

Final



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2021

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton

GUESTS: Frank Campana

Chairman Hippler opened the meeting at 6:32 pm., welcomed those present to the July 19, 2021 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Frank Campana, 322 Quaker Street, had two comments. First, he reiterated his concern for notifying townspeople how the ARPA money will be allocated. He referenced a July 15th City of Manchester article where the Mayor, through the ARPA, stated she was seeking program funding for the next five years. Frank points out, what happens after five years. Programs funded originally through grants eventually become the obligation of the taxpayer. Selectman Van reassured Frank the Board will be having open discussions as to how the money will be spent.

Secondly, Frank stated he was given permission from DPW Assistant Joe Sarno to hand pick a 5gal bucket of stones out behind the DPW building for the washed out gully in the front of his house. While there, he noticed the radar trailer with grass growing up it. June 15th of last year, Chief Moore stated he purchased this speed trailer for \$400.00. Sergeant Montplaisir inspected it. With minor repairs, it was to be up and running in thirty days. The Chief's statements were not believable. He made a presentation for the expenditure and now it is sitting down back in grass. Frank stated he never noticed it up and running, it is junk. A bad choice was made at his expense.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the departed town resident Don Rogers. Chairman Hippler stated he did a lot for this town and will be missed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS: none

MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated July 22, 2021 as included in the following manifests:

<i>Payroll Manifest</i>	\$	<i>67,325.47</i> (Weekly & monthly payroll)
<i>Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	<i>22,612.11</i>

Total **\$ 89,937.58**

The following manifests were previously ordered to sign at the June 28, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting:

Payroll Manifest	\$ 62,726.61 (Weekly payroll checks dated 07/08/21)
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 77,104.23 (Checks dated 07/08/21)
Payroll Manifest	\$ 65,730.94 (Weekly payroll checks dated 07/15/21)
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 22,231.15 (Checks dated 07/15/21)
Supplemental Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 44,739.89 (Checks dated 07/15/21)

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As there is no Selectmen meeting scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2021

Please vote:

To order the Treasurer to sign payroll checks dated July 29, 2021 estimated to be about \$75,000.00. Furthermore, to order the Treasurer to sign up to the amount of \$80,000.00 for accounts payables 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.

Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Van seconded to accept the manifest as follows, which passed. Passed 4-0-0

MINUTES:

June 21, 2021 Minutes: Selectman Burdick moved, Chairman Hippler seconded to accept the minutes of June 21st as written, 4-0-0

June 28, 2021 Minutes: Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Van seconded to accept the minutes of June 28th as written, 4-0-0

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

General Items:

1. Radio Communication – Homeland Security Grant programs next round will open in the late fall. Announced through Fire, PD, EMS contracts, the webpage and HSEM Field Reps.
2. Forestry Contract - Town Counsel on vacation, information forth coming
3. ARPA Funds - Weare is scheduled to receive \$475,866.80 on July 23, 2021. Suggested projects: RO water system for all Town buildings, new AC with HEPA filters and air exchanges for all Town buildings. Majority of the money to go towards communication enhancements/upgrades (radios).

Selectman Van asked about UV decontamination lighting quotes. Town Administrator Bolton explained until the money is received quotes are futile as they are only good for thirty days. She will add the UV lights to her list.

Selectman Van suggested using the money for items that would eliminate warrant articles with the anticipation of the town budget passing. The Board agreed.

Chairman Hippler asked what fund will the money go into once it arrives and is it considered unanticipated revenue. Town Administrator Bolton explained the money could be accepted through a public hearing. It could be placed in a separate account to earn interest. She suggested scheduling a public hearing once the money is received. Half will come this year the second installment will arrive next year. The money does not have to be spent in one calendar year. The town could have until 2025. The Board concurred to keep the money in a separate account in order to track it for transparency. Town Administrator Bolton stated the money will be accounted for, reporting the expenditures to the government. Chairman Hippler asked for the 151 page ARPA booklet to be forwarded to the Board.

Selectman Van addressed Frank Campana. He suggested looking at the BOS minutes of June 7, 2021. In these minutes, there is a discussion of the speed trailer and the disposition of it.

Town Administrator Bolton redirected by stating there should be two separate public hearings to accept each allotment. No public hearing is needed to expend the money. Chairman Hippler stated, after discussing with Selectman Van, he is not opposed to using the money for warrant articles. Specifically, to purchase a DPW truck for an example. Selectman Van stated the money could be used to purchase the highway truck under infrastructure, as it would be a replacement. Town Administrator Bolton responded she is not under the impression the money could be used in that way. She will share with the Board a condensed power point version of the 151 page ARPA. Chairman Hippler mentioned NHMA as to what other towns are delineating their money for. Town Administrator Bolton shared a town that has built a new building has used part of their money for touchless bathroom fixtures.

Building & Maintenance Projects:

1. Town Hall Sign - ground was cleared of vegetation by DPW. Tom Clow discussed with Brett Hadley and presented the cement wall application to the Trustees. They would prefer something different. Selectman Burdick stated the platform needs to have adequate width, as the original was so narrow it was dangerous, too narrow to stand on. Town Administrator Bolton added the footing material needs to be held in place as to prevent the weather from washing it down the incline. Two foot height decorative retaining wall. Tom Clow is looking into granite and stone.

2. East Street Barn Roof - Selectman Burdick stated a contractor will be accessing the project this week.

3. East Weare Fire Station Roof - Eversource was contacted to put a sleeve on the electricity line to alleviate possible electrical issues. Selectman Van stated R & R Communications has a tripod on the roof that will need to come down.

4. Riverdale Road/River Road - information forth coming

5. Town Hall - plumbing work and decontamination forth coming, opening perhaps in August or September.

6. Town Hall Sign Rental Form - Office staff to attend to the letters. New form reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

1.) Tannerite - Town Administrator Bolton to reach out to the Town of Antrim for their ordinance. Selectman Van stated he will read their tannerite ordinance, but his position will not change. Chairman Hippler replied correct.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Hippler:

- Thanked DPW, Fire & Police for their work in regards to the many roads flooded.
- Meadow Drive follow-up, both parties involved were sent legal letters drafted by Town Counsel.

- Asked the status on a PARC meeting with a member of the public and the BOS. Town Administrator Bolton shared PARC Chair replied no, to check with other PARC members

Selectman Van:

- Looking to inform the public, the voter approved new PD Chevy Tahoe is in service

Selectman Osborne:

- Thanked everyone who came to the Patriotic Celebration, and especially the donors who donated money, it was a great success

Selectman Burdick:

- Thanked the 4th of July Committee for their work in putting on the Celebration

Town Administrator Bolton:

- Thanked the Goffstown Rotary Club for their donation of time and material in filling the nine Town Office building whiskey barrels with beautiful flowers.

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Van made a motion, Chairman Hippler seconded to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Passed 4-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from

TA Bolton notes & You Tube recording