

# WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2019

**PRESENT:** JON OSBORNE, SELECTMAN (arrived 6:32 PM); JAN SNYDER, SELECTMAN; FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, CHAIRMAN; SHERRY BURDICK, SELECTMAN; JACK MEANEY, VICE CHAIRMAN

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY:** Naomi L. Bolton **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Naomi L Bolton

**GUESTS:** Chief Chris Moore; Beth Rouse, Finance Administrator; Benji Knapp, DPW Director; Tom Clow; James Drury; Neal Kurk; Peter Flynn; Eileen Meaney; Frank Campana

Chairman Hippler called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

## NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3II (a & c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Snyder – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Vice Chairman Meaney - yes. Passed 4-0-0

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 6:15 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Snyder – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Vice Chairman Meaney – yes. Passed 4-0-0

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to seal and restrict these nonpublic session minutes. Passed 4-0-0

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:17 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3II (c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Snyder – yes; Chairman Hippler - yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Vice Chairman Meaney - yes. Passed 4-0-0 (Selectman Osborne arrived at 6:32 PM)

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 7:07 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectman Snyder – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Vice Chairman Meaney – yes. Passed 5-0-0

# Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to seal and restrict these nonpublic session minutes. Passed 5-0-0

At 7:10 PM, Chairman Hippler welcomed everyone, opened the public meeting and asked those present to join in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

# PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS:** DPW Director Knapp was present to ask the Board for permission for the Transfer Station to be closed on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This would not be an additional holiday the employees would have to use their own time. This year the employees would like to use the Veteran's Day Holiday. Director Knapp stated that he would like to make this a yearly closure with the understanding, again, that the employees are to use their own accrued time and would like a motion by the Board. Vice Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to close the Transfer Station on the Saturday after Thanksgiving with the provision that the employees will have to use their own accrued time as it is not an additional holiday. Passed 5-0-0

<u>East Road Property</u>: DPW Director Knapp stated that the property owner of the apartment building approach him about a week ago with a concern of potential property damage. The thought was to take the existing gate that was near the entrance to the gravel pit and move it. DPW Director Knapp stated he did not give him permission rather told him he didn't have an issue but that he would have to get permission from the Town. It showed up at the driveway entrance on Sunday as DPW Director Knapp went to check on the equipment that was at the gravel pit area. He phoned the owner and explained that the gate needs to be unlocked Tuesday morning for his employees to get in there. The Board stated that the gate needs to be removed as it is Town property purchased by the residents of Weare, therefore it is able for all to use.

**2020 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION**: Police Chief Chris Moore passed out budget handouts that he will be going over. Chief Moore went through the budget line by line explaining the increases. The budget as it is presented is up 3.75% over the 2019 budget. Neal Kurk, Finance Committee asked why he is using 100% in the salary line because there is currently a vacancy and one of the officers is on active duty. Chief Moore stated that he has someone going through the process and is anticipating to hire around the first of the year. The town has to budget for the active duty employee because at any time his orders can change and we have an obligation to have money to pay him when he returns. The salary lines are also inclusive of the 53-week payroll for 2020. James Drury, Finance Committee member asked about the website changes and creating a stand-alone website when the Town has one already. Chief Moore stated that he would like to use the Town website and would be in favor if he can.

**2020 ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Chief Moore went through the animal control budget line by line explaining the differences. The budget as presented shows a total increase of \$8,737, which represents the increase of hours and hourly rate per the warrant article in 2019.

**MINUTES:** All minutes tabled for the next meeting.

MANIFEST: Chairman Hippler moved; Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated November 7, 2019 as included in the following manifests:

Payroll Manifest

\$ 62,008.74 (Weekly & Fire monthly)

November 4, 2019

Supplemental Payroll Manifest Accounts Payable Manifest		\$ \$	175.10 8,492.20		
John Stark Regional School Payable Manifest		\$	250,000.00		
	Total	\$	320,676.04		
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As there is no Selectmen's Meetings scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2019

#### Please vote:

To order the Treasurer to sign payroll checks dated November 14, 2019 estimated to be about \$60,000.00. Furthermore, to order the Treasurer to sign up to the amount of \$100,000.00 for accounts payables including Fire Department accounts payable approved by the Board of Fire Wards that cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting. Reports and actual check amounts will be reported to the Board of Selectmen by inclusion on the Manifest Memo at the next scheduled meeting. Passed 5-0-0

Tax Warrant: The Board signed the 2019 Tax Warrant.

<u>Town of Weare License Agreement:</u> Town Administrator Bolton presented the Board a request for a license agreement that the Board had in 1991 between Emile Bussiere and the Town of Weare. The license agreement was for a license to maintain and use for a period of one (1) year, a parcel of land owned by the Licensor (Bussiere) that abuts the South Weare Fire Station on Route 114 South. The license was granted to the Town for the purposes of use, maintenance, access to, and support of premises of the Town of Weare currently utilized by the Town of Weare Fire Department. The license granted expired upon thirty (30) days' notice by the Licensor (Bussiere), at which time the Licensee (Town) shall return the property to the possession of the Licensor without damage to said property. The initial term of the license shall be for one year with renewals as executed by the License (Bussiere). Keith Mulholland the new owner is asking the Town to make a motion to revoke the license agreement. Mr. Bussiere passed away several years ago. Vice Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Osborne seconded to revoke the license agreement between Emile Bussiere and the Town of Weare dated October 16, 1991. Passed 3-0-2 (Hippler, Snyder – abstained)

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Government Building & Maintenance Projects

<u>Town Hall List of Projects:</u> Town Administrator Bolton stated that she spoke to Tom Miller of Walker Roofing this morning. He has not had a chance to finalize the estimates but said he would get them done for the 18<sup>th</sup>.

East Road Gate: This was discussed earlier with DPW Director Knapp.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrative Topics

Tax Deed Property Auction: scheduled for Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM

<u>2020 Budget Schedules:</u> Tonight the Police presented. Next week – Veteran's Day – Office is closed; 11/18/19 Fire Department & Library; 11/25/19 DPW (Highway, T/S, Water & Sewer); 12/2 smaller budgets and wages/benefits.

<u>Radio Communications</u>: Sean Goodwin sent a new map with cell towers and voter sites all plotted, a follow up date has been tentatively set for 11/19 @ 2 PM.

<u>CBA Negotiations with Police:</u> The first meeting has been scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2019 at 2 PM.

**CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS:** None

# NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 8:41 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3II (a & c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectman Snyder – yes; Chairman Hippler - yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Vice Chairman Meaney - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 9:09 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectman Snyder – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Vice Chairman Meaney – yes. Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice 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, Chairman Hippler moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded; passed 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Naomi L'Bolton

Naomi L. Bolton Recording Secretary