

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
Thursday, October 03, 2019 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Edward Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Kellee Easler, Katie Phelps, Kevin Wyman and Dean Hollins.

Chairman Cherian opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00pm and a moment of silence.

Chairman Cherian asked to take the Appointment letter for Planning Board off the agenda for further discussion.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to accept the consent agenda as amended. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor

Barbra Randall, Paul Dickey, Mark Varney and Planning Board applicant Fred Reagan came to speak to the Board today. Randall expressed to the Board that they all agree that Reagan would be a wonderful addition to the PB. Randall mentions several qualifications Reagan has that qualify him for the PB which includes his background in construction and his ability to read and review site plans.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to appoint Fred Reagan to the Planning Board. Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor

Emergency Management Director Varney wanted to let the Board know that he spoke with Bruce Crawford from the Penacook Boscawen Water Precinct about purchasing one of their trucks for Emergency Management. Varney's recommendation to the Board is to offer the Precinct \$3,500.00. Carey mentions to put the offer in writing and present it to the Precinct for their upcoming meeting. Varney also mentioned that he is working on a proposal for the engineering for the generator project for the municipal building.

Chairman Cherian gave an update on CIP. Cherian mentioned that Chief Kenney may be able to purchase a vehicle from a grant.

Cherian mentioned that in 2021 Boscawen will receive a onetime aid from the state for approximately \$600,000.00 and suggested to invest it for future projects.

Police Chief Wyman mentioned that there was a car fire that seems to be connected to several incidents in surrounding towns and is under investigation. The Police Department also responded to a distracted driver accident on King Street which resulted in the telephone pole needing to be replaced.

Public Works Director Hollins mentioned that they are finishing up vehicle inspections. One of the trucks has rust on the frame and it is recommended to be replaced in the next two years. Hollins mentioned that they will have to replace an older truck that may not make it through the winter and has money in his CIP for next year to replace it.

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Selectwoman Carey mentioned that she has reached out to a graduate from Merrimack Valley who is an architect to see if he would donate his time for the bridge kiosk project.

Budget Committee Chair Randall spoke with the Board about Susan Croft joining the Budget Committee. Randall presented the Board with her application. Croft has many qualifications for the committee as well as having a background in accounting. It is the recommendation of the budget committee member Paul Dickey to recommend Croft to be a member of the committee.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to appoint Susan Croft as a member of the Budget Committee. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.

Barbara mentioned that Susan will be the seventh member of the committee followed by committee members, Barbara Randall, Paul Dickey, Bruce Crawford, Sherlene Fisher, Rhoda Hardy and Brian Fleury.

Human Resource and Finance Director Phelps has an update on the Community Calendar for the Towns website. Phelps has worked with the website creator to add the calendar to the website and spoke with Administrative Assistant Gerlack and will have an email set up for the community calendar inquires.

Phelps updated the Board on the City of Concord Sewer Service update. The Town underpaid for fiscal year 2019, the remainder of the amount owed is \$19,952.88 and the Town's new payment will be \$37,728.00 quarterly. The question was whether we set the rate high enough as the Town did not go as high as recommended due to in the last couple years the Town received a refund for overpayment. Phelps will follow up with Underwood.

Selectwoman Carey gave an update for the Brownfields grant. Carey mentioned she reached out to an architect to get an idea of what the mill area could look like if the area was cleaned up. One option would be create a community energy plan which could use alternative energy from Briar Hydro and solar panels on the buildings to generate energy. Another opportunity would to create a public park with an interpretive walking path and bike path to the northern rail trail and the Hannah Dustin monument which could include Native American history. There is interest in town is to create a dog park that could be included within the proposed community park by the river. Back in 2009-2013 CIP, it was planned to have a town community center which could be in the mill buildings. The community center concept was never followed up on. Within the mill buildings, incubator office space could be created for small business as well as a microbrewery and restaurant with a deck looking over the water. An educational area with a kiosk telling the story of the history of the mill space and the wild life in the area could be created within the building. The for-profit use of the buildings could be Micro apartments that could be used for any age and very affordable. Carey went on to give a history about the mills that used to be on Commercial Street and how many jobs it created for the area.

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Chairman Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic non-public RSA 91-A: 31 II (c). Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to come out of nonpublic non-public RSA 91-A: 31 II (c). Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:30pm. Selectmen Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.