

**Town of Boscawen**  
**Select Board**  
Final Minutes  
Thursday August 27, 2020 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Paul Dickey, Alan Hardy, Katie Phelps, Kellee Easler, Tama Tillman, Gary Tillman, Dean Hollins, Kevin Wyman, Mike Fisher, Nicole Hoyt, Mark Varney, Penny Sarcione and Haley Dilts-Brown.

This meeting is being held under a Declaration of Emergency by the Governor and by the Board. Under RSA 91-A: 2, III (b) the requirement of a physical quorum is waived and this meeting is being held entirely remotely, and is being recorded.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.**

Public Works Hollins wanted to let the Board know that the trash compactor has been repaired and that the parts and repair cost \$5,200.00. He received a email from Grappone the new pick up is off to have a snow plow to be put on, within a week or two the new pick up will be ready.

Deputy Fire Chief Fisher updated the Board that a representative from fire apparatus will have a presentation on a mini pump being held on Wednesday, September 2nd.

Planning and Community Development Director presented the Board with a MS-1 and PA7 Intent to Cut 81B 43 for signatures. She let the Board know that evaluations went up \$4,819,591.00 from 2019. Also, Avitar has ceased interior inspections for the remainder of 2020 and will start back up in 2021.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Hoyt updated the Board about elections, she will send them a copy of the attorney general checklist and what to look for. Her and Charlie plan to meet tomorrow to finish counting ballots. Hoyt stated that she has attended every election webinar and has acquired new information at each session. She expressed that there has been 203 absentee ballots requested and 164 have been returned. Hoyt will make arrangements to allow anyone who wants to hand deliver a ballot in person they would need to make an appointment with herself or her Deputy Dilts-Brown. Cherian asked if there were protocols set in place for anyone who is not able or refuses to wear a mask. Hoyt explained that there will be outside voting space and process in place.

Human Resource and Finance Director Phelps let the Board know that she has been working on the Gopher and Fema Grant submissions.

Police Chief Wyman let the Board know that they are trying to plan a safe and social distance Halloween party.

Emergency Management Director Varney updated the Board about the COVID 19 cases.

Town Administrator Hardy brought up the discussion about opening the Town Hall. There was conversation about purchasing a sanitizing sprayer and who would be in charge of sanitizing the space after each gathering. Carey asked for Varney's recommendation. Varney does not

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recommend opening the Town Hall at this time. There was discussion about flex opening the Town Hall and charging a cleaning fee. Hardy will draft a phase one of reopening the Town Hall.

Hardy spoke about the life vest river safety program. The Board likes the idea, but feels that these life vest would come at a high cost and possibly not returned after each use or there could be a liability of the Town.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler updated the Board about the 2020 CIP. Met with department heads today and finalized any additions. The chart has been updated and will be sent out tomorrow to the Planning Board and posted on the website.

Hardy announced that budget season will be starting up soon and they are looking for more budget committee members.

There was discussion about political signs on Town property. The Board suggested at the route 3 & 4 split there should be a sign saying no signs beyond this point.

There was discussion about PPE storage and purchasing a trailer. The Board recommended to rent a storage box.

Hardy let the Board know that NH DOT plans to add another project.

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Selectwoman Carey seconded. All in favor.**

**Selectwoman Carey made a motion to come out of nonpublic. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.**

**Selectwoman Carey made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A:3, II(l). Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to seal nonpublic RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Selectwomen Carey seconded. All in favor.**

**Chairman Cherian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Haley Dilts-Brown