



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2024

**PRESENT:** FREDERICK W. HIPPLER CHAIRMAN; SALIM BLUME, SELECTMAN; SHERRY M. BURDICK, SELECTMAN; JANICE MATHEWS, SELECTMAN.

**ABSENT:** BENJAMIN D. KNAPP, VICE CHAIRMAN

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Naomi L. Bolton

**GUESTS:** Police Chief Moore, Tom Clow, Jackie Pratte, Kyle Parker, Brent Dickinson, Diana Dickinson, Frank Campana, Tara Mann, Chris Mann, Louisa Erf, Wayne Meattey, Leah Cushman

**These minutes were transcribed from the following link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C6a4E46UQ>

Chair Hippler called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**Public Comment:** Kyle Parker said that he would be happy to fill in as building inspector. He is not looking to be hired back as full-time it would be just to fill in if the Goffstown agreement is not working out.

Jackie Pratte of Winter Road said that she thinks that it would be great to have Mr. Parker help out for the time being, that way they would have someone for the time being. Ms. Pratte said that she noticed that at the deliberative session, the Vice Chairman for the Planning Board had mentioned that he thought they still needed building seals. Ms. Pratte asked if the BOS had filtered the information down to the Zoning and Planning Department. TA Bolton said that the motion for that was made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January when they had no recording and she is trying to finish them because Selectman Mathews had summarized the legal opinion from NHMA, PRIMEX, and Town Counsel. TA Bolton said Vice Chair Knapp publicly corrected the vice chairperson at deliberative session.

Diana Dickinson of Del's Way asked for clarification of the BOS if it is the position of the BOS that the ball fields are to go in the gravel pit and no other conclusion can be made. Chair Hippler said that the BOS has not discussed that, and things could change. Selectman Blume stated that when he was speaking at the deliberative session, he was trying to be clear that he had been through that process from multiple facets and had seen it for this entire election year. Selectman Blume said that he was speaking with his opinion from being a Selectman. Ms. Dickinson stated that point when you introduce the article and describe the background to it you do not offer your opinion on that point. If you have your opinion, then you recuse yourself as a Selectman and speak as a regular person with an opinion. Ms. Dickinson said that also at the deliberative session CC Vice Chair Steve Najjar said that Denise Purington threatened them and that petition article 26 was her following through on that. It was slander and it violates the Town of Weare's Code of Ethics. Ms. Dickinson asked the BOS if they were going to do anything about the comment made by Steve Najjar and if not then she will bring it to the Ethics Committee.

47 Tara Mann of Worthley Road said that she agrees with everything that Ms. Dickinson stated. Ms. Mann  
48 gave the BOS the markers in which Selectman Blume spoke about the fields in the recording. Ms. Mann  
49 said that she feels that Selectman Blume was acting against the interest of PARC during the deliberative  
50 session, and it was very clear during the PARC meetings that the committee felt the hayfields were the  
51 appropriate place for the recreational fields. Ms. Mann stated that she thinks that Selectman Blume should  
52 be removed from the Ex-Officio position for the PARC because Ms. Mann thinks that Selectman Blume is  
53 working to counter the committee. Ms. Mann said at the deliberative session Lori Davis slandered her  
54 personally and through social media and has screenshots and they also heard Steve Najjar slander Denise  
55 Purington and it is inappropriate. Ms. Mann said that she has never seen Town Officials conduct themselves  
56 the way they did, and something needs to be done.

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58 Brent Dickinson of Del's Way reiterated what Ms. Dickinson and Ms. Mann stated. Mr. Dickinson said  
59 that he thinks that Selectman Blume's conduct was horrific. Mr. Dickinson said that he thinks Selectman  
60 Blume is in someone's pocket. Mr. Dickinson said that the BOS needs to address the Chair and Vice Chair  
61 of the Conservation Commission barring Selectman Burdick's input because their conduct over the past  
62 little while as official capacities as they announce their official capacities is to threaten a woman and then  
63 slander the woman in public.

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65 Frank Campana said that on January 8<sup>th</sup> he was continuing his comments in regard to a line in the police  
66 budget regarding a cruiser unfunded line. Mr. Campana said that he gave his thought to what the Police  
67 Chief thought of asking for a cruiser through the Capital Improvements Committee, which has been  
68 standard practice for a while. Mr. Campana said on January 15<sup>th</sup> the line was still there unfunded and a  
69 handout was given for the public hearing, Mr. Campana said that he looked at the police budget and the  
70 line was eliminated. Mr. Campana reviewed the written minutes and the YouTube video to see if there was  
71 any discussion of why the line was removed and he stated that he hoped that line had disappeared which  
72 would mean that the request for the vehicle would be through the standard capital improvement process.  
73 Mr. Campana said that the Police Chief said in a YouTube video how to replace a cruiser if it crashed. Mr.  
74 Campana said he is not an expert but there is a mechanism for emergency expenditures and would think  
75 that would be the way to go. Selectman Blume said he did ask the question of what happens to the lines  
76 that are zeroed out and the answer was they do not get put on the final budget. Mr. Campana said contrary  
77 to what others think he thinks that the BOS, Finance Administrator, and TA Bolton did a great job for a  
78 seven-hour meeting.

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80 Selectman Blume said that he will never make certain people happy, he is sorry and has too much in his  
81 personal life to lose. Chair Hippler said that Selectman Blume is still young in the profession. Selectman  
82 Blume said he believes it is an error that the PARC Ex-Officio is a non-voting member and thinks that the  
83 BOS should investigate that, to be consistent with the other Ex-Officio. Tara Mann said that in the past the  
84 Ex-Officio was a voting member and stated at the time she was on the PARC the Selectmen did not feel  
85 comfortable being a voting member. Selectman Blume said that was not conveyed to him and he felt that  
86 on Saturday when it was brought up that he was a non-voting member was to diminish any stake he had in  
87 PARC.

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89 Police Chief Moore said that he has received multiple comments about TA Bolton and how much of a good  
90 job she has been doing. Police Chief Moore said many people have been saying she has been very helpful  
91 and wanted to pass the information along.

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93 **Ballot 2024:** TA Bolton presented the BOS with a copy of the 2024 ballot for review before it went to the  
94 printer. TA Bolton said that Town Clerk, Maureen Billodeau spent Saturday and Sunday making  
95 corrections to the warrant and tried to capture the changes that were made in the deliberative session. TA  
96 Bolton went through the changes regarding the warrant articles. The BOS accepted the warrant changes.  
97 Chair Hippler said that there is one contested position this year and that is for the supervisors of the  
98 checklist. TA Bolton said the person who streams for them usually gets paid \$90 per hour for the meet the

99 candidates she was thinking because it is uncontested this year for Selectmen that they would not have the  
100 streaming because the newspaper and Weare In The World will be doing it. The BOS asked that TA Bolton  
101 check with the moderator before not having the Meet the Candidates night. The BOS discussed the primary  
102 purpose statements regarding the warrant articles and made corrections and changes.  
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104 **BOS Report for Town Report:** The BOS reviewed the proposed BOS report for the Town report and  
105 made corrections and changes.  
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107 **MANIFEST:**

108 **Chair Hippler moved; Selectman Burdick seconded:**

109 **To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated February 8, 2024, as**  
110 **included in the following manifests:**  
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112 Checks Dated February 8, 2024

113 <b>Payroll Manifest</b>	<b>\$ 77,888.70</b> <i>(Weekly payroll checks)</i>
114 <b>Accounts Payable Manifest</b>	<b>\$ 111,607.00</b>
115 <b>John Stark Accounts Payable Manifest</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>
116 <b>Weare School Accounts Payable Manifest</b>	<b>\$600,000.00</b>

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118 **TOTAL:** **\$1,039,495.70**  
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120 **Passed: 4-0-0**  
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122 **MINUTES:** The BOS tabled the meeting minutes.  
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124 **Correspondence:** Chair Hippler read an email that he and Vice Chair Knapp received from a resident to  
125 his fellow board members in regard to the trailer caddy. The Board discussed the idea presented to the BOS  
126 of converter dollies. Chair Hippler said that he thinks it may be difficult to back the trailer into the  
127 compactor. Discussion ensued.  
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129 Selectman Blume said that the BOS received an email from Kaloogian. TA Bolton said the Town Counsel  
130 has been meeting with his Counsel. There has been an agreement between the two Counsels, and they  
131 agreed that it needed to go to the site plan but then the BOS received correspondence from Mr. Kaloogian,  
132 and she is not sure how to respond. Selectman Mathews said that she thinks the BOS should have the  
133 Town's Counsel tell them where they think it stands. Chair Hippler agreed. Discussion ensued.  
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135 Chair Hippler said that they had a couple of public comments made tonight at the podium regarding the  
136 Ethics Committee, and he believes that the committee reports to the BOS. Chair Hippler said he does not  
137 think it is appropriate for the BOS to initiate anything if the Ethics Committee is going to report back to  
138 them. If it is something someone would like to bring before the Ethics Committee, it is their right to do so.  
139 Selectman Blume agreed with Chair Hippler.  
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141 Chair Hippler said that they have a mapping contract for \$3,350 and \$20 a building if it is added or changed.  
142 It runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. TA Bolton will scan it and send it to the BOS.  
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144 Selectman Mathews asked if they were going to reschedule the discussion with the Fire Department. Chair  
145 Hippler said yes it would be the best thing to do.  
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147 Selectman Mathews said that she would like to make a motion to retire the May 5, 1986 Town of Weare  
148 Bid Policy because it is thoroughly covered by the Town of Weare January 2, 2023 Purchasing Policy, to  
149 avoid conflicts between the two documents. Selectman Burdick asked for time to review the policies. The  
150 BOS will review them and bring them back for discussion.

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152 Selectman Mathews asked her fellow BOS members how everyone was doing on the performance reviews.  
153 The BOS agreed to figure out a schedule for next Monday. Selectman Mathews asked about the RFPs they  
154 need to put out for legal, tax deeding, and engineering. Selectman Mathews said she would also like to  
155 review the lease agreements that the Town has. Selectman Blume spoke to the Boy Scouts about their rights  
156 and obligations as a US Citizen.  
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158 **Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Hippler made a motion, and**  
159 **Selectman Blume seconded to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Passed 4-0-0**  
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161 **ADJOURNMENT**  
162 A True Record.  
163 *Kearsten O'Brien*  
164 Kearsten O'Brien, Minute Taker