

Town of Boscawen
Select Board
Final Minutes
Thursday April 30, 2020 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Paul Dickey, Alan Hardy, Katie Phelps, Kellee Easler, Kevin Wyman, Dean Hollins, Tim Kenney, Mark Varney, Sarah Gerlack, Kiersten O'Brien, Barbara Randall and John Keegan.

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.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to approve the consent agenda with noted changes to the minutes. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Town Administrator Hardy presented the Board with the revised minutes from April 9th 2020 meeting minutes for approval.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to approve revised meeting minutes from April 9th 2020. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Emergency Management Director Varney gave an update on COVID-19. Boscawen is holding tight in the 1-4 positive case category.

Varney asked the Board about funds that have been expended from the EMD budget due to COVID-19 related items. Varney wanted the Board to clarify what budget the funds would be taken from. Discussion ensued and the COVID-19 related expenses would come from contingency. It is expected to get a partial reimbursement from the state on those items, it is still unclear on how much and when Municipalities will receive a reimbursement. The Board asked for Varney to bring them any request for the use of contingency prior for approval.

Selectwoman Carey questioned if the Town should be checking temperatures of employees before coming on for their shift. At this time it is not a precaution the Town feels it needs to take.

Town Administrator Hardy mentioned that Librarian Bonny John and the Library staff have been making improvements in the Library during the shutdown. This will allow residents to visit the library and maintain social distancing when they are able to re-open to the public. The library will continued to be closed until further notice.

Hardy mentioned that he was contacted by the little league baseball and they were inquiring about using the Jamie Welch Field potentially for practice. Discussion ensued and the Board does not believe that it is safe to use the field at this time due to the Stay at Home order in place.

Hardy reported that the Park is seeing quite a bit of activity now that the weather is getting better. Public Works Director Hollins mentioned that they worked at the park for a full day and most all of the traffic was pedestrians using the rail trail. It was suggested to tape off the playground since it is not regularly sanitized. It was decided that it would be nearly impossible to enforce it, but could post

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signs stating that the park is not regularly sanitized. Hollins mentioned that the Porta John and water would be installed at the park at this point in the year, the Board agreed with Hollins that it would not be sanitary to do either at this point.

Summer Parks and Recreation Director Sarcione came to the meeting to discuss the Summer Parks and Recreation Program. Sarcione mentioned that the committee has not had a chance to meet during the pandemic. The Board mentioned that at this time of uncertainty and the guidelines the Governor proposes to open at minimum capacity and what regulations will need to be met, the summer program will be canceled for the 2020 summer season.

Selectman Dickey made a motion to cancel the summer program for the 2020 summer season. Chairman Cherian seconded. All in favor.

The Board has directed Sarcione to let the staff of the program know.

The summer concert series may be virtual this year.

Hardy mentioned that the Boscawen Elementary School has requested to use impact fee money for capital improvements to improve their sound system for the hearing impaired. The impact fee funds is money that already exists and is available for capital improvements as authorized by the Select Board.

The Board would like to speak with Old Home Day on May 15th, to discuss Old Home Day.

The Board would like to invite John Keegan to the next meeting to discuss the Circle Committee become a standalone committee.

Fire Chief Kenney mentioned that the Fire Department has been doing birthday request drive by's for children in the community having birthdays during the stay at home order.

Kenney would like to make a recommendation to the Board to renew the term of the Deputy Fire Chief Mark Bailey.

Chairman Cherian made a motion to renew Deputy Fire Chief Mark Bailey's term for one year. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Human Resource and Finance Director Phelps mentioned the Town received the Highway Block Grant in the sum of \$17,929.43, last year it was \$17,511.86.

Public Works Director Hollins mentioned that Public Works cut down trees down at Boscawen Park, Jamie Welch Field. Hollins let the Board know that they started to accept recycling again and the residents are just dropping off and moving along, respecting the social distancing order. Selectman Dickey mentioned to Hollins of a possible misuse of the transfer station and Hollins mentioned it

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was an ongoing issue.

Selectman Dickey asked Police Chief Wyman if they could add more patrol to the areas of town that have been victim to the burn outs lately. Wyman mentioned that they are aware of the incidents and know what cars they are and encourages anyone who sees it happening to call the police right away so they can catch the person.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. Selectman Dickey seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gerlack.