

FINAL



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 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: Police Chief Chris Moore, Forest Fire Warden Robert Richards, Finance Committee Member Tom Clow, Frank Campana, Wayne Meattey

Chairman Meaney opened the meeting at 6:33 pm., welcomed those present to the December 21, 2020 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Campana, 322 Quaker Street, compared last week's first draft warrant articles to previous warrant articles. In 2017, the Police request stated three fully equipped patrol vehicles, 2020 the request was very descriptive, two serviceable, 4 x 4, pursuit vehicles, Chevy Tahoes. This year it is fully equipped police cruiser. Patrol vehicle, police cruiser could mean something different than a pursuit vehicle. Selectman Van asked Mr. Campana what he thought the difference was. Mr. Campana responded a cruiser might not be used as a pursuit vehicle. Further, a patrol vehicle is a frontline vehicle, used on the road.

DPW requested in 2017 a fully equipped 10-wheel plow truck, in 2020, two separate trucks, both fully equipped, this year; a 10-wheel plow truck. He points out the change in how items are described, missing fully equipped. Also, for example, on the Road Reconstruction the tax impact amount should be stated along with the dollar amount.

Mr. Campana suggested requests need to be worded consistently from year to year so voters know exactly what they are voting on.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Forest Fire Warden Robert Richards passed out pricing handouts to the Board for a high-pressure pump, three quotes, Jordan Lumber \$2210.00; Wildland Warehouse \$2550.00; National Fire Fighter Corp. \$2420.00. Fittings and shipping additional. **Selectman Van moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to purchase a Wick 300SI-B pump with necessary fittings from Jordan Lumber, not to exceed \$3500.00 from the Forest Fire line. Passed 4-0-1 Vice Chairman Hippler abstained.**

Police Chief Chris Moore mentioned COVID cases are up 50% over the last time his department went to a COVID schedule. He is starting their COVID schedule January 8, 2021, four teams of two, 75% of his personnel to remain operational with ancillary personnel attached to specific teams. Day and evening coverage with a slight change, with no overtime.

MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated December 24, 2020 as included in the following manifests:

<i>Payroll Manifest</i>	\$ 63,898.14 (Weekly payroll)
<i>Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$ 68,089.41
<i>Supplemental Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$ 1,682.00
<i>John Stark Regional Payable Manifest</i>	\$ 500,000.00
<i>Weare School District Payable Manifest</i>	\$ 600,000.00
<i>Total</i>	\$ 1,233,669.55

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

MINUTES:

December 14, 2020 Minutes: Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded to accept the minutes of December 14th as amended, passed 5-0-0

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Radio Communications Work Session via Zoom rescheduled for Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm for Motorola; Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm for Verizon. Invitations to CIP Chairman, Police and Fire.
- 2021 Town Warrant Articles – waiting January 12th last day for petitions, presented to Finance Committee, Planning Board requests \$14,500.00 for partial Master Plan Update. Vice Chairman Hippler mentioned need vs. want, not mission critical. Selectman Van stated the last SNHPC update was in 2005, recommended every five to ten years. Board not inclined to put on this year's warrant.
- Town Office COVID schedule effective Monday, December 28, 2020: to close the building and operate by appointment only, hours remain the same.

CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Selectman Osborne mentioned the Stone Memorial Building fire and freeze alarm, depends on the remaining funds. Years of Service Award for retired Forest Fire Warden Ray Eaton, TBD.
2. Selectman Van gave a shout out to DPW, Fire and Police for doing a good job with the recent storm. Not many complaints on Facebook, thank you to employees and citizens.

3. Town Administrator Bolton wanted to pass on condolences from the staff to town employee Kelly Dearborn-Luce and her family. Kelly's mom passed away last night. This is a very difficult time over the holidays.

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 7:20 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (a&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

Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 7:39 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

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

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Meaney made a motion, Selectman Van seconded to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from

TA Bolton notes & You Tube recording