

Town of Boscawen
Board of Selectmen
Boscawen Municipal Complex
Final Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 2018 at 5:00pm

Present: Mark Varney, Edward Cherian, Roger Sanborn, Katie Phelps, Kevin Wyman, Ray Fisher, Dean Hollins, Michelle Brochu, 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.

Barbara Randall from the Planning Board came to clarify to the Board and the public about an applicant that has applied for a spot on the Planning Board. She has concerns about the applicant on his views and wording on his application. Using words like “Careful towards commercial” and “Generous towards residential”. When hoping to join a planning board those words don’t mesh and that continues to be her concern. Mark Varney wanted to make sure that it is on record and asked Barbara if she was influenced by anyone on this Select Board. Barbara stated that she only reached out to Mark to verify the new policy which does included being reviewed by two Planning Board members and two Select Board members.

Chief Richard Oberman and Shawn Brechtel from Penacook Rescue Squad, (PRS) were asked to come by tonight and address the Board regarding concerns that had been brought up at the last meeting pertaining to Penacook Rescue and their staffing. The first question was, “Does Penacook Rescue contact Concord Fire when they do not have staff for a shift.” One of the nights in question where Chief Oberman was on vacation Concord Fire was not aware. Reason stated was that it was a late shift change. PRS does contact Concord Fire and let them know that they will not be staffed for a shift. There is not a policy in place nor has there been a concern to do so prior to this. Per Concord policy they will still tone PRS first because it is the primary department. For the month of March there are a total of 124 shifts and only one shift is open as of tonight. A shift is for 24 hours. Chief Fisher requested to have Fire Alarm know when PRS is short on staff so they tone. In the past Chief Oberman said that they have done that and on the re-tone they have toned Concord but they will initially tone Penacook regardless. Either way there would still be a delay in response same as if Penacook was coming from Concord Hospital or the far side of another town. There is no direct response for the Town of Boscawen. If the Town is concerned with a delay in response they will have to look at the entire system and how they are providing immediate care to the residents. If that means having the policy respond to start first aid or CPR for when there is a gap or delay. Mark mentioned after Town Meeting to have that conversation with The Fire Chief and deputy’s, PRS, Canterbury and Salisbury about how to go forward and plan for the future. The days of high numbers of volunteers have diminished and the call volume has increased drastically over the past few years. Lieutenant Tim Kenney addressed the Board regarding looking into various options. He stated that Concord Fire runs with three trucks and there currently in need four for their normal day to day. They are behind on their own calls never mind adding more to them. Concord does over 8,500 calls a year that is 23 calls a day. 700 calls to Boscawen and Penacook made in 2017. Concord had 269 calls last year that they could not answer with an ambulance. Last summer they asked for a fourth ambulance just to get the City up to a capability where they could meet their calls for last year. Tim added that, PRS has a great history in the Town of taking care of its residents and he and others feel a bit blindsided by the news of the Town meeting with Concord Fire, however he is

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happy that we will all be moving forward and working together with all the leadership of these organizations after Town Meeting. “It takes leadership to solve these problems and the system itself is not keeping up with the times.” Chairman Varney wants to clarify for the record so as to not have rumors floating around, that he asked Co-Administrator Alan Hardy to set up a meeting with the city. Chairman Varney also stated that he agrees with Lieutenant Kenney that PRS has done great job for the residents of Boscawen. The point is that during the budget season the Towns portion has gone up from \$60,000.00 to \$90,000.00 and we have already been told that it could go up another \$30,000.00 next year. All we are doing is doing research for the residents of the Town. The Board thanks PRS and Lieutenant Kenney for coming in to share their concerns.

MOTION- Selectman Edward Cherian made a motion to approve meeting minutes from the special meeting from 2/28/2018. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

MOTION- Selectman Roger Sanborn made a motion to approve public meeting minutes from 2/28/2018. Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

MOTION- Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to approve nonpublic minute’s #2 and 3 from 2/28/2018. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Co-Administration Nicole Hoyt asked to table nonpublic #1 for further clarification discussed in a nonpublic session.

Katie Phelps, Finance – Katie handed out the January Treasurers report to the Board. Kellee and Cheryl have been working with Paula Dill on getting acclimated with the treasurer’s duties. Katie has been getting the retro pay spread sheet done. The retro pay will be going out in the March 23 pay check. It will go from January 1st – March 18th New pay rates will start on March 19.

Kevin Wyman, Police- Officer Chislett responded to a 911 call on 2/28/2018 at 1am to an individual that had life threatening injuries. Penacook Rescue Squad arrived and did a tourniquet since the individual was bleeding heavily from their injuries. Investigation is ongoing. Officer John Adinolfo put in his resignation today he has been offered a supervisor job in another town.

Ray Fisher, Fire- The fire truck is working great from the rebuilt pump. Ray has talked to Bernie Davis about the UTV and it is going to be painted red.

Michelle Brochu, Town Clerk- Michelle stated that the accuvote ballot machine has been tested today and everything works great and we are ready for elections. Chairman Mark Varney wanted to take the time to thank Michelle for her years as the Town Clerk as this is her last Board meeting with us.

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Kellee Easler, Assessing - Kellee has presented the Board with a Veterans credit and Timber Tax warrant for signature. Update on the Health officer issues. There has been a cleanup of a property they have been working. Life safety officer Fisher and Health officer Kellee went to another property this week and had some question whether it was a rooming house or not. Katie is in the process of doing a new cash policy, if there is money that is coming in it needs to be sent up to Katie.

Alan Hardy, Administration – Concord Coed Softball League contacted us on the use of the larger field at The Boscawen Park. Alan said that there will be some planning involved with scheduling and will ask for the schedules from the organizations currently using the fields. We have two ongoing projects, the wiring for the board room and the electrical work on the field is going underground. The Baseball League wants to start clean up on the field as soon as they can.

Alan would also like to discuss 24 - Trauma. We have a bill from a recent incident from the Police Department and the bill is for \$450.00. We did not build the expense into the budget for this year. We will take it from the Safety account. Going forward we will build it into Emergency Management

MOTION- Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to grant Concord Coed Softball league use of the larger field. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Nicole Hoyt, Administration – Nicole presented a maintenance agreement from Formax for the industrial shredder. Originally the budget was for \$400.00. The agreement is slightly over budget at \$440.00 for the year and Nicole is seeking approval to sign the maintenance agreement.

MOTION- Selectman Edward Cherian made a motion to accept the maintenance agreement for \$440.00 from Formax. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

Nicole presented the Board with the impending deed list that will be effective as of March 19. Nicole has given Deputy tax collector Sarah access to the Invoice Cloud and online kiosk. Nicole received a letter from a homeowner of a vacant property seeking of property tax and sewer tax relief due to medical issues.

MOTION- Chairman Mark Varney made a motion of a one-time abatement for the homeowner's sewer tax bill. With no action on the other request. Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

New business

Resident Neil Prive came to speak to the Board and the Town and thank them for their tolerance of 1 Corn Hill Rd. He wants to apologize to Kellee, Alan and the Police Department for his actions and disturbance. In effort to bring good back to the Town he has started cleanup of his property. In his cleanup Neil found a check written out by Robert Rolfe and presented it to the Town.

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MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 6:10pm. Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Selectman Edward Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). Chairman Mark Varney Seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to come out of nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) and go into nonpublic RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). Selectman Roger Sanborn seconded. All in favor.

MOTION- Chairman Mark Varney made a motion to come out of RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) and seal all nonpublic minutes. Selectman Edward Cherian seconded. All in favor.

MOTION – Selectman Roger Sanborn made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:10pm. Chairman Mark Varney seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack