

FINAL



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2021

PRESENT: FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, VICE CHAIRMAN; SHERRY M. BURDICK, SELECTMAN;
JOHN VAN LOENDERSLOOT, SELECTMAN

VIA ZOOM: JOHN (JACK) MEANEY, CHAIRMAN; JONATHAN H. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton

GUESTS via Zoom: Lisa Benincasa, AT&T; Phong Lam, AT&T; Police Chief Chris Moore, Fire Chief Bob Vezina, Eileen Meaney, Jessica Kallipolites

Vice Chairman Hippler opened the meeting at 6:30 pm., welcomed those present to the January 4, 2021 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Jessica Kallipolites, a new Weare resident, was welcomed to the meeting via Zoom.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS: none

MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated January 7, 2021 as included in the following manifests:

<i>Payroll Manifest</i>	\$	72,950.48 (Weekly & fire monthly payroll)
<i>2020 Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	8,796.36
<i>2021 Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	134,414.73
<i>Total</i>	\$	216,161.57

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

MINUTES:

December 28, 2020 Minutes: Selectman Van moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to accept the minutes of December 28th as amended, passed 4-0-1, Selectmen Osborne abstained.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

General Items:

- 2021 Annual Budget Hearing – WMS Gym for Monday, January 18, 2021.
- 2021 Deliberative Session – WMS Gym Saturday, February 6, 2021.
- 2021 Town Warrant Articles – to finalize Monday, January 11, 2021, with the understanding final warrant truly finalized after January 12th last day for petitions.
- ZOOM – all committees have been moved to remote meetings and scheduled according:
 - Tuesday, January 5th, Zoning Board @ 7:30 pm
 - Wednesday, January 6th, Finance Committee @ 7:00 pm
 - Monday, January 11th, BOS @ 6:30 pm
 - Tuesday, January 12th, Parks & Recreation @ 7:00 pm
 - Wednesday, January 13th, Conservation Commission @ 7:00 pm
 - Thursday, January 14th, Planning Board @ 7:00 pm
 - Monday, January 25th, BOS @ 6:30 pm
 - Thursday, January 28th, Planning Board @ 7:00 pm

Vice Chairman Hippler stated the BOS meetings should be remote using Zoom as other committees. Selectman Van suggested re-access at the January 25th BOS meeting. Vice Chairman Hippler suggested the re-access includes Zoom for BOS and all committees, and possible building closure extension.

Building & Maintenance Projects:

1. Stone Memorial Building – fire/freeze alarm, funds encumbered, vendor notified
2. Employee Ladies Bathroom – to re-email the Board with pictures
3. Snow removal/shoveling – to be done by Kyle Parker, Building Inspector

CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS:

Selectman Osborne suggested moving forward with opting out of the current Cemetery Contract. Town Administrator Bolton to contact vendor one more time for an explanation, invitation to the January 11, 2021 BOS meeting. Selectman Van stated due to lack of completion and no response, do not pay the last installment.

Discussion - Radio Communications - AT&T/FirstNet, Inc.

Lisa Benincasa, AT&T Principal Consultant along with Phong Lam, AT& T Business Acquisition Sales Executive were available via Zoom to answer questions. The Board is looking for an accurate cost for our Police department to switch to AT&T as their carrier.

Town Administrator Bolton explained the Police have 16 apple iPhones and 5 Mobile Data Terminals in their cruisers.

Lisa Benincasa responded it is \$39.99/month for unlimited talk, text and data, with \$5.00 additional for hot spots. Push to Talk is initially \$2.00/month, phone to phone, with an additional \$5.00/month, for Land Mobile Radio, when the gateway is integrated, total at \$7.00/month. Gateway costs roughly \$12,000.00 for four ports and \$7000.00 to \$8000.00 for two ports. Mobile Data Terminals cost \$38.99/month; if not

simcard capable, a Nighthawk Mobile Hotspot Router, MR 1100, would be needed at a cost of \$150.00/month with a credit of \$75.00 and an activation credit of \$200.00. iPhone XR and SE cost .99 cents/month; Sonim XP8 ruggedized Androids cost .99 cents/month. Quotes forth coming for equipment to include external antennas, 16 Sonim XP8s, 4 with hotspots, 12 without, iPhone XR & SE along with Bluetooth microphones.

Selectman Van asked what the time frame would be for just the phones. The answer is about a week. AT&T Training class via WebEx. He also asked about dead spots to boost the AT&T signal, as Reservoir Drive has no cell service. Lisa Benincasa replied send the exact address of that location so their engineers can look into it. She stated small repeaters called HPUE; high-powered modem-antennas can be placed in a vehicle at a cost of \$2500.00 to \$3000.00/vehicle. It is also possible to place the HPUE on a building.

Town Administrator Bolton to email Lisa Benincasa with information; Chase Park, 347 Reservoir Drive to the intersection of Reservoir Drive/Thorndike Road to John Connor Road and the Dam.

Selectman Van asked Fire Chief Vezina if he would like to be included in the roll out with AT&T. Chief Vezina responded he would need to know the exact cost.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated DPW Director Knapp's phone should be transitioned to AT&T as well.

Town Administrator Bolton stated she thought the initial roll out was just for the Police department. Fire and DPW transferring to AT&T to be discussed later.

The Board and Town Administrator Bolton thanked Lisa Benincasa and Phong Lam for joining tonight's meeting.

MOU – Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded to authorize Vice Chairman Hippler to sign the MOU with the Police CBA. Passed 4-0-1 Vice Chairman Hippler abstained.

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Van made a motion, Selectman Burdick seconded to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from

TA Bolton notes & You Tube recording