

**Town of Boscawen  
Select Board  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at 6:00 PM**

In Attendance: Lorrie Carey, Matthew Burdick, Alan Hardy, Kate Merrill, Dean Hollins, Sarah Gerlack, Katie Phelps, Kellee Easler, Chief Tim Kenney, Kearsten O'Brien, Chief Kevin Wyman, Barbara Randall & Mike Tardiff

Chairwoman Lorrie Carey opened the public meeting at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll Call:** completed and guests introduced.

**Selectman Matthew Burdick motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Chairwoman Carey. All in favor. None opposed.**

**New Business:** Mr. Mike Tardiff, Executive Director at Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Tardiff has been working with Boscawen's Economic Development Committee and is here to provide information on RSA 79-E. The statute is designed to help people make investments in a designated part of town. It requires an affirmative Town meeting vote and provides a break on property tax via business profit tax. The idea is to allow someone to make large investments on the public out-facing part of an existing building and apply for a break in the valuation for a period of 1 to 5 years. This statute would make it easier for people to make investments on King St. and the Village District. The Select Board would decide on the period of valuation after reviewing the investments. It results in the improvement in physical infrastructure on King St. Mr. Tardiff has taken a part in bringing the statute to Town Meeting in the past but some of the public didn't understand what it was because it doesn't apply to residents outside of a designated areas. Mr. Tardiff and the Economic Development Committee are willing to help with outreach and have information to provide to residents. Mr. Tardiff is asking the Select Board to accept moving forward with RSA 79-E. Chairwoman Carey has seen communities nearby using this program. For example, Franklin offers a 5-year decreased valuation with a 2-year extension for people who are close to being successful but aren't quite there. Mr. Eric Chinburg at the Odd Fellows building has taken advantage of the program as well. Chairwoman Carey thinks it's a great way to clean up the areas and provide something useful to the community. Mr. Tardiff said it takes administration and there is a process with an application involved. They need to follow necessary steps first, but it is a nice tool for the public to make an investment in the target area. There are also a variety of reasons someone will make an investment and it will help them in the process. Selectman Burdick asked about the downside to the statute. Mr. Tardiff said some of the public doesn't know why it doesn't apply to them and it is because they aren't in a target area. Chairwoman Carey said they can explain to the public that if property values goes up, taxes go down. It is about investing in your community. Mr. Tardiff said if the Select Board accepts moving forward with the statute, they will help with the drafting of the warrant article and community outreach. They would help to make sure the public, and the zoning district residents understand what the statute is about. Chairwoman Carey asked Mr. Tardiff to make a fact sheet to put on the Town website.

**Selectman Burdick motioned to allow the Economic Development Committee to move forward with proposing RSA 79-E at the upcoming March 2022 Town Meeting. Seconded by Chairwoman Carey. All in favor. None opposed.**

Finance Director Phelps reviewed and updated tax revenues yesterday with the Department of Revenue Administration. The MS-434 is complete and the preliminary tax rate for 2021 is \$29.10 per thousand. FD Phelps showed a chart with the last 4 years of data and a breakdown of tax rates. The current 2020 tax rate is \$26.79. At this year's Town meeting, the Town voted on Article VI, to Contribute to the Capital Reserve Funds in the amount of \$253,200 from the December 31, 2020 Unassigned Fund Balance. That added with the Contingency amount of \$33,000 voted was a total of \$286,200 used from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This leaves less fund balance available to reduce the tax rate. FD Phelps said one option would be to take \$249,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to reduce taxes and commit \$33,000 for overlay. They would be at 8% fund balance retained which is the maximum amount they can take out and stay in compliance with the Fund Balance Policy. This brings the municipal portion of the tax rate to \$9.27 and the total tax rate at \$28.38. There are 4 additional options listed on the chart with overlay remaining at \$33,000 for each option. The difference is there is less taken from the Unassigned Fund Balance to reduce taxes. The maximum amount they can take is \$249,000 to be at the 8%. Chairwoman Carey asked about the increase in Veteran's credits because they expected the impact to be around \$40,000. Planning and Community Development Director Kellee Easler said in 2019 the Veteran's tax credits were \$29,050. In 2020, they were \$79,750, increasing about \$50,700. It was higher than anticipated and this year it increased to \$88,500, surpassing what they anticipated. PCD Director Easler said in 2019, solar exemptions were \$392,400 and went up to \$427,200 in 2020. This year they went up to \$529,800 because there are a lot of solar exemptions due to reinstating the exemption. Chairwoman Carey asked what is coming that may be required for use of the fund balance. FD Phelps said a major catastrophic event could be covered using the fund balance. Town Administrator Alan Hardy said that the fund balance is essentially the town's cash on hand. Their one concern is the 8% retainage because they know they can deal with cash flow fluctuations if the unassigned fund balance is held at 8%. The Town collects tax revenue twice a year and other fees like car registrations throughout the year. If they drop below the 8% then there is a chance that the Select Board may have to apply for tax anticipation notes to pay the town's bills. If they do execute tax anticipation notes, they will have to pay interest on those tax anticipation notes. TA Hardy recommended not to fund the Capital Reserves for another year from the Unassigned Fund Balance. It would put the Town in a better position at this time next year if the Unassigned Fund Balance were higher because the Select Board could decide to assign more dollars to tax relief. FD Phelps stated that the tax rate hasn't been steady and that each year the rate fluctuates too much. This can create difficulty for mortgage companies and homeowners that escrow. Chairwoman Carey said it would be nice for residents to have consistency. TA Hardy recommended keeping the overlay around \$30,000 as they don't see potential for large abatements at this time. Deputy Tax Collector Sarah Gerlack said they will be sending tax bills out next week.

**Selectman Burdick motioned to set the tax rate at \$28.38 per thousand and to use \$249,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to reduce Taxes and set overlay at \$33,000. Seconded by Chairwoman Carey. All in favor. None opposed.**

**Department Head Updates:** FD Phelps received the 2022 Primex Rates for Workers Compensation, Property & Liability and Unemployment. The 2022 Workers' Compensation contribution is \$21,694 less a payment holiday of \$8,292.34 for a 2022 budget amount of \$13,401.66. The 2022 Property & Liability contribution is \$49,544 – an overall 9% increase over 2021. There is a payment holiday of \$10,523.69 for a 2022 budget amount of \$39,020.31. The 2022 Unemployment contribution is \$1,476 with a payment holiday of \$1,186.66 for a 2022 budget amount of \$289.34. The payment holidays help offset the 2022 contributions.

Chairwoman Carey said since a member of the Economic Development Committee is present, they should explain that an abatement for a business to use water is possible with an application process. The Economic Development Committee will review the process and vote on it at their next meeting.

TA Hardy said Facilities Director Gary Moore discussed upgrading the backup generator so it can handle the entire facility at 116 North Main Street. As of now, the police station would operate but not the Municipal Building. The battery backup devices help for about 30 minutes; long enough to shut the computers down. Then they lose the ability to communicate through the phone system because the servers will shut down. FD Moore is asking the Select Board if they will prepare a separate warrant article to propose to the Town to upgrade the backup generator for 116 North Main Street. Mr. Mark Varney, the previous EMD, had secured a grant for a portion of the funding in the past. TA Hardy will have FD Moore do research on the grant and if they can still apply for it. TA Hardy said it would make the most sense to proceed with the modifications proposed in 2020 by Yeaton Associates, Inc. Chairwoman Carey asked roughly how much it would cost. TA Hardy said that depending on which proposal is quoted. Right now, FD Moore is just looking to have approval to refresh the numbers. They don't want to start the process if there is no confidence in the project proceeding. Chairwoman Carey thinks they should refresh the numbers and look for grants to apply for. Selectman Burdick said they should see what the public thinks of the proposal. TA Hardy said it is the Town's decision on whether they want to fund the new backup generator. The consequence down the road could be if something happens, then the discussion has taken place. Selectman Burdick asked if something happened if it would be covered under ARPA funds. It could be covered under emergency infrastructure. Chairwoman Carey said some grants allow matches of other money, but the question would be if they allow these two sums of money to match each other. FD Phelps doesn't think you can use federal dollars to match federal dollars. There may be a limitation, but they will start researching.

TA Hardy said the generator expenses for the police and fire department are currently in the executive budget. TA Hardy asked if the Select Board wanted to continue with the expenses where they are or move them to the Facilities budget. Chairwoman Carey said it should be in each department where they exist. TA Hardy said they should make the change now before the new budgets are proposed. There will be a new town-owned facility segment of the budget that is being created. The fire department and public works departments already carry almost 100% of their expenses. Right now, it shows as town buildings as part of the executive budget. They will move the generator expenses to the facility budget.

TA Hardy presented the Select Board with a Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the Town of Boscawen and Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. This is the beginning of the Commercial Street cleanup process. Mr. Tardiff said there are several steps in the process, but the Town has received grants over the last few years for this project. Last year, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission did not receive the grant, but they have high hopes to get it again this year. There are a fair number of steps to take in the EPA process. Mr. Tardiff and the new Brownfield's Advisory Committee would help with the process of selecting the Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) and make recommendations to the Select Board. They can narrow down their list to five professionals so that the process is transparent. There is also a public outreach process that would be provided through the grant. CNHRPC would invoice based upon their work each month. The QEP and the cleanup consultant would pass it to EPA through the ASAP federal payment system. TA Hardy said that EPA recognized using CNHRPC for this role because it is our planning commission and already has knowledge about the project as they helped us apply for the grant. We are not required to find a competitive bidder to CNHRPC. TA Hardy said that Mr. Tardiff put together the LOA and it was vetted by the Town's legal counsel and deferred by Primex. The total fee is not to exceed \$24,000 over a three-year period.

**Selectman Burdick motioned to accept the Letter of Agreement between the Town of Boscawen and the Central NH Regional Planning Commission for the Allied Tannery Site Cleanup Grant Assistance. Seconded by Chairwoman Carey. All in favor. None opposed.**

TA Hardy said that the Brownfield's Advisory Committee will be made up of the following people who will make the proposals to the Select Board. PCD Director Easler put together a list of people to reach out to. The Brownfield's Advisory Committee will include Fred Reagan, Lorrie Carey, Mason Donovan, Tim Kenney, and Kellee Easler. Alan Hardy, Katie Phelps, Mike Tardiff and Matt Monahan will assist. The Committee will oversee the selection process of the QEP and making recommendations to the Select Board. People that need to be appointed will be at the next meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Tax Collector Gerlack spoke on behalf of Tax Collector Nicole Hoyt. TC Hoyt was able to work on the fourth quarter sewer warrant, however, she was unable to do the warrant due to an account with an extremely high bill. She talked with Pennichuck, and they will investigate the bill tomorrow. DTC Gerlack is asking for the Select Board to make a motion to authorize the Tax Collector to print out the fourth quarter sewer bills once that account is corrected. The warrant will be in the next weeks consent agenda. Chairwoman Carey asked if Selectman Burdick would be available tomorrow to review once the account is corrected. DTC Gerlack said they don't want to hold up the process due to the one issue. The Select Board will come into the office tomorrow around 3pm and look at the warrant. The Select Board will tentatively approve pending a visual inspection of the warrant.

**Chairwoman Carey tentatively motioned to accept authorizing the Tax Collector to print out the fourth quarter sewer bills once the account is corrected, pending a visual inspection of the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Burdick. All in favor. None opposed.**

PWD Hollins applied for and was awarded a grant for their recycling container. They can now put their box up for service. The fence quote they are working on for the park will bounce around because no one is willing to lock down the price. They trimmed up the whole area so that people can look at it to take measurements. In the winter, the park is gated with a chain, PVC pipe, and reflective tape by the basketball courts.

PWD Hollins showed the Select Board a letter from the Water Precinct regarding Dave Caron's project across the street from Gage Street. The last line on the letter they gave him read "a delivery of a set of engineered plans for the project including the directional boring, valve meter installation on Gage St, and the flushing of a hydrant at the rear of their project." It appears that the Precinct wants the meter pit on Gage St., not across N. Main St. on his property. PWD Hollins read it as they want it installed on Town, State, or private property. They don't think the State will approve and won't get it on private property. They haven't received any clarification on why they want this change. PWD Hollins said in regular practice, you don't put a meter pit on private property. Chairwoman Carey said Gage St. is a town road so they would need to consult with the Town before making that decision. PWD Hollins asked where they should go back with this information. Chairwoman Carey suggested going back to the precinct and say due process requires if they wish to put a precinct device on Town property that you consult with the Town of Boscawen. Chairwoman Carey suggested asking why their engineer thinks it should go on Gage St. PWD Hollins doesn't think it has to do with their engineer after talking with the Commissioners. PWD Hollins will reach out to the Commissioners for clarification. TA Hardy suggested asking having the precinct engineer sign the procedure. As part of the package, the Town normally reviews easements. Chairwoman Carey will look at Gage St. to see where everything is and determine if there is a reason for it. There should have been more communication between the precinct and the Town. Chairwoman Carey would like to know why and where they are installing the valve and who would be responsible for it if it's on a Town road. Someone would have to agree to the easement. Chairwoman Carey would like to see if they could expedite this process because it isn't the fault of the developer.

Chief Kevin Wyman said K9 Saint had his first drug find the other day, so they were excited. The dog did an article search looking for articles not in the car. The person had a history of drug use. The dog was securing the suspect in the back of the car and bolted and started biting at the back door of the car. They figured it was an indication that something was in the car. They seized the car and did a search warrant yesterday. They pulled all the articles out of the car and K9 Saint sniffed out the brief case that was filled with meth.

Chief Tim Kenney met with Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) on Tuesday to go over the agreement and make sure both parties had covered everything needed. MRI is getting ready to close out the final report. They have provided the department with a lot more information. The process has been very good, and MRI has been pleasant to deal with. Chief Kenney is looking for advice on their forestry pickup truck that is 20 years old. Last year in the CIP, he asked for \$19,000 and it got cut. This year they intended to ask for a warrant article for the full amount. He got a quote for \$57,000. It would be a single cab, diesel pickup and custom order with rubber floors. It would take 6 to 8 months to get it. Right now, until November 6<sup>th</sup>, it is \$57,000 with a \$7,600 municipal discount. If they wait to do the truck until March, they think the price would be significantly higher. They wouldn't have the money now, but the savings would be beneficial.

They have CIP money for fire engine, and it is considered a fire engine, type 1. There is \$210,000 in that saving towards a replacement truck in 2029. There is also \$5,400 in a forestry budget line. FD Phelps asked if they could lease the truck for a period and then buy it. Chief Kenney isn't sure if they offer it. PWD Hollins said they used to always lease all the vehicles and then buy it for a \$1 at the end of the term. Most municipal leases let you return the vehicle if you can't fund it down the road. Chief Kenney will check on the leasing option versus what they would save with the municipal discount. PWD Hollins said the price of vehicles are probably going up next year. TA Hardy said in their discussion over the buildings with DRA, they said they shouldn't be creating capital reserves to buy a 'fire truck' but create reserves for broader uses. DRA recommended to the extent they can evolve those capital reserves; the Town should do it. TA Hardy said the purchase of the equipment would have to go to Town meeting. The statute already does not allow a Select Board to encumber it. If the dollars from the forestry line of the budget could be used for the lease, it would cover the first year. PWD Hollins said they could enter their first year on the lease using Capital Reserves. Chief Kenney said they will have money left over at the end of the year. Chairwoman Carey suggested using left over money towards the truck. Chief Kenney said everything, but the salary line would be open money for spending. Usually there is \$30,000 to \$50,000 left over. The Select Board would have to approve the use of money. The Fire Prevention program has been running all week at the schools. Mr. Adam Egounis has been to the school four time this week. They will be doing the fire truck rides next week.

Deputy PCD Director O'Brien reminded everyone that Joint Loss meets Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The Hazard Mitigation meeting will follow at 1:30pm. If anyone hasn't completed the survey, please complete it for the meeting in addition to filling out the excel sheet. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien resent the excel sheet and will resend the survey as well.

TA Hardy said the manufactured home at 7 Baker St. no longer exists so they will move to the next steps. The contractor finished up over there and started doing work on the front walkway at the Town Municipal building. They also started working on the physical change to the boxes including space for the post office boxes. All three boxes will be out of the walkway itself.

TA Hardy said there was a question on CDBG administrative costs. All administrative costs such as legal ads, can be reimbursed. There is a process in which they can put labor costs. They would have to track it and provide information. Once the process is in place, they could use it for any similar CDBG grants. Chairwoman Carey was thought it could be as high as \$2,000. TA Hardy said at this point they don't have a number that high for reimbursement.

TA Hardy would like to bring the 1913 Library guidance back from counsel on the possible sale. It will be a lot more complicated than anticipated. They do not have nor have they found that the Town approved the ability to sell Town property without the action of the Town Meeting. TA Hardy said that there is a process to do it that can go before the Town Meeting in 2022. The change in the reverter clause, is with charitable trust. If there is approval to sell it, it would come from the Director of Charitable Trust through probate court. The Town would have some work to do in advance to put the money to a charitable use that is like what the original donor intended. Before they start the process, they must figure out what the intent is. They changed the statute, so they no longer must strike the reverter clause. Chairwoman Carey asked if they could achieve a

dual purpose of putting that building into taxable use again and using the proceeds of the sale of the building to do improvements in the Town. TA Hardy said the Library Director has asked if they could do something to replace the windows in the current library. TA Hardy said there could be things like that in which they could use it for. Chairwoman Carey said they could make restrictions in terms of who purchased it or the use of it. TA Hardy said the Director of Charitable Trust would be involved in the process. He will bring the documentation from Town Counsel to next week's meeting.

**Ex-Officio Committee Update:** Chairwoman Carey said the biggest discussion in the Economic Development Committee meeting this week was bringing RSA 79-E to the Select Board for acceptance to move forward in discussing it at Town meeting. They also discussed the abatement issue regarding a local restaurant. They also talked about hosting a Developer's Day. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said they talked about solar, and they created a chart for what is the village district and what could potentially be done in the village district. They are trying to encourage businesses along King St and in the Village District. Chairwoman Carey said a challenge in Boscawen is that they have minimal commercial properties. In terms of broadening the tax base and providing relief for taxpayers, the Town needs more of a commercial base. They lost some commercial property this year after converting part of Main St. into residential development. Chairwoman Carey said they need to focus on strengthening their commercial base, with Commercial St as an opportunity in the future. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said it falls under the EZ District tax incentive for State. If there is a business along there, the business gets a tax break on their business profit tax.

Selectman Burdick said the Conservation Commission met Tuesday and started talking about the discussion of pump house at Walker Pond. Mr. Mark Kaplan was going to check it out but now they know the roof is caved in, so it won't be needed. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien will send the Conservation Commission the picture from PWD Hollins. They discussed revisiting the horsepower limit on Walker Pond. They want to figure out who set the limit and what power the Town has over it. PCD Director Easler said the State manages it. There is no State access to it, with an official landing. If the Town wanted to have it open to only Boscawen residents, they can do it. Selectman Burdick said there are a couple conservation easement reviews that the Commission is in the process of taking care of. The Town Forest has the hunting season signs up that the Commission requested. They also reviewed Hirst Marsh. PCD Director Easler said the Morrill Easement celebration is on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm. There will be invitations sent out to the Select Board and Conservation Commission. Brian Hotz, from Society of the Protection of NH Forests will come to the Select Board meeting that night to have them sign the easement.

**Old Business:** PWD Dean Hollins gave an update on Walker Pond. Staff has been talking about what they can do with the building. They discussed with TA Hardy and PCD Director Easler about the possibility of getting rid of the building and increasing parking. PWD Hollins got the keys and went into the building yesterday. The whole roof is inside the building. The basement is 12-feet deep and has water up to the first-floor level. There are padlocks on the doors. Dean would like to bring a generator and welder up to weld the door shut. This would protect the town from someone squatting in the building and potentially getting hurt.

Chairwoman Carey said Selectman Dickey sent an email with additional input for the Hours of Operation discussion as he was unable to attend the meeting. They feel they should discuss it again next week when all the Select Board members are present. DTC Gerlack noted that Town Clerk Nicole Hoyt isn't present either for the discussion. The Hours of Operation discussion will continue to October 28th.

Finance Director Katie Phelps sent the Select Board a list of concerns received from employees regarding the Health Insurance rates update. Last week a Select Board Member made a comment about the difference between the COLA and health insurance figures, so FA Merrill ran the numbers to present. Essentially the front graph shows what the COLA is versus the increase in health insurance. It does flatten out, so people aren't getting much of an increase. The second and third page shows FA Merrill's calculations. All ten of the red highlighted numbers show employees in which the health insurance increase is more than one of their paychecks. FA Merrill also has another page showing the net COLA with the lowest being .87%. Ten employees will have to use at least one paycheck to cover the difference and multiple will have to use at least two paychecks. Chairwoman Carey said last year they discussed with HR the disparity of employees who pay nothing for health insurance versus employees who pay for health insurance. It was advised that they be more equitable. That is why there was an adjustment for all insurance plans to have at least 5% responsibility for annual premiums. A survey was sent out to all employees regarding various plans, and it came back that the plan voted on last year was the most unanimously accepted among the employees. The Select Board knew they would take a hit by paying more for this plan but at the same time, employees were taking a hit as well. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said originally single plans were \$11 a week, two-person plans were \$20 a week, and a family plan was \$31 a week. Chairwoman Carey said the letters provided information and impact that they don't see on the executive side. Chairwoman Carey doesn't want to proceed with the discussion until all board members are present. Chairwoman Carey said one thing she took from the letters is that employees are seeking consistency and not having to worry from year to year how much premiums will increase. One letter explained that the individual's health insurance went up double what they were paying in. PWD Hollins said that the public work employees didn't realize letters were going out, but they voiced a consensus that they came here for insurance not the money. PWD Hollins has an Equipment laborer that could make more money anywhere. New hires at public work also voiced the general consensus as well. Some of them were hired knowing they didn't have to pay for a single plan which is a big thing to some people. Some municipalities are starting their pay rate way higher than Boscawen. Selectman Burdick asked if the public works employees were Boscawen residents. PWD Hollins said not all his employees are Boscawen residents but are residents in the surrounding areas. FA Merrill said there is also a chart with information on new employee costs for public works and the police department. Chief Wyman said it depends on certified versus uncertified candidates for salary costs. They push to hire certified personnel, but they will hire uncertified candidates knowing that it takes longer to train them. PWD Hollins heard the HealthTrust Return of Surplus was refunding \$37 million to municipalities. PWD Hollins would assume Boscawen would receive a decent refund amount. FD Phelps said they haven't received the Return of Surplus year but she will look into it. TA Hardy said it was difficult to understand the 5% increase in health insurance contributions for employees when the rates already dropped 8.1%. Chairwoman Carey said it was based on the reduction of claims, essentially the employees were cautious in their health care, so rates went down. Selectman Burdick said in the letters, it was brought up often



that people understand there would be a time when the balance needs to be adjusted. If it were to stay at 95% now with the 8.1% decrease in the overall cost, it would be the best for employees. Selectman Burdick asked what happens when it increases 10% and that's when employees get hit with the increase to their percentage on top of what the town gets. Selectman Burdick said at a lower rate they get a smaller portion compared to when you increase the overall cost of insurance. FA Merrill said from the employee's perspective, they understand that will happen one day and it will put a big burden on taxpayers but overall, their efficiency with claims reduced it so they don't understand why it's happening now when the town is paying less compared to the previous year. Employees understand in the future if it costs taxpayers a lot more, but they don't understand doing it now versus a year when it's more. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said typical businesses will try to keep the cost share about the same even if they have a 10% increase, to keep employee retention. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said it feels as if the employees got penalized this year for not putting in as many claims and helping contribute to the decrease in the insurance rate they currently have and then the Select Board to increase the insurance by a substantial amount for employees. Employees are also attending trainings and virtual shops to help keep insurance rates down. Chairwoman Carey said it certainly should be reviewed and discussed by all three of the Select Board members next week.

TA Hardy did research on the Town Pound. Mr. Charlie Niebling didn't feel that the cutout sheep worked well in the presentation they were putting together. Also, the Nieblings wouldn't be in favor of putting the cutout cow in there except for Mr. Houston saw the cow created and put in there. Mr. Niebling felt out of respect for Ted's family, the cow should stay. The only concern at the time was the Historical Society should have contacted the Town as the owner of the property. Chief Kenney said the pound was used for sheep. Josh Marshall researched that the Town raised sheep. It is historically correct. TA Hardy understands what caused the sheep to be created and the history of it. TA Hardy is just relaying Mr. Niebling concerns. Chairwoman Carey said they are offering to loan the cutout cows and sheep to display at the Town Pound and then remove and store until the following spring season. Chairwoman Carey suggested revisiting the discussion in the spring since it is already almost winter.

**Selectman Burdick motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Chairwoman Carey. All in favor. None Opposed.**

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Hannah Gardner*