



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2017

**PRESENT:** TOM CLOW, CHAIRMAN; FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, VICE CHAIRMAN; JON OSBORNE, SELECTMAN; AND JAN SNYDER, SELECTMAN.

**ABSENT:** JOHN (JACK) MEANEY, SELECTMAN

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Beth Rouse

**GUESTS:** Frank Campana, Sherry Burdick, Tim Matheson, and Gregory Mattison

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS**

None

**MEETING MINUTES**

April 17, 2017 Minutes: Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Snyder seconded to approve the April 17, 2017 minutes as amended. Passed 4-0-0

**MANIFESTS**

Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Snyder seconded to order the Treasurer to sign accounts payable and payroll checks dated April 27, 2017 as included in the following manifests:

Payroll Manifest	\$	50,019.28
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$	70,450.04

**TOTAL** **\$120,469.32** Passed 4-0-0

Chairman Clow mentioned that he is in receipt of a reappointment request for Stephen Flanders to the Cable Committee. As Mr. Flanders has been a member of the Committee for many terms, the Board does not deem it necessary to interview him. Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Snyder seconded to reappoint Stephen Flanders as full member of the Cable Committee for a three (3) year term. Passed 4-0-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sherry Burdick, member of the Weare Historical Society informed the Board of Selectmen that the barn on East Road is in need of some maintenance performed on the metal roof. The Historical Society is willing to purchase the necessary sealant if the Town will be willing to pay for the product to be applied. Chairman Clow stated that the Town will need to receive three quotes as the cost of the service will most likely run around \$1,000. Ms. Burdick also informed the Board of Selectmen that the floor of Clinton Grove has a six-inch drop. The up-right posts that hold the floor are rotted and will need replacing soon. Bids were submitted last year, but new bids will need to be collected as those submitted last year are outdated. A short discussion ensued regarding the possibility of hooking up electricity to Clinton Grove, for the most part to install a monitoring system, as there was a break-in recently. The necessary repairs on the old Town Hall were discussed, such as the window repairs/replacements, the spires, and the roof.

Frank Campana complemented Public Works Director Benji Knapp on his thoroughness towards receiving numerous bids for crushing, paving, reclaiming, the new plow truck and body/equipment for plow truck. Mr. Campana, wanted it said for the record that he is not satisfied with the way that the Town funds are used for such vehicle purchases, just like the loader last year. Mr. Campana stated that he would not like to see the funds placed into the Capital Reserve Fund for future purchases and that any funds not used for the actual purchase of the vehicles which are not spent in the current year be returned to the taxpayers. Mr. Campana inquired as to what the dollar amount will be that is remaining from the estimated cost of the new plow truck to the actual cost as the quotes came in under budget, he estimated it to be about \$36,000.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Selectman Jan Snyder inquired how the Town contacts bidders for projects within the Town. She stated that she met with a General Contractor from New Boston, Gregory Mattison with Mattison Contracting to review the old Town Hall and gazebo. Chairman Clow stated that Town Administrator Naomi Bolton is the individual to contact to be placed on the bid list. Town Administrator Bolton is contacting the two individuals who reviewed the necessary repairs on the gazebo last year and will inquire if they are willing to submit bids for the project.

Gregory Mattison with Mattison Contracting arrived and introduced himself to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Mattison reviewed his findings regarding the old Town Hall and gazebo which he visited last week with Selectman Snyder. Mr. Mattison explained that his business performs designs/renovations on historical buildings within municipalities, as well as residential and commercial buildings. Mr. Mattison explained that he has experience working with Historical communities/groups to resolve issues with historical buildings that is satisfactory to the aesthetics, the historical value and the structural integrity of the building. Mr. Mattison reviewed some potential options for the hanging of the new doors at the old Town Hall. Vice Chairman Hippler explained that the voters of the Town voted down a warrant article for \$75,000 to be used for building maintenance because they believed that the projects proposed should be brought individually with a plan of what needs to be accomplished and the cost of such repairs. Mr. Mattison was informed that he will be contacted to submit a bid once the proposals were drafted and will be reviewed along with other bidders.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the appointment papers for the Health Officer and the Deputy Health Officer. **Chairman Clow moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to reappoint Kelly Dearborn-Luce as Health Officer and Charles Meany as Deputy Health Officer. Passed 4-0-0**

Finance Administrator Beth Rouse distributed the 2017 Investment Policy provided by the Town Treasurer, Tina Connor. **Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Snyder seconded to accept the 2017 Investment Policy as printed, which is the same as was accepted in prior years with only the year changed. Passed 4-0-0**

Selectman Snyder stated that she agreed with a previous comment made by Selectman Osborne regarding the condition of Poor Farm Forest after the Town Forester logged it. Selectman Snyder said that the way the land was left; it is not walkable for hikers. Selectman Snyder did comment that the clean-up of Chevy Hill was in good condition. Chairman Clow mentioned that the Town Forester along with a representative from the Conservation Commission should be invited in to explain the procedure/plan for foresting Town land, so that they could understand it better as to why different lots are logged differently.

Selectman Osborne was concerned on how the awarding of the bids last week was conducted. Why did the Board of Selectmen use the Department Heads recommendation on the first item, but then on the second item did not? Chairman Clow stated that the Board of Selectmen use all the information presented, not just the Department Heads recommendation to award bids.

**Being no other business, Chairman Clow moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to adjourn the April 24, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:42 p.m. Passed 4-0-0**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A True Record,

*Beth Rouse*

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Recording Secretary