

FINAL



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2020

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

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Naomi L Bolton

**GUESTS:** Police Chief, Chris Moore; Barry Charest; Weare Police Officer Jacob Hatch; Weare Police Officer Paul Lewis; Ricky Houde; Tom Flaherty; Frank Campana; Leah Cushman; Rochelle Kelly; Moderator Eileen Meaney.

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

Chief Chris Moore introduced Barry Charest as our newest officer to join the Weare Police Department. Mr. Charest was previously an officer here in Weare before transferring to Manchester Police Department and now he is looking to return to Weare. Mr. Charest will be sworn in tonight as a part time officer, largely to help out if someone was to take ill. Mr. Charest will start at \$29.12 per hour and once full time he will be getting credit for 7 years, giving him 150 hours of vacation effective April 1, 2020.

**Vice Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to hire Barry Charest as a part time patrol officer at a rate of \$29.12 per hour. Passed 5-0-0**

Chairman Hippler administered the oath of office to Police Officer Barry Charest.

Moderator Eileen Meaney reconvened the meeting and asked everyone present to join in the pledge of allegiance. Moderator Meaney explained that we are here this evening to conduct a recount that was requested by Mr. Ricky Houde for the Board of Firewards member and only that race.

The Board of Selectmen members proceeded to go into the Clerk Office and bring in the sealed boxes of ballots to the table. The boxes were opened starting the recount in motion. The Board began with separating the ballots (John Stark, Weare School, and Town). The white ballots were the Town and only page 1 was needed. After all the ballots were sorted, the counting began. Recount resulted in no change of out come from the election.

At the end of the recount, the Board remained in their meeting. Selectman Osborne wanted to discuss the closing of the town office building. **Selectman Osborne moved that the Boards and commissions not hold meeting until April 6<sup>th</sup>; Selectman Van seconded for discussion.** Selectman Van questioned how to sign manifests and be in public access. Vice Chairman Meaney stated that attendance could be restricted.

If someone wants to discuss something they can request to be put on the agenda. Selectman Burdick stated that the president says no more than 10 in one place. Vice Chairman Meaney stated it was 50. He also added that government can try to move to working remotely if possible. Selectman Van asked what is supposed to be suspended in this building then. Selectman Burdick replied, conservation, parks and recreation, able, etc. Only critical boards like Selectmen and Planning Board should be meeting. Vice Chairman Meaney stated that residents could have money tied up in trying to get approvals in front of other boards. Selectman Osborne and Selectman Burdick agree to only critical meetings. Selectman Van read the governor's note on public access to Board meetings in state of emergency note. Chairman Hippler suggested to rope off the next few rows of chairs and leave the back two rows. **A vote was called for on the original motion, which resulted in 2 – yes (Burdick and Osborne) and 3 – no (Meaney, Hippler, and Van), therefore motion fails.**

The board then had a general discussion on who's meeting and when in the next few weeks. Selectman Van suggested just the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. Vice Chairman suggested bi-weekly meetings for this Board. Chairman Hippler stated that he would like to table this discussion until Monday evening. Selectman Osborne stated that we should at the very minimum do away with public comment until further notice. Vice Chairman Meaney stated no free talking, everything needs to be put on the agenda. Chairman Hippler stated that he will have Town Administrator Bolton call the Planning Board chairman to discuss not meeting at the Planning Board on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to adjourn at 9:09pm. Passed 5-0-0**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A True Record.

*Naomi L. Bolton*

Naomi Bolton transcribed from  
Her notes & Chairman Hippler's notes