

Town of Boscaawen  
Board of Selectmen Minutes - FINAL  
Monday, September 24, 2018 at 2pm

**Present: Ed Cherian – Member, Roger Sanborn – Member, Nicole Hoyt, Alan Hardy, Cheryl Mitchell, Phil Mitchell**

Ed Cherian stated that the purpose of the meeting was to address the scheduling problems last week and complaints received from the public. The residents need to have access to the services and members of the Town need to communicate. Had the communication been there we could have sat down and figured out how to make things work.

Cheryl Mitchell addressed the Board and read a letter.

“Board of Selectmen, please accept my resignation as Town Clerk effective immediately. It is with deep sadness that it’s come to this but I feel it is in the best interest of the Town residents that I submit my resignation. My health issues returned unexpectedly resulting in many missed days at the office. Unfortunately with the structure of the Town Clerk’s office the deputy was not always willing to fill in when needed to keep the office open. Again I stress the importance of having a deputy who is solely dedicated to the Town Clerk’s office like most other communities in NH. This has aided in my decision to resign because the added stress of wondering if the office will be open is not helping my current medical condition. I hope that the need for restructuring the downstairs duties has become evident. I also hope the town moves forward with the plans to become a one check town, accept credit cards and implement on-line registrations. I believe that will help the residents tremendously. I want to thank everyone who put their faith in me and elected me as Town Clerk in March. I apologize for any inconvenience my absence may have caused you. I truly enjoyed working as the Town Clerk and loved meeting many of the residents. But at this time, I feel my health needs to be my priority. Thank you.”

Ed Cherian said he’s sorry to hear that. Anyone who has ever dealt with an illness or an illness in their family and tried to do a job it’s hard. It’s been difficult for the office trying to fill in but nothing compared to what you’ve had to go through. Mr. Cherian asked Cheryl if she could help with the transition if able.

Roger Sanborn asked if Cheryl had considered taking a leave of absence. She said she doesn’t know what the future holds so if she steps out the Board can fill the position. Cheryl said the Town’s people deserve someone who can do the job and she can’t promise that she can do it. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cherian thanked Cheryl for her service and said she’s done a great job under difficult circumstances. Alan Hardy asked if the resignation could be published. Nicole Hoyt said she isn’t comfortable with that. Ed Cherian said it’s public in the record right now. Mr. Hardy asked if the Board could have an answer by Wednesday. The Board could accept it at that point. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Hoyt said she has never refused to do anything that Cheryl asked of her.

**Motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) made by Ed Cherian and seconded by Roger Sanborn. All in favor. Roll Call: Ed – Yes, Roger – Yes.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Phelps*