

Boscawen Selectman's Regular Session
Final Meeting Minutes • March 18, 2015
Approved March 25, 2015

Present: Roger Sanborn, Bernie Davis, Nicole Hoyt, Alan Hardy, Kellee Easler, Pam Hardy, Michelle Brochu, Dean Hollins, Ray Fisher, Kevin Wyman, Charlie Niebling, Bill Murphy and Leslie Palmer

Selectman Sanborn opened the meeting at 4:32 PM.

Fire Chief Ray Fisher reported that all vehicles have been inspected. Both Public Works Director Dean Hollins and Police Chief Kevin Wyman indicated that they are still in the process of completing vehicle inspections in their departments.

Human Services Director Leslie Palmer provided the Board with information regarding the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides jobs for low-income people aged 55 or older by placing them in non-profit or municipal positions. No action has yet been taken on a request to place a Boscawen resident in a Town position through the program. Director Palmer expressed concern with the ability to keep the work arrangement confidential as required by the program and also questioned whether a criminal background would preclude a resident from working for the Town. Chief Wyman indicated that it would depend on the offense. The Program conducts a standard background check, but the Town would be responsible for a criminal background check.

Town Accountant Pam Hardy reported that paychecks reflecting retro-pay and new pay rates will go out to employees this week.

Planning and Community Development Assistant Kellee Easler presented the Board with a tax exemption request from Riverbend Community Mental Health relative to Mill House.

Moderator Charlie Niebling and Assistant Moderator Bill Murphy met with the Board to discuss the recent Town Election. Moderator Niebling expressed his interest in changing the polling hours of the Town Election, recommending that the polls close at 6:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM so that Town Meeting can begin earlier in the evening. Town Clerk Michelle Brochu confirmed that polling hours can be changed with Board approval for the Town Election only. Moderator Niebling also asked if the Town Report could be available a bit earlier to residents prior to Town Meeting. Planning and Community Development Director Alan Hardy suggested that the Town release a digital version of the report as that becomes available 10 days in advance of the hard copy. Town Clerk Brochu indicated that newly elected officials can come in to the office at their convenience to be sworn in this year but that the Moderator will be able to swear everyone in at the Town Meeting next year. Both Selectman Davis and Town Clerk Brochu were sworn in by Moderator Niebling at today's Board Meeting.

Director Hardy reported that he received a call regarding the status of Chadwick Hill Rd. Director Hollins confirmed that the Town maintains the road down to the dry hydrant. He also

indicated that a class six road needs to serve as an emergency lane in order for the Town to legally maintain it.

Director Hardy and Assistant Easler continue to meet with the representative of the property at 29 N Main St to discuss complaints related to business conducted at that property. A set of operating rules has been created with the property owner's input which includes fines and penalties paid by the property owner for non-compliance.

Director Hardy reported that the new computer server for the Police Station has been ordered. He also presented a financial consultant agreement for Board approval. An outside contractor was recommended as a resource for the Town Accountant outside of the Town Auditors and Town Treasurer. The Board will discuss the agreement further next week when Chairman Saltmarsh has returned.

The closing on the sale of 80 Queen St will take place tomorrow, March 19th. Director Hardy and Tax Collector Nicole Hoyt are working on the sale of the remaining Town owned properties.

At 6:13 PM, Selectman Sanborn moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Davis. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie M. Palmer