

WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES March 11, 2019

PRESENT: JON OSBORNE, SELECTMAN; JAN SNYDER, SELECTMAN; FREDERICK W HIPPLER, CHAIRMAN; SHERRY BURDICK, SELECTMAN; JACK MEANEY, VICE CHAIR.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Hannah Smith **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Naomi L Bolton

GUESTS: Police Chief Sean Kelly, DPW Director Benji Knapp, Finance Administrator Beth Rouse, Donna Osborne, Eileen Meaney, Lori Davis, Fire Chief Bob Vezina

At 6:00 PM, the Board was present to host the **informal coffee social** before the meeting.

At 6:33PM, Chairman Hippler began the meeting and asked those present to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Hippler reminded those present and watching of the **call-in program**, where residents would be able to ask questions about the Town ballot by phone, email, or in-person until 7:00PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lori Davis was present to request an update on the hiring process to hire a 12th police officer. Police Chief Sean Kelly confirmed that until recently there had been 2 potential candidates; 1 was unable to complete the fitness test due to an injury, and 1 withdrew their application after receiving an offer of employment from Hollis. Vice Chair Meaney inquired if the injured candidate would be re-applying later; Police Chief Kelly was unsure.

DEPARTMENT HEAD & COMMITTEE ITEMS

<u>Split Units for the DPW Building:</u> DPW Director Benji Knapp was present to remind the Board of the intent to purchase A/C split units for the DPW building. After ending last year with an encumbered \$5400, DPW Director Knapp had looked into A/C split units and received 3 quotes. Now he is requesting an additional \$2800 to make a purchase. The Board reviewed the quotes – Accurate Air from Manchester (Mark Morette) for \$8200, Better Aire Service from Weare (Mark Levensailor) for \$8280, and Scott Dinsmore Plumbing and Heating from Weare (Scott Dinsmore) for \$9300. Chairman Hippler inquired regarding the cost of 2 or 3 units; Town Administrator Bolton clarified Accurate Air is the only bid that listed 3 units. **Chairman Hippler moved to approve \$2800 from the Government Buildings & Maintenance Fund to cover the installation of 3 split units from Accurate Air to be installed in the DPW garage, Vice Chair Meaney seconded; passed 5-0-0.**

<u>Skid Steer Demo:</u> Chairman Hippler inquired regarding feedback on the skid steer demo. DPW Director Knapp confirmed that the DPW staff has been demoing as many skid steers as possible and taking notes. Chairman Hippler reminded the public of the upcoming vote on article 18.

MEETING MINUTES:

<u>February 25, 2019 Meeting:</u> Selectman Snyder moved to approve the minutes of the 2/25 Board of Selectmen meeting as amended, Selectman Burdick seconded; passed 4-0-1 with Vice Chair Meaney abstaining.

MANIFEST: Chairman Hippler moved to approve the manifest as follows, Vice Chair Meaney seconded; passed 5-0-0.

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated March 14, 2019 as included in the following manifests:

Payroll Manifest	\$ 53,939.61 (Weekly payroll)
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 43,783.31
John Stark Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 250,000.00
Weare School District Manifest	\$ 450,000.00
Total	\$ 797,722.92

GOVERNMENT BUILDING & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:

<u>Bell Tower & Gordon Brown Buildings:</u> Town Administrator Bolton received a response from Walker Roofing; they will begin to drop off supplies at the end of March and are waiting on warmer weather to begin scraping and painting. Walker Roofing will follow up with Town Administrator Bolton on 3/25.

<u>Gazebo:</u> Town Administrator Bolton was supposed to have heard from Neal Kurk by 3/7 but has not yet.

<u>Security Camera Project:</u> Vice Chair Meaney had anticipated receiving input this weekend. Selectman Burdick had spoken to a vendor who wasn't clear on the issue.

<u>Electrical & Plumbing Quotes:</u> Town Administrator Bolton will be putting the RFP for 2019 quotes in the Friday paper; bids will be received for the 3/25 Board of Selectmen meeting.

<u>DPW Roof Leak:</u> Tony DaCosta met with DPW Director Benji Knapp on Thursday (3/7) and now DPW Director Knapp is waiting to hear back from Turnstone. Chairman Hippler inquired if they will be inspecting the insulation; DPW Director Knapp confirmed, and replacing any wet insulation. Selectman Snyder inquired regarding any additional problems beyond the fuel. DPW Director Knapp clarified the fuel is not a problem; the waste oil furnace needs frequent maintenance/ cleaning but saves a lot of money. Selectman Burdick inquired regarding the possibility of a centrifugal filter or screen; DPW Director Knapp clarified the concern is water, antifreeze, and synthetic oils, not chunks.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Joint Loss Management Committee: set next meeting for June 5th, 11 am

<u>Public Hearing</u>: There will be a public hearing next Monday (3/18) at 6:45PM regarding the Mildred Hall expenditure for proposed Piscataquog Land Conservancy purchase. The Emma Sawyer expenditure will be resolved by then as they plan to meet on Wednesday (3/13) at 4:00PM and will be phoning in the attorney.

<u>Chief of Police Search</u>: In process but no update; essay questions have most likely been distributed and phone interviews should be occurring shortly.

<u>Code Enforcement Replacement:</u> On 3/25 Fire Chief Bob Vezina and Administrative Assistant Wendy Rice will be meeting with the Board to further discussing the office restructuring due to the transition when the code enforcement officer retires.

The Board received a call-in question regarding article 3 and the estimated tax impact of the road bond for 2020 and 2021. Finance Administrator Beth Rouse calculated it to be about 39¢ to 40¢ depending on the estimated assessment. Donna Osborne clarified it would be 39¢ to 40¢ per assessed \$1000.

The Board received a call-in question regarding article 2 and the geographic location of the Riverdale Historic District. Vice Chair Meaney confirmed that Land Use Coordinator Chip Meaney has a copy of the map in his office. Chairman Hippler inquired regarding the approximate location; Vice Chair Meaney confirmed Riverdale Road, Route 114, Oil Mill Road, and River Road. Chairman Hippler confirmed Town Line corner. Vice Chair Meaney commented that Riverdale Historic District covers most of Old Riverdale Road.

At 7:00, Chairman Hippler reminded those present and watching that the call-in program has now closed. Chairman Hippler requested that those present and watching please come vote tomorrow. Vice Chair Meaney commented that as his seat is up for reelection, he wants to thank the citizens of Weare for the opportunity to serve for the past 3 years. Chairman Hippler commented that it has been a pleasure to work with Vice Chair Meaney.

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Hippler moved to adjourn at 7:02 PM, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded; passed 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT A True Record.

Hannah Smith

Hannah Smith Recording Secretary