

Final



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 27, 2021

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

**ABSENT:** VICE CHAIRMAN; JOHN (JACK) MEANEY

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Naomi L. Bolton

**GUESTS:** DPW Director Benjamin Knapp, Fire Chief Robert Vezina, Donna Osborne, Tom Clow, Frank Campana

Chairman Hippler opened the meeting at 7:00 pm., welcomed those present to the December 27, 2021 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen for the purpose of a public hearing and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Hippler called the public hearing to hear comment and public testimony for fee changes at the Transfer Station to take affect January 1, 2022. He recognized DPW Director Knapp.

DPW Director Knapp stated he needs to increase the tire and propane disposal fees to keep up with what he is getting charged, effective January 1, 2022.

**Tires:**

Passenger Tires	\$4.00/each + \$2.00 if dirt
Truck Tires	\$20.00/each + \$10.00 if dirt
Motorcycle Tires 17.5 & larger	\$4.00/each + \$2.00 if dirt
Snowmobile Tracks	\$25.00/each no steel

**Propane Tanks:**

1-pound (Coleman size)	\$1.00/each
5lb. - 6lb. motor fuel/forklift	\$3.00/each
100 - pounders	\$20.00/each
Helium Tanks	No charge

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Frank Campana, 322 Quaker Street, asked about truck tires, clarification is 17.5 commercial tires. Tractor tires - not allowed if it's too large. He asked if tires could go in the trash for burning, no, against EPA regulation laws.

Chairman Hippler closed the public hearing at 7:13pm.

**Selectman Osborne moved, Chairman Hippler seconded to accept the new fee schedule presented by Director Knapp at the Transfer Station effective Saturday, January 1, 2022. Passed 4-0-0**

DPW Director Knapp requested to increase the commercial haulers from \$100.00 to \$200.00 per year. Selectman Van asked why. Director Knapp explained recycling not 100% yet with all haulers.

**Selectman Van moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to increase the annual fees to \$200.00 per year for commercial haulers effective January 1, 2022. Passed 4-0-1 Chairman Hippler abstained.**

DPW Director Knapp mentioned Driveway Permits. These permits require aprons on paved roads for a CO, but in winter this cannot be done. He requests a bond check be taken to ensure the aprons will be put in place when the weather allows. Building Inspector Romeo Dubreuil has stated bond checks cannot be held without the BOS approval. Chairman Hippler asked since this has been done in the past without a policy, is it legal to make one. Town Administrator Bolton explained the Town holds engineering bonds. Selectman Van would like to see a policy written before they vote. DPW Director Knapp explained the policy is just a formality; the question is how much money should be held and for how long. He suggested the policy state the driveway apron has to be done regardless if they put up a bond.

**Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Van seconded that during winter months, December 1st through April 1st, that we accept a bond in lieu of paving aprons to paved roads in the Town of Weare, with this motion sun setting January 31, 2022 to be voted on reaffirmed with a policy of \$3000.00. Passed 4-0-0**

Selectman Van asked if the DPW had any trouble this weekend with the inclement weather. Director Knapp replied he had 5 trucks go off the road due to the ice, no injuries. One truck went down because of emissions and the little P3 Truck caught fire, two-thirds of the way down Merrill Road from the shop. Wiring harness and shift linkage burned in half. He put it out, but it was a big fire.

Town Administrator Bolton thanked the DPW crew for being out on Christmas. She had other residents mention that to her as well, our town roads are better than the State.

DPW Director Knapp thanked Town Administrator Bolton and his crew.

#### Radio Vendor Email

Chairman Hippler explained the Board had requested the vendor, Two-Way Communications, check to see what could be done with our existing radio communications system. If a large capital purchase is approved in March, there is still upwards of 18 months before it can go into service. The Board, at the last meeting, discussed POing money to see if improvements could be purchased outright. The email stated, "It is far from public safety tier." It was also stated it still might be repaired and tested. Not to a level of full coverage map, but to a basic coverage. Proposal was Everett Dam and Chase Park as receive only sites.

Vendor proposed two employees, 80 hours a week, to assess what is or is not working. Replacing two antennas on Mine Hill to Motorola Spec. Cost is ~ \$36,450.00, of which, \$25,000.00 is the VHF antenna replacements at Mine Hill. Selectman Van noted these antennas would need replacing either way as part of the full upgrade. This could bring a mild increase in coverage and reliability.

Selectman Van stated he is in favor of going before the voters with a warrant and staying with Two-Way Communications for the installation.

Chairman Hippler stated only 2 of the town's 9 sites are functioning, Chase Park and Bartlett Drive, within a quarter mile radius of them. Comparators for Mine Hill are not practical because they would not be used going forward. At \$12,000.00 for diagnostic testing and tunes, this improvement is needed.

Town Administrator Bolton asked if this is PO'd will Two-Way then be called. Chairman Hippler suggested cutting ties with our current vendor on good terms. Selectman Van agreed, but mentioned the Purchasing Policy. Chairman Hippler responded the Board could waive it.

Town Administrator Bolton explained, Finance Administrator Beth Rouse conservatively forecasted and purchase ordered what the Board approved previously. This leaves a balance of \$358,000.00 in the surplus.

Chairman Hippler and Selectman Van commented going forward, clarifying with current radio vender, escape clause, and proposed new vendor maintenance agreement for the entire infrastructure system. No improvements just maintenance of equipment.

The Board then discuss the Building Inspector vehicle, State bid or something coming off a Municipal trade-in. **Selectman Van moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to PO out of the 2021 budget surplus, up to \$40,000.00 for State Bid of a replacement pickup truck for code enforcement officer/town official use with the public hearing to occur in January. Passed 4-0-0**

**Selectman Osborne moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to purchase \$165,600.00 out of the 2021 surplus. Passed 4-0-0**

#### Warrant Article -

Town Administrator Bolton stated a citizen suggested a warrant article to reduce the 75% that goes into Conservation from Current Use to 50% leaving 25% to be placed in a separate fund for trails. The Board responded they would want input from the Conservation Commission.

#### Eversource -

**Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Van seconded to authorize Town Administrator Bolton to sign Intent to Cuts for Eversource/Asplundh Tree, and all future requests, but to mention in TA Report if ones are signed. Passed 4-0-0**

**NONPUBLIC SESSION: Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Van seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 8:20 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (a&c). A roll call vote was taken, Chairman Hippler - yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectman Burdick - yes; Selectman Van - yes. Passed 4-0-0**

**Selectman Van moved, Chairman Hippler seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 8:30 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Chairman Hippler - yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectman Burdick - yes; Selectman Van - yes. Passed 4-0-0**

**Selectman Van moved, Chairman Hippler seconded to seal and restrict these nonpublic session minutes. Passed 4-0-0**

**Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Van made a motion, Chairman Hippler seconded to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Passed 4-0-0**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A True Record.

*Karen Nelson*

Karen Nelson transcribed from  
TA Bolton notes & You Tube recording