement. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Co-Administrator Hardy reported that he will bring forward a 2nd barn preservation easement for consideration at next week's Board meeting.

Co-Administrator Hoyt reported that nineteen impending deed notices were sent to property owners last week. Selectmen were provided a list of properties. She also presented, for Board signature, an abatement for interest paid on 2012 back taxes per an agreement dated April, 2012.

Selectmen signed a letter written by Chairman Saltmarsh to Governor Hassan related to funding of education in New Hampshire. The letter, asking for the state to "provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs", was written in response to the passage of Warrant Article #20 at Town Meeting.

Co-Administrator Hoyt presented an appointment letter for the Acting Fire Chief for Board signature.

Water bills related to Town owned properties were reviewed. Co-Administrator Hardy will discuss them further at the next week's Water Precinct meeting. He recommended paying the water bills for fire protection.

Co-Administrator Hoyt reported that Cybertron will install the VPN connection for the Town Clerk next Tuesday.

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

Respectfully submitted by Leslie M. Palmer