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**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2020**

PRESENT: JOHN (JACK) MEANEY, CHAIRMAN; FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, VICE CHAIRMAN; JONATHAN H. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN; SHERRY M. BURDICK, SELECTMAN; JOHN VAN LOENDERSLOOT, SELECTMAN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton

GUESTS: Finance Administrator Beth Rouse, DPW Director Benjamin Knapp, Fire Chief Robert Vezina, Finance Committee Member Tom Clow, Finance Committee Member James Drury, Finance Committee Member Rachel Cisto, Frank Campana

Chairman Meaney called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:33 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 7:09 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to seal and restrict these nonpublic session minutes. Passed 5-0-0

The Board had a brief discussion with the Building and Code Enforcement Departments.

Chairman Meaney opened the meeting at 7:10 pm., welcomed those present to the December 7, 2020 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for Weare citizens Esthermary Hadley, holder of the Boston Post Cane and John Foss, former Town Moderator. Chairman Meaney sent condolences to their families.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Campana, 322 Quaker Street, asked the Board what their definition is of a capital expenditure. He stated a capital expenditure is funds expended for additions or improvements to plant or equipment. One of the town's departments have a line for a vehicle. If adopted by the Board, will it be a separate warrant article or go in the budget. Individual articles for capital improvements give taxpayers a choice. It is inappropriate to hide something in the budget.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS: none

2021 Final Budget Presentation – Finance Administrator Rouse presented the Board with the Final Budget for their approval to be moved to the warrant for next year. Summary of the Default and Proposed budgets were defined. Vice Chairman Hippler noted the tax collector's budget is down \$18,459.00 due to a staff change. The total operating budget for 2021 Default Budget is \$7,009,592.00 and the 2021 Proposed Budget is \$7,153,503.00. An increase of \$143,911.00, which is 2.05% over the Default Budget.

Fire Chief Vezina Requests a Purchase – Chief Vezina approached the Board for purchasing two cots for the ambulance, not a new loading system, but compatible to current system. Funding to come from FEMA at 75% and GOFFER at 25%, zero cost to taxpayers. The purchase price is \$18,000.00 each with a rating of 750 lbs. New load lifting systems are roughly \$30,000.00, future plans, part of the ambulance replacement purchase.

**Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded for Chief Vezina to spend the money to purchase two Stryker stretchers with 100% reimbursement coming from FEMA/GOFFER.
Passed 5-0-0**

2021 Draft Town Warrant - TBD

MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated December 10, 2020 as included in the following manifests:

<i>Payroll Manifest</i>	\$	64,344.86 (Weekly payroll)
<i>Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	88,523.40
<i>John Stark Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	500,000.00
<i>Weare School Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	1,050,000.00
<i>Total</i>	\$	1,702,868.26

**Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded to accept the manifest as follows, which passed.
Passed 5-0-0**

MINUTES:

November 23, 2020 Minutes: Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to accept the minutes of November 23rd, as amended, passed 5-0-0

November 30, 2020 Minutes: **Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded to accept the minutes of November 30th, as amended, passed 5-0-0**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

On this Monday, December 7th, the Board signed two Tax deeds, paid by the property owners and deeded back in return.

General Items:

1. Radio Communications –

- Verizon to present in a work session via Zoom.
- Still waiting for R & R Communication's Motorola Engineering map.
- Town Counsel sought in No means No, could phones be swopped to FirstNet without the radio piece because we already have phones or is this considered an improvement. The answer is both, No means No and a single purpose contemplated improvement individually, cell phones, radios, or towers, all, both or some.
- AED for the Fire department would have to stay with Verizon.
- Maybe move Police to AT&T for phones as the radio part is a No until March.
- At this time, Vice Chairman Hippler is not in favor of the \$30,000.00 warrant article for a study. This single proposed study was incomplete for what the town of Weare needs in radio communication coverage.
- Chairman Meaney is interested in the Motorola Engineering map, could be the best, but running out of time to put together a warrant article. Need it ASAP.
- To inquire with the Board of Firewards if they would be interested in splitting the cost for a study, if it is undertaken, not in a warrant article.

CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS:

Invite lawn contractors, Bigg Dawg, to explain the lack of service at the December 14th meeting.

Selectman Burdick mentioned having a Christmas tree lit in the Town Gazebo, to seek PARC help.

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 8:25 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (a&c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 8:52 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Selectman Van moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to seal and restrict these nonpublic session minutes. Passed 5-0-0

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Van seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 8:53 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Selectman Van moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 8:55 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Selectman Van moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to seal and restrict these nonpublic session minutes. Passed 5-0-0

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Van made a motion, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to adjourn at 8:56 pm. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from

TA Bolton notes & You Tube recording