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## WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES March 6, 2017

**PRESENT:** KEITH R. LACASSE, CHAIRMAN; TOM CLOW, VICE CHAIRMAN; JENNIFER BOHL, SELECTMAN; FREDERICK HIPPLER, SELECTMAN; JOHN (JACK) MEANEY, SELECTMAN

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Naomi Bolton

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Naomi Bolton

**GUESTS:** Frank Campana, John Vanloendersloot, Peter Flynn, Jan Snyder, Benji Knapp, DPW Director

**Chairman Lacasse moved, Selectman Meaney seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:30 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3II (c). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Bohl – yes; Selectman Hippler – yes; Chairman Lacasse – yes; Selectman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Clow – yes. Passed 5-0-0**

**Chairman Lacasse moved, Selectman Hippler seconded to come out of nonpublic session @ 6:54 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Bohl – yes; Selectman Hippler – yes; Chairman Lacasse – yes; Selectman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Clow – yes. Passed 5-0-0**

**The Board met with a taxpayer to discuss an abatement.**

**Chairman Lacasse moved, Selectman Hippler seconded to enter into nonpublic session @ 6:55 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3II (b). A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Bohl – yes; Selectman Hippler – yes; Chairman Lacasse – yes; Selectman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Clow – yes. Passed 5-0-0**

**Chairman Lacasse moved, Selectman Meaney seconded to come out of nonpublic session @ 6:59 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, Selectman Bohl – yes; Selectman Hippler – yes; Chairman Lacasse – yes; Selectman Meaney – yes; Vice Chairman Clow – yes. Passed 5-0-0**

**The Board reviewed the application of a potential hire that will be interviewed at a later date.**

7:00 p.m. Chairman Lacasse called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Frank Campana referred to the February 6<sup>th</sup> Board minutes where the Board was finalizing the wording for the proposed operating budget and the words “does not adequately provide for safety services” was proposed to be included after the board agreed to “not” recommend the newly proposed decreased operating budget. Mr. Campana questioned that part of the statement as being an opinion and asked the Board if Town Counsel was going to review it. Here it is a month to the day later and he has not heard the Board discuss it any further. Chairman Lacasse stated that those words will not be seen in the mailer. Mr. Campana thanked the Board for that information but he is going to ask again if the Board has come up with the safety services that might suffer as a result of the new proposed operating budget. Vice Chairman Clow replied that they will not know that until

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after the vote and see which budget the Board will be working with. If the newly proposed budget passes the most appropriate action would be to have the cut shared equally across all departments, instead of having the three larger departments bear all the cuts. The Board has not discussed this and will after the vote.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS

DPW Director Benji Knapp was present to address a letter sent to the Selectmen. Director Knapp read the letter out loud which reads:

õDear Selectmen,

Why is the highway department paving people's driveways instead of repairing our roads? Our road, River Road on the New Boston end, has needed repair for about fifteen years. About four years ago part of the road, by Colby Road, was shimmed. But the highway department did not do anything about the potholes on the end of the road by New Boston. Other roads have been paved, but not ours. The highway department patches some of the potholes sometimes, but those patches do not last. Sometimes a large pothole is there for weeks before they patch it. Dodging potholes is hard, and when it rains or snows we can't tell what is a pothole until a tire hits it. The large trucks with 22 wheels drive down the middle of the road. Maybe they don't want to hit the potholes. They make most of the potholes. We should be able to walk on River Road, but it is dangerous because the trucks drive too fast and the cars try to drive around the potholes. Did you know the highway department paved some driveways on Deerhaven Road? I think our taxes should be spent to repair potholes and the roads.

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Director Knapp stated that the highway department is not paving private driveways. Last year Deerhaven Road was reconstructed. During the reconstruction phase suitable materials was added to the base which raised the road up about 12-18" in some places, causing difficulty at times to get in and out of the driveways. On any reconstruction project the Town is responsible for blending the driveways in for residents to get in and out of their driveways. In some cases it is not too far in, but when you add 18" of height to a road the blending in can be quite a ways down the driveway. If it is not blended in left as an abrupt drop off cars can't get in and out without damaging their vehicles. We tore up the driveway to rebuild the road. We need to put it back and make it passable. Director Knapp stated that complaints like this come in mostly because it is not "their" road that has been reconstructed. The reconstruction of River Road would be a huge project it is 9 1/2 miles from end to end. The current road reconstruction funds voted on each year, allows for only about 2 miles of road to be done total. He felt that it would not be right to take the road reconstruction money for the next 5 years and put it all to River Road and let the other roads in Town deteriorate. He has been given a ballpark price for the River Road project which is about \$1 Million dollars. There has been some thought of possibly breaking it up into sections over time or maybe to ask the Town for a bond and do it all once. Those options are being looked into.

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**Selectman Hippler moved, Selectman Bohl seconded to approve the February 27, 2017 minutes as amended. Passed 4-0-1 (Selectman Meaney).**

## MANIFESTS

**Chairman Lacasse moved, Selectman Meaney seconded to sign accounts payable and payroll checks dated March 9, 2017 as included in the following manifests:**

**Payroll Manifest** \$ 49,106.11 (Weekly payroll including payroll taxes)

<b>Accounts Payable Manifest</b>	<b>\$ 87,212.13</b>
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**TOTAL**  
**Passed 5-0-0**

**\$ 136,315.24**

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Government Buildings & Maintenance Projects ó added Town Hall Doors ó soliciting quotes for installation prices ó so that it is not forgotten and overlooked
- Create New Policy for video tapes and YouTube ó item has been updated to reflect that the Cable Committee will be looking into this and establishing a policy if necessary and would bring it back
- Candidateø Night ó Reminder for everyone this is set for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7 PM at the old Town Hall. Refreshments will be served. Total time to be no more than 1 ½ hours.
- Police Locker Room Renovations ó Kurt Lauer to be contacted to schedule a walk through at the Safety Complex
- Town Elections ó Reminder it is Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM at Weare Middle School
- Town Mailer and Town Reports are scheduled to be picked up on Thursday. Mailers will be headed right to the Post Office to go in the mail Friday. Town Reports will be available at the Town Office and Election Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**OTHER BUSINESS - None**

### ADJOURNMENT

**As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Lacasse moved, Selectman Meaney seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.**

A True Record.

*Naomi L. Bolton*

Naomi L. Bolton, Recording Secretary

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