

Town of Boscawen

Select Board

Final Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:00pm

In attendance: Ed Cherian, Lorrie Carey, Alan Hardy, Kellee Easler, Tama Tillman, Gary Tillman, Tim Kenney, Kevin Wyman, Kearsten O'Brien, Nicole Hoyt, Sarah Gerlack, Haley Dilts-Brown, Bridgett Beckwith, Michael Tardiff and Joy Gallien.

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 motioned to approve the consent agenda without the updated 2021 Safety Manual and authorize Town Administrator Hardy to use the Select Board signature stamp. Seconded by Selectwoman Carey. All in favor.

New Business:

Planning and Community Director Kellee Easler introduced Bridgett Beckwith to the Select Board. Ms. Beckwith informed the Select Board about the Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) and the application process. This is a tax credit that is funded through the State. The ERZ is a shape drawn around an area where the Town would like to stimulate Economic Development. This business tax credit are for projects that improve infrastructure and create jobs. It provides \$825,000 a year for tax credit to help recruit and retain business. Any one applicant could be eligible for up to \$240,000 in tax credit for a project. The process to establish a zone is up to the Town to decide what would be a good area to establish a zone. There is no cost or burden to the community because it is State funded. Once the ERZ is established the businesses have until February 10th every year to file their applications and allowed to apply multiple years. Chairman Cherian asked if businesses that currently exist in the Town eligible to receive the credit that are within the zones. Ms. Beckwith said yes as long as they are within the zoned area picked for the ERZ.

Selectwoman Carey motioned to move forward with the ERZ applications. Seconded by Chairman Cherian. All in favor.

Department Head Updates:

Emergency Management Director Varney gave the Select Board an update on COVID-19. EMD Varney said that 931 Health Care workers in the State of New Hampshire have received the COVID Vaccine thus far. 872 new cases in the State and 25 new deaths. The State is currently at a nine percent positivity rate.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler presented the Select Board with four Land Use Change Taxes. Chairman Cherian asked if they were all subdivisions. Planning and Community Development Director Easler said three of the lots were former subdivisions and now are currently being built on. The fourth Land Use Change Tax is because the property is now not a contiguous parcel with the other lots that have the same owner.

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Chairman Cherian motioned to approve the Land Use Change Taxes for Map 45 Lot 29 Sublot 15, Map 45 Lot 29 Sublot 16, Map 45 Lot 30 Sublot 21, and Map 49 Lot 10 and for Town Administrator Hardy to use the Select Board Signature Stamp. Seconded by Selectwoman Carey. All in favor.

Planning and Community Development Director Easler presented a Veteran's credit for approval and signature.

Selectwoman Carey made a motion to concur with Avitar's assessment and approve the Veteran's Credit and authorize Town Administrator Hardy to use the Select Board Signature Stamp. Seconded by Chairman Cherian. All in favor.

Town Administrator Hardy presented the Select Board with an abatement request for Map 79 Lot 94 Sublot T18B. The owner has passed and the mobile home park is looking to prepare the home for disposal. Selectwoman Carey asked if the Town would be responsible for the removal and clean up or are they just abating the taxes. Town Administrator Hardy said it would solely be for abating the taxes that were owed on the property.

Selectwoman Carey motioned to approve the abatement of \$651.00 for Map 79 Lot 94 Sublot T18B. Seconded by Chairman Cherian. All in favor.

Police Chief Kevin Wyman said the Police Department made it through the first storm of the winter. They helped many cars that were off the side of the road this morning.

Members of the Public:

Ms. Joy Gallien presented an issue with a car registration issue to the Select Board. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Selectwoman Carey adjourn. Seconded by Chairman Cherian. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kearsten O'Brien