

Boscawen Selectman's Regular Session  
Final Meeting Minutes • February 11, 2015  
Approved February 25, 2015

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

Chairman Saltmarsh opened the meeting at 4:37 PM.

Tax Collector Nicole Hoyt presented two sewer abatements for Board signature.

Selectman Sanborn asked if the Water Precinct had cleared the snow away from all of the hydrants. Both Fire Chief Ray Fisher and Public Works Director Dean Hollins indicated that most have been done. Chairman Saltmarsh asked if there is a law against plowing snow against a fire hydrant. Police Chief Kevin Wyman reported that RSA 236:21 states "Any person who shall purposely or knowingly put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow, ice or other debris which covers a fire hydrant so as to make it inaccessible for immediate use in the event of a fire, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. For the purpose of this section "person" excludes agents of the state or any political subdivision engaged in the operation of snow removal from the traveled portion of any class of highway or the adjacent sidewalk." In addition to referencing this RSA in the Selectmen's Minutes, Chairman Saltmarsh plans to publish it in the Newsvine also and asked if there is anything else he should include. Director Hollins mentioned that is also illegal to plow snow across a street. Chief Fisher noted that residents should check to make sure vents are not covered by snow. Planning and Community Development Director Alan Hardy indicated that he has received handouts from the Fire Marshall's office; he will provide copies to Chairman Saltmarsh as well as to Acting Town Clerk Michelle Brochu for inclusion on the Town website.

Planning and Community Development Assistant Kellee Easler presented a Land Use Change Tax for Board signature.

Director Hardy reported that the Planning Board voted in support of proposed Warrant Article #5, "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend the Zoning Map to change the parcel known as Map 83, Lot 8, Sublot 1, from the Commercial District to the Residential – Medium Density District, (R-2)?" The Board of Selectmen moved to also recommend this Article at last week's Selectmen's meeting if the Planning Board approved it.

Director Hardy reported that the Town has entered into a two year contract with Agera Energy for electricity to Town buildings which will stabilize price and save the Town a substantial amount of money. When preparing the 2015 Town Budget, it was expected that electric rates would increase by 80%; that figure has dropped to 30% with this two year contract. Chairman Saltmarsh and Selectman Sanborn congratulated Director Hardy for securing this agreement.

**Board Action:** Selectman Sanborn moved to authorize Planning and Community Development Director Alan Hardy to sign a two year agreement between Agera Energy and the Town of Boscawen for electricity at a rate of 0.090110 per KWH. Chairman Saltmarsh seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Director Hardy reported that there has been offer to purchase Town owned property at 80 Queen St.; the Board approved the sale.

**Board Action:** Chairman Saltmarsh moved to approve the sale of 80 Queen St. and authorize the Chair to sign the document on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Sanborn seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Chief Wyman reported that there has been another accident involving a Police Cruiser and that Primex has been notified of the damage. He also mentioned that he received a call from the FCC warning him that the Radio Town Channel was due to expire yesterday (Tuesday). He was able to renew it prior to the expiration but never received notice that it was due. Director Hardy indicated that the renewal most likely emailed to former Town Administrator, which would explain why he didn't see it. Chief Fisher also noted that Tower Licenses were last updated when the former Administrator was here but didn't know where things were at currently. Discussion followed as the use of [info@TownofBoscawen.org](mailto:info@TownofBoscawen.org) to capture such notifications.

Chief Fisher reported that TDS fiber optic cable has not yet been installed at the Fire Station.

**Action Plan: Chief Fisher will contact TDS about the installation of fiber optics at the Fire Department.**

Director Hollins reported that representatives from California Fields will be meeting with Selectmen at next week's Board meeting to discuss sewer connection fees related to a construction project on Commercial St. Administrator Hoyt noted that it may be helpful to have Underwood Engineers at the meeting as well to get their opinion on sewer connection fees.

**Action Plan: Director Hardy will contact Underwood Engineers about next week's Board meeting.**

Director Hollins also discussed recent pot hole complaint calls.

Acting Town Clerk Michelle Brochu reported on progress on the updates to the Town website; she will have more information for next week's meeting.

Director Hardy reported that Hansen-Fox replaced the expansion tank at the Town Office today. They have replaced many parts of the heating system with more energy efficient ones and will continue to make energy improvements as part of their two year contract.

At 5:15 PM, Selectman Sanborn moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Saltmarsh. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Leslie M. Palmer*