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**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2020**

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton

GUESTS: Finance Administrator Beth Rouse, DPW Director Benjamin Knapp, Forest Fire Warden Robert Richards, Finance Committee Member Tom Clow, Finance Committee Member James Drury, Richard Butt, Frank Campana, Tom Silva, Kim Silva, Kathy Smith, Cindy Marshall, Jim Hogan, Richard Chisholm

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

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:30 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 6:41 pm. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

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

Chairman Meaney opened the meeting at 6:42 pm., welcomed those present to the December 14, 2020 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Forest Fire Warden Robert Richards has concluded the high-pressure pump needs replacing sooner than he had previously anticipated. The housing on the pump along with the gasket are damaged. The Board agreed it is a necessary piece of equipment that cannot wait until spring.

Selectman Van moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to allow Forest Fire Warden Robert Richards to purchase a forestry pump for \$4800.00 to be taken out of Forest Fire Budget. Passed 4-0-1 Vice Chairman Hippler abstained

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Butt, 90 Old Town Road, voiced his concern over the elimination of the Police Prosecutor position, reassigning the responsibility to a dedicated Officer. Along with the disbursement of the prosecutor’s salaried funds, a promotion was given. He expressed prosecutors have the ability to prosecute and win cases, has the dedicated Officer ever held a prosecutor position before in law enforcement. Hopefully, the town is moving in the right direction and the elimination was not just to save money.

Mr. Butt’s second concern was the additional line, #683, for a vehicle purchase placed in the budget. Traditionally, a voter interaction item for the voters to make a decision. A capital expense has its place. This was put in the budget for the intent of a vehicle purchase. The Board should remove it. If there is money left over in that budget, a vehicle will be bought.

2021 Draft Town Warrant Discussion – Town Administrator Bolton went through the warrant articles one at a time, a couple articles were clarified by Finance Administrator Rouse.
Notable Articles: 3% Non-Union employee raise; \$99,291.00 raised to hire two fulltime Firefighters/EMTs; the cost of \$5382.00 for hourly wage increases for Chase Park staff, add wording to show total annual salary for a fulltime Building Inspector, add for the purpose of replacing existing plow truck and replacing existing trash trailer to the DPW articles, add \$248,850.00 to be raised by taxation for Road Reconstruction, add \$20,000.00 Government Building fund for aging infrastructure.

MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated December 17, 2020 as included in the following manifests:

<i>Payroll Manifest</i>	\$	88,918.28 (Weekly & quarterly payroll)
<i>Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	46,362.25
<i>Total</i>	\$	<div>135,280.53</div>

Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to accept the manifest as follows, which passed. Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded effective January 1, 2021, to start paying Assistant Fire Chief Robert Richards his stipend for Forest Fire Warden. Passed 4-0-1 Vice Chairman Hippler abstained

All Seasons Campground & Condominium Association, 194 Buckley Road, Weare, NH
Tom Silva, President of All Seasons, has asked for clarification as to how much the Board of

Selectmen can help with enforcing their bylaws. Campsite lot owners are not allowed to stay overnight at their site during the months of November and March as this is a violation, subject to fines. Mr. Silva, along with his Board of Directors, expressed the frustration they are having implementing this rule. They stated there is an individual who owes unpaid/overdue fees, and has multiple lodging guests, that has refuse to leave. Mr. Silva stated one of the guests has admitted to smashing All Seasons locked water shutoff.

In addition, Mr. Silva is looking for permission to gate off the entrance inside the campground, a town road, for the two months the Association is closed. They have activity at night of illegal dumping.

Chairman Meaney explained he has been in contact with Police Chief Moore in reference to the ongoing issues at All Seasons. Steps are being taken against the campsite owners/lodgers to suspend their motor vehicle registrations and licenses, as they are not year round residents of the town. All Seasons needs to file a civil complaint with their Association attorney. Individual property owners such as All Seasons cannot gate off a Town owned road. All Season bylaws need to be brought forth by their attorney for review.

Conclusion: a meeting to be set up next month with All Season's legal representative and their Board of Directors with the Town of Weare's legal representative, Police Chief Moore, Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Bolton.

MINUTES:

December 7, 2020 Minutes: Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to accept the minutes of December 7th as amended, passed 5-0-0

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Selectman Burdick's Thank you card was read. She was very grateful for the flowers and card from the staff.
- Radio Communications Work Session scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm for Motorola; Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm for Verizon. Selectman Van requested inviting WPD, Chairman Meaney stated all Department heads to be invited.
- Non-Public Session tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Selectman Osborne raised his concern over a meeting place for the January Annual Budget Hearing and Deliberative Session; with Zoom, you cannot cast a vote during the Deliberative Session. The Board suggested to seek out the WMS cafetorium and gym as possible alternatives.
2. **COVID Schedule** – The Town Offices to move to a COVID schedule effective January 1, 2021.
3. Selectman Van questioned who is to pay for our town attorney fees for handling the All Season's request for a meeting. Chairman Meaney responded they pay their attorney and the town would have to pay for our attorney. Vice Chairman Hippler stated their legal counsel and the town's legal counsel would determine where the town's liability lies.
4. Lawn Care Contract - TBD

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 8:21 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 8:35 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes. Passed 5-0-0

Vice Chairman Hippler moved, 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, Vice Chairman Hippler made a motion, Selectman Van seconded to adjourn at 8:36 pm. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from

TA Bolton notes & You Tube recording

