

FINAL



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 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, Frank Campana

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 @ 6:31 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A: 3II (b). 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 @ 6:47 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

The Board interviewed a part-time potential Police Officer.

**NONPUBLIC SESSION:**

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Chairman Meaney moved, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to exit this nonpublic session @ 6:59 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

Chairman Meaney opened the meeting at 7:00 pm., welcomed those present to the September 9, 2020 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Meaney thanked everyone who helped make the election possible; it was a lot of work. Logistical issues, mask wearing, Chairman Meaney is thankful for the DPW workers and volunteers from the Town Clerk as the day moved forward with zero incidents. He continued, according to the Attorney General the Town of Weare came out looking “A #1.”

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Frank Campana, Quaker Street, (he would like it known, he reluctantly removed his mask to speak at the podium) referenced the new Corporal position in the Police Department. Mr. Campana is concerned. He feels the department is getting top heavy. Right now, stated Mr. Campana, there are six supervisors, the Chief, the Lieutenant, the new Corporal and three Sergeants. One Officer is injured, behind a desk and an additional Officer not on the road at this time. Which means there are six supervisors for four people. Mr. Campana stated, “That is my tax money.” He asked, can you really justify the position. “A lot of Chiefs and not too many Indians.” This is his observation; he does not want to be misunderstood. Mr. Campana would like to hear it publicly discussed from both sides of the issue.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS:** none

Finalize Personnel Policy – Finance Administrator Rouse reviewed, to be finalized and signed at next BOS meeting, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MANIFEST:**

The following manifests were previously ordered to sign at the August 31, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting:

Payroll Manifest	\$ 61,257.48 (Weekly payroll checks dated 09/10/20)
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$ 56,278.72 (Checks dated 09/10/2020)

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Chairman Meaney read into record, as it was previously voted on at the last meeting.

**MINUTES:**

August 17, 2020 Minutes: Selectman Van moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to accept the minutes of August 17<sup>th</sup>, as amended, passed 5-0-0.

August 31, 2020 Minutes: Selectman Van moved, Chairman Meaney seconded to accept the minutes of August 31<sup>st</sup>, as written, passed 5-0-0.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrative Topics:**

- Town Hall Sign – DPW to begin install in approximately two weeks, plants/landscaping to be addressed at that time.
- CIP – request refreshed quotes for the Town Hall, rot = need, windows = want. Library looking to discuss with the Board, lawn care, snow removal and an air conditioning unit. Chairman

Meaney asked if their snow removal was in their own budget. Town Administrator Bolton stated DPW plows there parking lot, but they, like the Town Office/Hall buildings are in need of someone to shovel stairs and sidewalks. Vice Chairman Hippler stated the Board of Selectmen, all department heads and committees need to prioritize very heavily. Chairman Meaney stated services to the taxpayers have to be met.

- \$29,500.00 Radio Infrastructure – the study had nothing to do with the upgrade. Selectman Van would like to ask the Board of Firewards if they would be willing to split the bill with Police, as they both are the biggest users. Selectman Burdick suggested using the Fire Rescue Squad monies. Vice Chairman Hippler stated that money goes into the Special Revenue Fund, only used for purchasing equipment and vehicles. Chairman Meaney stated he would not want to take money out of budgets until the tax rate is set, hoping money is available for offset. Selectman Van stated this is a life safety issue and he wants to put money aside to make sure they are safe. Selectman Burdick suggested asking the Board of Firewards and Police Chief to come in to speak to this. Vice Chairman Hippler stated they do not need to come in; we can just reach out to them. Town Administrator Bolton stated the Police Chief and Fire Chief watch the meetings. Selectman Van does not want to see the town spending money on plants/landscaping instead of addressing the radio infrastructure. Three quotes needed.
- Fuel Quotes – Chairman Meaney inquired about bids on our fuel, prices have dropped drastically, to be received for BOS 9/21 meeting.
- Firstnet.com – Vice Chairman Hippler inquired about the system he recommended to improve the radio communication, cost to be determined. Town Administrator Bolton to reach out to Derry, NH Fire Dispatch as users of Firstnet.com and network with other town administrators throughout NH.

### **CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. All Seasons Campground Condominium – an email request for people to stay in November. Town Administrator Bolton responded to the email stating when condominiums are purchased it is with the knowledge they are not to stay during the month of March and November. The Campground Condominium Director would like to hear from the Board. Chairman Meaney mentioned there was a court decision, along with the Planning Board, the court said no. He stated he does not want to go against the court. Vice Chairman Hippler, Selectman Burdick and Selectman Osborne agreed. Even with the pandemic, there was plenty of time to plan ahead. Selectman Van agreed, but wondered if the Board should offer to throw it back to them, if they want to go back to court, pay all our legal fees, to see if a judge will give them a different opinion. Chairman Meaney mentioned taxes; they do not pay the same as a fulltime resident. They will start putting children into the school system. Selectman Osborne stated he does not think we should go that route. Selectman Van stated he is in agreement with the Board; let's stick with the court decision.
2. Safety Valve – Selectman Burdick asked about the Town Hall boiler safety valve, installation is complete.
3. Mt. Dearborn Road Cemetery – Selectman Burdick stated a tree split and fell onto head stones two weeks before Memorial Day, still not cleaned up as of this past Sunday.

4. CIP – Selectman Burdick inquired about the next meeting, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am with DPW Director Knapp.

5. Administration Report – Vice Chairman Hippler asked to go back to a paper copy.

6. Police Chief's Previous Agenda – Vice Chairman Hippler reminded the Board about the Tow Policy and Officer's Handbook, BOS to review.

7. Facebook – Vice Chairman Hippler relayed a FB post concerning Buzzell Hill/River Road town owned parcel with a dilapidated structure. He stated his explanation was well received, the town to use as staging area for construction equipment for the new bridge. Fire Department may burn structure as training. Selectman Osborne suggested taking the town excavator to it to clean it up because of vandals.

8. Signage on Reservoir Drive – Selectman Van inquired about the *No Parking Towing Enforced* signs, to wait until spring to install.

9. Town Gazebo – Selectman Van inquired about the permanently affixed trashcan and the installation of the *Use at Own Risk* sign.

**Selectman Van made a motion, Selectman Burdick seconded to remove the trashcan from the Town Gazebo area by the DPW. Passed 5-0-0**

10. Gazebo benches – Selectman Burdick mentioned two boards are broken in the seat area of one of the benches, to be removed and replaced with pressure treated wood.

11. Gazebo 4 x 4 Post – Selectman Osborne mentioned the 4 x 4 post, to be shortened to accommodate the *Use at Your Own Risk* sign.

12. Skateboarding on Gazebo benches – Selectman Burdick stated kids are skateboarding on the seats, need to deter, notify Police Chief Moore for enforcement.

13. Chase Park Tree Removal – Selectman Van noted there are dead trees that need to be removed, DPW Director Knapp requests marking trees to be cut. Vice Chairman Hippler stated if the trees are unsafe to remove, he suggested closing the park. Town Administrator Bolton to reach out to PARC.

**Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Meaney made a motion, Vice Chairman Hippler seconded to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Passed 5-0-0**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A True Record.

*Karen Nelson*

Karen Nelson transcribed from  
TA Bolton notes & YouTube recording