

# WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES MARCH 23, 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; Weare Police Officer, Barry Charest

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

#### NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:31p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (b). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne - 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 @ 6:48 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Vice Chairman Meaney – yes. Passed 5-0-0

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

# NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Van seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:48p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (a & c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne - 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 @ 7:04 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Vice Chairman Meaney – yes. Passed 5-0-0

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

Chairman Hippler opened the meeting at 7:05pm., welcomed those present to the March 23, 2020 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** eliminated until further notice, contact Town Administrator Bolton if you need to have something addressed.

# DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Police Chief Moore referenced last week's meeting where Selectman Van asked for a breakdown concerning the vehicle #9 repair, Crown Victoria, estimate of \$1774.01. He explained it covers fixing the rotor, headlamp, water pump, belt, fender, disc rotors, and headlamp. Selectman Van asked to see the copy of the estimate.

Chief Moore continued, this estimate is just for making the car ACO standard ready, as it is no longer usable for police pursuit. Once Selectman Van reviewed the estimate, he stated \$1000.00 was for labor and \$766.00 was for parts. He believes these are maintenance items with the exception of the fender. Because the voters turned down the purchasing of new Tahoe vehicles, he asked the Chief how much the police department has spent reimbursing the ACO. Chief Moore answered he tracks the miles and our Finance Administrator would know the cost. Selectman Van then asked how many miles does the ACO do. Chief Moore answered anywhere from 20 to 70 miles a week. Selectman Van then asked if IRS is \$0.55 cents per mile. Town Administrator Bolton answered it is \$0.58. Chief Moore stated on the back of the estimate is the actual mileage on the car (256,696 miles). Selectman Burdick then asked how much is it to repair the fender? Selectman Van, looking at the estimate, answered, labor is \$380.00 with a used fender costing \$225.00, assuming it is the correct color. Selectman Van then stated we are reimbursing the ACO about \$40.00 a week in mileage. Chairman Hippler stated the inspection runs out in September and who knows if it will pass. Selectman Van then stated, in his opinion, the Crown Victoria should be fixed for the ACO to use as auction will bring \$200.00 and mechanically it is still sound. Town Administrator Bolton stated it would then need markings. Chief Moore answered yes; it would need a town seal and equipment removed. Selectman Burdick stated you could get a year and a half out of it. Chairman Hippler asked the Chief to see how much it would be to get the town seal and light bar on it and we can reevaluate.

Town Administrator Bolton asked, "How we are handling loose pets?"

Chief Moore answered, "We aren't right now. No point in making contact with people to expand the virus."

Selectman Burdick asked if the ACO had a crate she could put in the back of the vehicle. Chief Moore answered she does, but that is considered unnecessary contact. Vice Chairman Meaney added, animals can also carry the virus.

Chairman Hippler then asked what the ACO is doing. Chief Moore answered, she is not getting paid, she is on call and they are not calling.

Selectman Burdick questioned what happens if you see a loose animal. Chief Moore answered they would put it on Facebook if the owner wants to come get it for the time being.

Chairman Hippler suggested tabling as to whether the car is repaired or not. Selectman Osborne feels "...it would be putting good money after bad." Vice Chairman Meaney said there is no rush and we can reevaluate.

Chief Moore addressed another concern as to why are we not charging for reports. He continued, fines, ACO charges, and report charges could be placed in a vehicle replacement fund. Vice Chairman Meaney explained, statutorily, only pistol permits could be allowed. To be addressed next year. Chief Moore to put a plan in place for review.

Chairman Hippler moved Vice Chairman Meaney seconded effective March 30, 2020; our part time Police Officer Barry Charest will become full time, with a 6-month probationary time at a rate of \$29.12 per hour. Passed 5-0-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS**: three year term reappointments, not face to face, as follows:

Chairman Hippler made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Meaney to: Andrew Fulton – Reappointment to Conservation Committee Craig Francisco – Reappointment to Planning Board Malcolm Wright – Reappointment to Zoning Board Stephen Flanders – Reappointment to Cable Committee Rachel Cisto – reappointment to Cable Committee Passed 5-0-0 Chairman Hippler suggested a face to face on the third term.

**MINUTES:** tabled all three sets.

Chairman Hippler proceeded with the admission of the new Board member, Selectman Van, there needs to be a discussion for the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Board of Selectman. Selectman Van made a motion, Selectman Burdick seconded to appoint John (Jack) Meaney to Chairman of the Board of Selectman. Passed 3-0-2 (Frederick W. Hippler, John (Jack) Meaney abstained) Effective next meeting.

Selectman Van made a motion, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to appoint Frederick W. Hippler to Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectman. Passed 3-0-2 (Frederick W. Hippler, John (Jack) Meaney abstained) Effective next meeting.

# MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated March 26, 2020 as included in the following manifests:

Payroll Manifest	\$ 54,376.74 (Weekly & monthly payroll)
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 18,908.10
Fire Department Accounts Payables Manifest	\$ <b>4,213.49</b> (Pre-approved by BOFW)
John Stark Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 250,000.00
Weare School Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 300,000.00
Total	\$ 627,498.33

If the Selectmen opt to not meeting next Monday, March 30, 2020

Please vote:

To order the Treasurer to sign payroll checks dated April 2, 2020 estimated to be about \$65,000.00. Furthermore, to order the Treasurer to sign up to the amount of \$60,000.00 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, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to accept the manifest as follows, which passed 5-0-0

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrative Topics:**

Vice Chairman Hippler to attend Stone Fund committee meetings, Chairman Meaney to attend Planning Board committee meetings, Selectman Osborne to attend CIP committee meetings, Selectman Van to attend PARC committee meetings and Selectman Burdick to attend Conservation Committee meetings.

#### Government Building:

Chairman Hippler suggested the rotating of town office staff to conform to COVID-19 recommendations. Town Administrator Bolton spoke of essential vs. nonessential personal to safe guard employees and the public. Town employees to alternate their work schedules and days accordingly.

#### Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to appoint Town Administrator Naomi Bolton as Interim Tax Collector. Passed 5-0-0

Selectman Van mentioned the Transfer Station no longer taking plastic and cardboard will increase our tipping fees. He questioned if the Transfer Foreman, Matt McLain or DPW Director Knapp will be recording the increases in order to get reimbursed through FEMA.

Town Administrator Bolton explained our Finance Administrator has documentation of all the slips.

Selectman Van started a discussion on the PARC. It was concluded that we will still advertise for summer help per usual, with a May opening until further notice.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS:**

Selectman Van discussed teleconferencing and remote Board of Selectman meetings.

Chairman Hippler stated he feels their current separated seating, everyone six feet apart, in his opinion, is working fine. Future meetings can be adjusted if need be.

Selectman Van questioned dial in meetings, specifically, the cost associated with that kind of forum.

Town Administrator Bolton mentioned she would look into the cost associated with using Zoom, a video software-based conference room solution.

Selectman Van stated it would need to satisfy allowing the public to listen in, qualifying it as a public meeting.

Selectman Van then asked Town Administrator Bolton for follow-up on an email he sent our Land Use Coordinator last week. Town Administrator Bolton to discuss with the Land Use Coordinator and will report back with the results.

Letterhead changes to include Selectman Van and update new appointments of Chairman/Vice Chairman.

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded to adjourn at 8:05pm. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from TA Bolton notes & YouTube recording