

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 5:00pm

In attendance: Mark Varney, Edward Cherian, Roger Sanborn, Katie Phelps, Jason Killary, Tim Kenney, Dean Hollins, Kellee Easler, Alan Hardy, Nicole Hoyt, and Sarah Gerlack.

Chairman Mark Varney opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 5:00pm and a moment of silence.

Selectman Edward Cherian made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Chairman Mark Varney seconded. All in favor.

Scheduled Speaker

Andrew Locke from Briar /Essex Hydro was asked by Town Administrator Alan Hardy to come in to speak to the Board today regarding SB159 and HB365. Last year the Senate Bill passed through the Senate and then was vetoed by the Governor. The house bill and the senate bill are similar to each other concerning raising the net energy metering cap. This year while preparing the bill they used different language to increase its chances of approval. Andrew asked the Board if the Town would be willing to support the bill by drafting a letter of support. The letter of support would need to be sent out by Tuesday March 18th.

Selectmen Roger Sanborn made a motion to have Alan Hardy draft a letter to the Senate and the Governor in support of HB365. Chairman Mark Varney seconded. All in Favor.

From the audience Newly Elected Selectwoman Lorrie Carey offered assistance with contacts she has at the state to help with the passing of the bill.

Finance and Human Resource Director Katie Phelps brought the updated bank signature cards with the change in Selectmen. Katie has proposed to switch employees Town used credit cards from Citizens Bank to Franklin Saving's Bank. Katie believes it will be beneficial to use a bank that is local.

Selectman Roger Sanborn made a motion to change town used credit cards from Citizens bank to Franklin Saving's bank. Chairman Mark Varney seconded. All in favor.

Police Chief Kevin Wyman reported that they received a call from the Washington Street School to remove a student that was threatening a teacher. The Police Department and the State Police both responded due to the student being a resident of Boscawen.

Fire Chief Tim Kenney mentioned that he received confirmation that he has been accepted in to ICS 400 class that was required.

Public Works Director Dean Hollins mentioned that he had a new employee start this week. He has started trained at the transfer station and will be start training in the highway department. Dean let he Board know that they have doing repairs on equipment and had to order a few parts.

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Tax Collect/Town Clerk Nicole Hoyt wanted thank everyone who made elections run smoothly.

Planning and Community Development Director Kellee Easler let the Board know that she received a data collection program packet from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission for the study of traffic in Boscawen. Kellee will email the packet to the Board tomorrow for review. And if the Board wants a particular area to be study they should get back to Kellee. Dean mentioned that DOT will place a tracker upon request to gage the traffic in an area.

Kellee mentioned that they have had many complaints about a sheep problem on Queen Street.

Town Administrator Alan Hardy let the Board know that the bid for the roof work will be posted on the website and in the Concord Monitor for the next 4 days.

Alan wanted to let the Board know that Liberty Utilities was working in a nearby project when they discovered that there was a gas leak at the Torrent station. Upon further investigation it was discovered that the leak was coming from the service connection to the furnace for Torrent. Alan said Huckleberry was called and for the time being the furnace is turned off. Mark asked of this would affect the model T and there seems to be no concern with the weather in the next few days, Penacook Rescue did offer a bay at the station if needed.

Alan mentioned that there will be preservation work on the Bridge on Commercial Street and Tremont Street. They would like to come in late April to do a public hearing with the Board of Selectmen and Department Heads. Alan mentioned that they will post it as soon as they have a date. They will be discussing the detours that will be implemented with the bridge preservation projects.

New Business

Chairman Mark Varney wanted to thank everyone for the work at elections and wanted to say that less than 5% of Boscawen registered voters attend the Town Meeting.

Selectman Edward Cherian would like to defer electing a chairman to next week's meeting when Lorrie Carey joins the Board.

Mark would like to address some concerns that he has received concerning the Transfer Station. And possible illegal dumping. Mark mentioned that there is a resident that is willing to volunteer on Saturdays to check for dump stickers on vehicles. Dean mentioned that they have numerous people that come through and have a paper permit for the use of the transfer station. Dean said that he welcomes anytime who wants to volunteer as long as they have a positive attitude with the residents coming to the station.

Ed would like to address the Town Hall cleaning. Last weekend when the Old Home Day Committee held bingo they found the Town Hall a mess. Ed asked if there was a policy in place for cleaning and Administrative Assistant Sarah Gerlack mentioned that anytime renting the facility receives a check list on what they are responsible to do before they leave. The Board has asked

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Sarah and Alan to come up with a system to check on the Town Hall after every party and organization that uses it to insure that they are following the clean list.

Mark wanted to remind everyone about the meeting on March 21st at 5:30 pm, with Canterbury and Salisbury Selectmen and their Public Safety personnel.

Barbara Randall, Chair of the Planning Board presented the Board with a new application for Planning Board for Mark Varney. The Board asked Barbara to come to the Board meeting next Wednesday with another member of the Planning Board to make a recommendation for the applicant.

Town Moderator Charlie Niebling wanted to address the Board concerning Town election polling hours. Charlie is suggesting to run the polls from 7a-6pm and have Town meeting start at 7pm. This will give the election officials time to finalize the ballots and be able to arrive at Town Meeting on time. The Board asked if there was a way to have more than one person check in registered voters at town meeting. Nicole replied with that yes there will be for the next town meeting and that there was some confusion on what still needed to be finalized after the polls closed.

Mike Fisher from the audience wanted to speak to the Board and mention that there have been several occasion's over the last few months that there have been things said about Ray Fisher from either the fire department or the Select Board about the relationship with fellow fire fighter. Mike would like to state that at the retirement party at the fire station there were roughly 500 people that showed up to thank him and also the meeting last Monday at the station had the biggest turn out for attendance.

Chairman Mark Varney would like to thank the staff for the three years that he has worked on the Board and to mention that it was mostly fun mixed in with hard work.

Selectmen Edward Cherian would like to thank Mark for the 16 months that he has been on the Board with him. There have been some ups and downs and changes in staff and it will be great with Lorrie Carey too.

Selectmen Roger Sanborn mentioned that a lot of people may not realize how much behind the scenes work he did for the community and that he has enjoyed harassing him for the last few years and that it will be great with Lorrie too.

Selectmen Roger Sanborn made a motion to approve nonpublic #1 from 03/06/19. Selectmen Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor

Selectmen Roger Sanborn made a motion to approve nonpublic #2 from 03/06/19. Chairman Mark Varney. All in favor

Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 6:40pm. Selectman

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Edward Cherian second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.