

WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES July 20, 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, Police Sergeant Austin Maguire, Frank Campana

Chairman Meaney opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Osborne seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:30 p.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 Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 6:43 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 5-0-0

The Board interviewed a potential Police Officer candidate.

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:43 p.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 Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 6:47 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 5-0-0

The Board met with Police Chief Chris Moore to discuss his annual review.

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:49 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman

Van – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 5-0-0

Vice Chairman Hippler excused himself from this nonpublic session.

Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 7:20 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 4-0-0

Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Osborne seconded to seal and restrict these nonpublic session minutes. Passed 4-0-0

Chairman Meaney opened the meeting at 7:23pm., welcomed those present to the July 20, 2020 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance. Selectman Van and Selectman Burdick were seated in the audience.

Chairman Meaney next asked for a moment of silence, dedicated with respect for the passing of Eldon Townes. A longtime resident of Weare having worked for the town and ran the bus company for many years. He also had a construction company. Chairman Meaney would like to send condolences to his family.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Police Chief Moore addressed the Board. His department is getting multiple complaints regarding the ongoing issue with Tannerite usage in the town. He stated there is a zoning ordinance he cannot enforce, that would be more code enforcement. He continued, "Most of the complaints have to deal with no notification." Chief Moore suggests getting a notification procedure in place. He feels this would be easier, as he points out, an ordinance for noise had already been voted down. Perhaps a permit that someone could apply for that would then be posted online, giving residents a notice. He explained for example, "There will be Tannerite in this area between...in a fifteen minute period, just to give people notice." Chairman Meaney stated we would still have to pass an ordinance to do that. He said, "It is an issue everywhere. I do not understand… why the feds have not stepped in… it is not an explosive until you mix it, but once you mix it, that is it." He stated there have been cases where people have been hurt severely and killed. He wonders if there was a way we could enforce disorderly conduct.

Town Administrator Bolton asked Chief Moore, referencing a letter from a gentleman complaining about a particular individual, you know who this person is? Chief Moore responded, yes, we know who it is, "we have talked to him before." He continued, "From what I understand he is fairly reasonable." He now loads one-pound Tannerite instead of two pounds to lower the noise. Chief Moore continued, he has seen on a FB post where he was "shoot'n one off with a rifle." He stated he did talk to Lisa Rick, Town of Weare Police Prosecutor, and the individuals complaining are going to have to give statements. In addition, they would have to be willing to go to court. That is the only way he would be able to enforce under the circumstances.

Chief Moore stated he will be "giving him (Tannerite user) a heads up, just to let you know....he's had complaints to the east, to the west and to the north." Chairman Meaney asked, "He lives down that neck of

the woods?" Chief Moore responded yes, south, right off route 114. He has a shooting range, cut out for the trees and it is perfectly safe. It is just that he is blowing mild stuff up annoying everybody. Selectman Van asked, "As of right now there is nothing illegal... follows all the proper laws?" Chief Moore answered, yes, a little over 400' from the closest house.

Town Administrator Bolton asked Chief Moore for the owner's information so that Code Enforcement could send a letter regarding the performance standard in the Town zoning ordinance, which reads:

Article 3.2 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: Any use of land shall not be unreasonably obnoxious, or excessively offensive, to the extent that injurious to the public health and safety or the reasonable expectation of comfort, peace and quiet enjoyment of the community or neighborhood, or cause, significant disturbance or unreasonable annoyance because of noise, including but not limited to, excessively loud music, vibration, smoke, fumes, glare, odor, dust, gas fumes, chemicals, radiation or other waste materials, or by reason of danger of fire or explosion, or result in reduction of property values in the neighborhood. (Amended 3-20-2014)

Town Administrator Bolton explains she lives in the area and one night she jumped right out of her chair. And, the dogs go crazy because their hearing is so sensitive. She agreed with Chief Moore's idea about giving residents notice. She feels this would help. Residents given notice could decide to leave home for the time being.

Chairman Meaney added there is a valid issue as well for people who suffer from PTSD, this causes many issues.

Selectman Burdick asked is this person shooting at something that is exploding. Town Administrator Bolton answered it is a target. Chairman Meaney explained they mix two chemicals in a container. One is a pulverized aluminum powder that enhances it. Once it is hit with a high impact, it detonates. He continued it is an above ground explosion therefore; it could not harm a well or foundation because it is not in the ground.

Town Administrator Bolton told Chief Moore if the Tannerite user sounds reasonable and you want to give him a heads up about the zoning ordinance as a reminder as it covers both bases.

Selectman Van stated he does not think it is right for the Board to ask him to notify everybody. He feels he has the legal right to do it, as Tannerite is still legal. Even bringing it before the voters, he would not feel it is right. He understands the concerns, as it scare his dogs as well, but "these people bought their land for a particular reason and this is their enjoyment."

Chairman Meaney stated if it gets to the point, where it is unreasonable and gets disorderly, people could sign statements and complaints and proceed to court.

Chief Moore stated he (Tannerite user) was part of the FB post that notified people about Father's Day explosions. So though he is not required to, I think he would still provide notice if we asked him to, being neighborly.

Selectman Van offered, there are going to be some people that are never going to be happy, but he also gets the Tannerite part... if he had the land he would do it, too.

Chairman Meaney stated a petition could be signed for a warrant article under the noise ordinance.

Town Administrator Bolton stated they have already started a petition for the use of Tannerite.

Selectman Van stated if they are serious about wanting a noise ordinance, we could recommend they put it on the warrant articles for this year.

Selectman Burdick stated we tried this; we had an ordinance a few years back because of the motorcycles.

Chairman Meaney added, "We had that and the shooting, but... nobody followed up on it. We asked for statistics... it was convoluted, we didn't get an accurate accounting of it."

Selectman Van stated, "The numbers that were given to the Board of Selectmen were accurate based off of the results that I remember counting."

Vice Chairman Hippler stated, "But, the actual petition that they signed is for the banning of Tannerite. It is a whole different petition than what they signed."

Chairman Meaney told Chief Moore it sounds like you have it somewhat under control.

Chief Moore replied, "Somewhat."

Chairman Meaney added for the zoning part of it, talk to Kelly Dearborn-Luce, Zoning Land Use Coordinator.

Town Administrator Bolton mentioned to Chief Moore, to discuss a donation, 20- \$5.00 gift cards. Chief Moore explained his department received an anonymous donation of twenty \$5.00 gift cards for Dunkin Donuts. He asked the Board if there was an approval process for that in terms of tracking purposes. They use it for juvenile diversion practices. Once COVID is over, if they have an event they would use the gift cards for kids.

Town Administrator Bolton stated typically if it is less than \$5000.00 it can be accepted at a BOS meeting, making a motion to accept the gift cards. Chief Moore could then use them at future events to interact with youth. Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to accept twenty \$5.00 Dunkin Donut gift cards, from an anonymous donation, to be used by Police Chief Moore and his department for future interactions with Weare youth. Passed 5-0-0

Next, Sergeant Austin Maguire followed-up with the Board in reference to the department's ever-growing concerns he outlined in his March 16, 2020 presentation on the town's emergency radio communications system and infrastructure. He stated a list of locations when the radio had failures had been provided to the Board, but not the vendor. In April, logs were forwarded along with issues to the vendor. By June, the vendor completed, as they described, a "much needed maintenance overhaul." Removing a majority of the system for maintenance, the emergency services radio communication system and infrastructure struggled for about a week.

After complying with all the requests for information from the vendor and the "maintenance overhaul," Sergeant Maguire does not see any difference within the system, as it is getting worse day by day. The vendor representative has stated the system needs replacing and it is expensive. This, however, "has been

a known fact since 2015 when 2-Way Communications completed a radio system overview," stated Sergeant Maguire.

Sergeant Maguire suggested we have a sustainability/feasibility analysis done as the Town of Milford did. He advocates we complete an RFP process and get the necessary upgrades to ensure effective communication. He also stated Goffstown, our dispatch center, is looking to conduct a study as well and he would like to revisit the current vendor's contract. He continued we are in immediate danger; we need to work with our dispatch center and mutual aid for a resolution.

Selectman Van asked based on the study, do we know what the cost would be for the Town of Weare's portion. Sergeant Maguire replied, no, because they are in the infancy stages deciding if they want to do a study.

Chairman Meaney wanted to make Sergeant Maguire aware that the Board has had a discussion with Goffstown dispatch about their study, "...we are not sitting on our laurels... we had the state come out...we've had discussions with the Chief... we have not let it sit." "Some of this should have been brought forth before Deliberative Session... it is partially our fault, too... not having you or someone from emergency services... bring that to the town." "This is going to cost beaucoup dollars... it is not going to be done overnight unfortunately," continued Chairman Meaney.

Chairman Meaney also stated this is the first time the vendor mentioned the whole thing needs to be replaced; it seems like we get different stories from them.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated he brought it up before Sergeant Maguire that the radios are terrible, "I have been saying it for years... this Board has even had the vendor standing at this podium before." "Talking about our system and at that point in time, it seemed like the vendor was blinded sided. They had no idea that we had problems. The information was not being relayed to them." He feels after Sergeant Maguire's first presentation it was still an issue, getting the information to the vendor.

Sergeant Maguire stated now they communicate with the vendor weekly.

Vice Chairman Hippler asked Sergeant Maguire if he could get a contact in Milford to find out what that study cost. He would like to have a vendor "put a real live proposal up saying this is what you need to cover your town." Sergeant Maguire stated he would reach out and get the information.

Chairman Meaney stated it seems like, in the past, we are throwing good money after bad instead of just fixing the actual problem.

Selectman Burdick asked are we the only town having a problem with our radio.

Sergeant Maguire stated no... we have hills and valleys....

Chairman Meaney stated that is part of NH, we have hills, valleys everywhere. Unless you go back twenty years, they talked off the repeater, which hit just about everything.

Selectman Van stated you have other regional centers that have digital and awesome coverage. To him, it is not a technology issue, it's a location issue.

Chairman Meaney stated Mount Kearsarge is so high in the air they're not going to miss.

Selectman Van asked Sergeant Maguire how many times R & R Communications has been out since we've sent them the list of locations.

Sergeant Maguire responded he is not notified when they are coming out, but through emails, he thinks maybe three or four. He stated they took down systems and replaced them with temporary items and did a maintenance overhaul.

Selectman Van then requested an actual accounting of what they have actually done to try to fix this so far.

Chairman Meaney asked about whether or not the town is charged for these services. Are there invoices or is it part of the contract.

Vice Chairman Hippler added he doesn't think highway has as many problems because theirs is being done by truck so they have a higher power radio than the portable that Sergeant Maguire has right now.

Selectman Van asked about Fire.

Vice Chairman Hippler answered hit or miss; they haven't improved any more than the police has, if at all. Fire moved to a different type of sign-on system, an app based program that dispatch has access to as well. This eliminates some confusion from dispatch and static on their end. However, when the members are on scene communications have not improved much.

Sergeant Maguire relays a story when he was listening to the scanner, dispatch asked repeatedly for clarification as to what equipment was being requested during an incident.

Selectman Van stated police is most vocal about it and he completely understands why...

Vice Chairman Hippler stated he does not want to drop this. We need a number on that study to know what it is going to take to make radio systems better.

Chairman Meaney stated we are going to need new sites, more...

We can't bulldoze any mountains or fill in any valleys stated Vice Chairman Hippler.

Selectman Van stated we need a solid plan.

Chairman Meaney stated we have to raise the towers...Mount Kearsarge has an 180' tower.

Selectman Osborne stated coverage is phenomenal.

Sergeant Maguire added that's when a study would definitely come into play.

Vice Chairman Hippler answered, exactly, the study should include where the towers should be, Cranny Hill, etc.

Chairman Meaney stated the tower could piggyback at the top of Mount Uncanoonuc; there are enough radios up there now, another wouldn't make any difference.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated we really can't move forward without a plan, a financial plan at that.

Selectman Van stated it would be awesome to have something before the voters this year.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated, yes for that study.

Chairman Meaney stated look at Bow, they dispatch from numerous towns as well as Hooksett.

Sergeant Maguire responded Bow doesn't dispatch for anybody, they are at Merrimack County now.

Chairman Meaney added Hooksett dispatches for a couple different towns, Pembroke and Allenstown.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated it all rolls back to whatever is in that town.

Selectman Van stated geographically it is flatter over in Hooksett.

Chairman Meaney thanked Sergeant Maguire for coming.

Police Chief Moore asked if anyone had seen the speed trailer on 114. Most of the Board answered no.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated it caught him at 2:00 am going to a call.

Chief Moore said they have been testing it out, right in front of the station. The calibration looks good on it. Stickers have been ordered. Door locks are also ordered and a mount for towing is being installed on Unit 6 and it will be deployable soon. In comparison, the going price for a used speed trailer is \$1800.00. This one cost \$400.00. A brand new one runs \$8000.00.

Selectman Van asked Chief Moore how much are you into this one for. Chief Moore replied \$425.00 and some paint. We have to order one 50 mph sign at \$60 ~ \$70 dollars.

Selectman Burdick asked where you are going to put this thing. Chief Moore replied wherever the speeding complaints are and sometimes we will sit right behind the trailer and sometimes we won't.

Town Administrator Bolton asked if it took pictures. Chief Moore replied no.

Selectman Osborne said it is not big enough to hide your car. Chief Moore replied a little bit behind.

Town Administrator Bolton then addressed Chief Moore concerning a parking ticket. A woman who was ticketed for blocking the gate at Chase Park, wanted it dropped as she stated the Officer told her to fight it and she would win. Town Administrator Bolton asked Chief Moore to review the body worn camera of Officer Purslow to see what that showed. After reviewing, it was not stated by the officer to fight the ticket and she would win.

Town Administrator Bolton stated this woman asked her to present it to the Board for a decision tonight. This woman stated she "was in no way blocking the gate" and is asking the Board to drop it.

Town Administrator Bolton stated the issue she has is the ticket was issued on June 18, 2020 and it states you have 14 days to pay it or an additional \$25.00 is added to the fine. The ticketed person made initial contact on July 6, 2020, well beyond the 14 days. Now, another week has gone by and Town Administrator Bolton is asking the Board for a resolution.

Chairman Meaney stated his opinion is the Officer issued the ticket. It is not our job to overrule them and take tickets back. It is up to the Chief and the Police Officer. We should not be overstepping.

Town Administrator Bolton asked what happens now.

Chief Moore replied she has to pay it, I believe, or she gets her license suspended.

Town Administrator Bolton then asked if we tell her "I'm sorry we are not waiving it... do you take it from there?" She states the ticket states it can be paid at the Town Office. If it is not paid, who handles it going forward?

Chairman Meaney stated they go to court and their license and registration is suspended.

Chief Moore stated the ticketed person came back to Officer Purslow that same day. Officer Purslow's response was you can appeal it; the number is on the ticket.

Chairman Meaney asked if the body camera says something else.

Town Administrator Bolton stated no, Chief Moore reviewed the body worn camera. Officer Purslow informed the person that she had blocked the gate to the park and she could appeal as the ticket has the information on how to initiate the process. At no time did Officer Purslow say she should fight it.

Chairman Meaney stated he thinks it should be left with the Police department, as the Board should not be overstepping anything.

Town Administrator Bolton then confirmed with the Board that the Police department should handle it. The Board answered in the affirmative.

MINUTES:

June 29, 2020 Minutes: Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to accept the minutes of June 29th, as amended, passed 5-0-0.

July 6, 2020 Minutes: Vice Chairman Hippler moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to accept the minutes of July 6th, as written, passed 3-0-2. Selectman Osborne and Selectman Burdick abstained

MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated July 23, 2020 as included in the following manifests:

Payroll Manifest	\$ 59,989.73 (Weekly payroll)
Supplemental Payroll Manifest	\$ 1,499.75 (Parks payroll checks dated 07/09/20)

Accounts Payable Manifest	\$	445,385.97
Weare School District Payable Manifest	\$	400,000.00
John Stark Regional Payable Manifest	\$	1,000,000.00
	Total \$	1,906.875.45

The following manifests were previously ordered to sign at the July 6, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting:

Payroll Manifest	\$ 65,295.93 (Weekly payroll checks dated 07/16/2020)
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 37,700.09 (Checks dated 07/16/2020)

Selectman Van asked for a discussion. What exactly is the \$6369.00 for R & R Communications on the manifest dated July 16, 2020 for? Was it part of a contract or for services rendered? Vice Chairman Hippler asked was it for only one week. Selectman Van replied yes. Vice Chairman Hippler looked thorough his paperwork and concluded it was a quarterly contracted maintenance payment, not for services rendered.

Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to accept the manifest as follows, which passed. Passed 4-0-1 Selectman Van abstained because there was a payment to the company he works for, Nortrax.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrative Topics:

Four Public Hearings set for July 27, 2020 @ 6:30pm. included as follows:

- PARC looking to increase parking fee from \$20.00 to \$40.00 and boat fee from \$45.00 to \$50.00 for nonresidents to Chase Park.
- Reducing the speed limit on Rockland Road from 35 mph to 30 mph, *No Thru Trucking*.
- Amend the Building Permit Ordinance regarding permit fee schedule (cost difference b/w finished and unfinished floor area).
- Placement of *NO PARKING TOWING ENFORCED* signs on Reservoir Drive, both sides of Chase Park.

Selectman Van questioned the Public Hearing for posting no parking signs at Chase Park after the signs were ordered.

Town Administrator Bolton stated Police Chief Moore eluded to it and in order to enforce it you cannot blindside people. Chairman Meaney added some no parking signs have already been out there so there must have been a meeting the first time. Town Administrator Bolton further clarified DPW, who will be installing the signs, is looking for a definitive answer as to exactly where the signs are to be placed.

Chairman Meaney stated DPW Director Knapp should have a manual depicting the placement under the uniform traffic control.

Selectman Van reiterated there should have been a Public Hearing prior.

Town Administrator Bolton explained we are extending the area.

Chairman Meaney responded some of it is replacement for the ones that are there. It is normal highway maintenance.

Selectman Van stated there still needs to be a discussion as to where the funding is coming from for these signs.

Town Administrator Bolton stated that the Town already paid the bill.

Selectman Van then asked what line it would be coming out of.

Town Administrator Bolton responded she would find out.

Selectman Burdick asked about the 5 mph decrease proposed for Rockland Road.

Chairman Meaney stated there is a sign on the upper and lower end, *No Thru Traffic*. The company that bought that piece of property was stipulated they are not to take a right turn. They are to go down the hill.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated he does not remember the Board agreeing to the 35 mph, just verifying the *No Thru Truck* route. He does not remember a request for a Public Hearing. He feels there is no data to support the decrease.

Selectman Van asked if the Planning Board did a study.

Chairman Meaney stated it was a study on how much traffic there is, not speeding.

Vice Chairman Hippler replied I think we are jumping the gun in dropping it down.

Chairman Meaney stated it is not Thru Trucking when a delivery is being made. Cutting through would be considered Thru Trucking.

Selectman Van stated this is an enforcement issue.

Selectman Burdick stated she sees a lot of trucks coming out loaded, probably from Mount William, on River Road at the bottom of the hill.

Chairman Meaney answered yes because that has a flat stop sign area, a better shot at a running start.

Town Administrator Bolton reminded the Board that they will be discussing this at a Public Hearing.

Vice Chairman Hippler again spoke to the fact that it was a speed issue.

Chairman Meaney answered no it was brought up.

Vice Chairman Hippler asked for data reflecting the speeding issue. The traffic study that was done only tells how many cars passed, not how fast.

Selectman Van asked if it was focused on Concord Stage Road or all the roads.

Chairman Meaney responded that intersection.

Town Administrator Bolton added the issue is Concord Stage Road.

Selectman Van noted we can still have the Public Hearing.

Town Administrator Bolton put forth the Public Hearing has been posted.

Selectman Osborne suggested asking Chief Moore how many speeding complaints have there been on Rockland Road.

Vice Chairman Hippler declared he is not in favor of changing the speed until we have data to prove we have speeders on there.

Chairman Meaney acknowledged we can start with a hearing and he does not totally disagree with Vice Chairman Hippler.

Selectman Burdick pointed out a 5 mph reduction is not going to change much.

Vice Chairman Hippler reiterated there is a lack of data.

Selectman Van responded all we have is a traffic count presented by another Board and a complaint.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated as a part-time steering wheel holder driver, if he had any weight on, he would not want to climb on that hill. Also, starting on a hill at Concord Stage Road at the end of Rockland Road would not be advantageous to him either.

Selectman Van added or going down that hill with that stop sign.

Vice Chairman Hippler agreed.

Chairman Meaney concurred; any driver that is driving anything like that will avoid those roads.

CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS:

<u>Swimming Pool Complaint</u>- a resident complained that a homeowner does not have a fence surrounding his pool. Homeowner has three small children, a fence will return. He is in the process of repairing the concrete deck around the pool, snow fence in the interim.

<u>Public Comment Complaint</u> – a gentleman sent an email stating we stopped having Public Comment because of COVID.

The issues stated Chairman Meaney are:

- 1. Not looking to overload the room, half capacity
- 2. Would need to have people in the hall way, social distancing

Selectman Van believes we can still have the public come in and comment. He feels they have a right to speak. He sees no reason not to as no Board member wears a mask.

Chairman Meaney stated we do not have to, just social distancing. Also, anyone could call Town Administrator Bolton and be put on the agenda to speak, that way we have an idea of what they want to address.

Selectman Van replied that is not the intent and he disagrees.

Vice Chairman Hippler agreed with Selectman Van.

Selectman Burdick responded she thinks if 10 people come in for Public Comment, they would have to stay in the hallway and come in one at a time.

Selectman Osborne agreed with Chairman Meaney.

Vice Chairman Hippler stated the Board would have to police the room.

Chairman Meaney stated if that is the consensus then somebody make a motion.

Selectman Van asked did we make a motion to restrict it.

Chairman Meaney answered no it was done away with because of the mandated COVID-19 restrictions.

Selectman Van stated he does not think we need a motion to reinstate it.

Chairman Meaney stated yes at this point we do.

Selectman Van made a motion, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to reinstate Public Comment to its previous spot on the agenda.

Vice Chairman Hippler mentioned the Board could police the room as far as the number of attendees regardless of whatever the topic is. At the upcoming Public Hearings set for next Monday, he feels they are valid and the public should have input. While the floor is open at Public Hearings, he repeated, it rolls back to the Board policing the room.

Chairman Meaney stated that has been done at the last couple of Public Hearings.

Vice Chairman Hippler replied we have common public commenters, but we don't have usually an abundance of people.

Amended by Selectman Van to begin Public Comment on August 3, 2020. Passed 3-2-0 Chairman Meaney, Selectman Osborne voted no.

Selectman Van addressed the upcoming four Public Hearings asking should we consider having them at the Town Hall instead.

Chairman Meaney answered no we can space them out here.

Town Administrator Bolton replied no also, stating due to COVID you may have to wait in the hallway or parking lot, but everyone will have the ability to speak is on the Public Hearing notice.

Chairman Meaney added each Public Hearing is scheduled for different time slots.

Town Administrator Bolton answered yes and it is up to us to patrol it, with different times listed for each one.

<u>Town Buildings Opening</u> - Selectman Burdick stated she received an email questioning when the Town Hall, Stone Building and Library will be open to the public. She said she replied we are not opening the buildings as we are responsible, we would have to clean it. A person could be Asymptomatic and we would not know.

Chairman Meaney stated they are closed until further notice.

NONPUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 8:26 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne - yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – yes. Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 8:49 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Van – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Chairman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Hippler – yes; Selectman Burdick – 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, Selectman Van made a motion, Chairman Meaney seconded to adjourn at 8:50pm. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from TA Bolton notes & YouTube recording