

FINAL



**WEARE BOARD OF
SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
March 7, 2022**

PRESENT: FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, CHAIRMAN; JOHN (JACK) MEANEY, VICE CHAIRMAN; JONATHAN H. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN; SHERRY M. BURDICK, SELECTMAN; JOHN VAN LOENDERSLOOT, SELECTMAN

ABSENT: none

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton

GUESTS: Library Director Clay Kriese, Kevin Cahill, Jill Colburn, Eileen Meaney

Chairman Hippler opened the meeting at 6:30 pm., welcomed those present to the March 7, 2022 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Eileen Meaney, Quaker Street, as Town Moderator she reminded the community that voting takes place at the Weare Middle School from 7am - 7pm tomorrow. Selectman Van thanked her for her years of service as Town Moderator.

Appointment to Planning Board – new member Dani-Jean Stuart was unavailable.

Wetland issue from abutting property Kevin Cahill

Kevin Cahill, Reservoir Drive, stated he is looking for an intervention as he was denied his rights under the State of NH and Weare Law by “unilateral and arbitrary capricious acts” by the Zoning Board and its Chairman Jack Dearborn.

March 1st Mr. Cahill attended, as an abutting property owner, the Zoning Board meeting for Case #03-2022 CONTINUED HEARING: Highland Farms & Forest Acquisitions (Owner); David Nault (Applicant) – Tax Map 102, Lots 31 & 32, Lakeview Drive, Residential Zone – Variance – Article 3, Section 3.5 and Article 17, Section 17.1.1.

The Applicant was seeking and was granted a Variance for Lots 31 & 32 for the construction of two single family homes, one on each lot.

Mr. Cahill objected to the Variance Case because of the adverse effects this abutting property has had on his property, current site work on the abutting property has increased wetlands allowing water to flow through his property for a half a mile before discharging into Horace Lake.

However, he was denied his right to speak to his objection. Instead, stated Mr. Cahill, Zoning Chairman Jack Dearborn, who refused to listen to his rebuttal, dismissed him citing his objection was irrelevant.

Mr. Cahill stated he attended the zoning hearing for Case #03-2022 not only as a disapproving abutter, but also to request the Zoning Board or Applicant to provide drainage plans to “mitigate the negative impact” to his property.

Mr. Cahill continued, Chairman Dearborn ignored his request citing it was beyond the scope of the meeting. Clearly, the Zoning Chair came to the meeting with his decision already made. The Zoning Board is to be fair and impartial to protect the health and safety of Weare citizens. The Chairman and Board’s “egregious and unlawful conduct” is evident in the public recording. For the Board of Selectmen to ignore these “unlawful acts and unwise decisions of the Chairman and Board would be a breach” of their duty to all residents in Town.

Mr. Cahill requests the Board repeal the approvals granted March 1, 2022 Variance Case #03-2022.

Chairman Hippler stated the Select Board is in receipt of Mr. Cahill’s pictures and letter, but he is unfamiliar with the course of action.

Mr. Cahill stated Town Administrator Bolton attended the zoning hearing for Case #03-2022. He forwarded his documentation, a brief explanation, his Zoning Board request and recommendation from NHDES to her the following morning that he was disallowed to present at the hearing. He asked her to forward the information to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Cahill stated he repeatedly asked for an explanation at the hearing, but Chairman Dearborn suggested he express his concerns to the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Hippler stated he would review the record and YouTube video for the zoning hearing Case #03-2022.

Vice Chairman Meaney suggested a Site Walk of the properties.

Selectman Van suggested a meeting with the Zoning Board and Chair.

Town Administrator Bolton stated Town Counsel needs to review the March 1, 2022 zoning hearing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Library Director Clay Kriese presented new Paige Room shade estimates:

- a.) Budget Blinds \$3076.00 (\$300/unit + \$42/ship and install = \$342/window)
- b.) 3 Day Blinds \$4357.00 (\$360/unit + \$124/ship and install = \$484/window)
- c.) J&R Langley Co. \$5212.00 (\$579/window)

The Board addressed all options.

Vice Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to accept the bid for Budget Blinds for cellular blinds for the Library’s Paige Room at a cost of \$3076.00, money to come from the Government Buildings Fund. Passed 5-0-0

Director Kriese mentioned the newly replaced well pump and pipe that services the water for the library and Town Hall. He commented the installer, Contoocook Well Co., stated the original pump failed because the pipe diameter was too large and the weight consequently played a role in the failed pump’s demise. Contoocook Well Company installed the pump and pipe originally and therefore the pump was warrantied, however, the bill was \$2000.00. The Board would like the installation and new pipe cost reimbursed as they admitted their fault in their application of missed sized pipe causing the pump to fail.

MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated March 10, 2022 as included in the following manifests:

Payroll Manifest \$ 77,291.84 (Weekly payroll)

Accounts Payable Manifest \$ 160,962.51

John Stark Regional Manifest \$ 250,000.00

Weare School District Manifest \$ 300,000.00

Total \$ 788,254.35

The following manifests were previously ordered to sign at the February 23, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting:

Payroll Manifest \$ 71,470.87 (Weekly & Fire monthly payroll checks excluding library 03/03/22)

Supplemental Payable Manifest \$ 4,591.31 (Library payroll checks dated 03/03/22)

Accounts Payable Manifest \$ 65,614.15 (Checks dated 03/03/22)

As there is no Selectmen meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022 Please vote: To order the Treasurer to sign payroll checks dated March 17, 2022 estimated to be about \$75,000.00. Furthermore, to order the Treasurer to sign up to the amount of \$90,000.00 for accounts payables that cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting. Reports and actual check amounts will be reported to the Board of Selectmen by inclusion on the Manifest Memo at the next scheduled meeting.

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

MINUTES:

February 7, 2022 Minutes: Chairman Hippler moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded to accept the minutes of February 7th as amended, passed 5-0-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

General Items:

1. Rabies Clinic - to make sure the Town Hall is cleaned. Facility Use Form to be signed by Town Clerk Maureen Billodeau.
2. Town Hall - needs a contractor for plumbing issue in the Men's room, new toilet and new flooring
3. Resignation Letter - Karen Nelson tendered her resignation to her position as Administrative Assistant. The Board agreed she did a fabulous job and she will be missed.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS

- Selectman Osborne commented who will take care of the Cemetery burials.
- Selectman Osborne stated Karen's Adm. Asst., Welfare Director, Minute Transcriber position and the Tax Collector need to be filled a.s.a.p.
- Selectman Osborne mentioned his concern for fuel prices.
- Selectman Osborne thanked Vice Chairman Meaney for his years of service.
- Selectman Van mentioned the email from the Police Chief.
- Selectman Burdick asked if the Cemetery books have been returned from the previous Sexton.
- Selectman Burdick asked should she continue with her Barn Registration:

Vice Chairman Meaney moved, Selectman Van seconded to apply to put the Gordon Brown building on the Historic Registry of Deeds. Passed 5-0-0

- Vice Chairman Meaney mentioned the black/yellow flyer with misinformation, 2021 positions filled.
- Vice Chairman Meaney thanked his wife and family for supporting him while serving for six years. He also thanked the people who voted for him.
- Electioneering - emails from the Police Chief looking to place a display and talk to voters entering the Town Vote. Town Moderator Eileen Meaney agreed with Town Administrator Bolton no electioneering allowed by Town officials, the Board agreed.
- Selectman Van thanked the Finance Committee for their long hours of time and sacrifice.

- Letters to the Editor - Town Administrator Bolton stated information could be provided, just ask.
- Truck prices - Town Administrator Bolton stated the Board has the opportunity to waive the three bids, the Banks Chevrolet salesman called GM for the \$9200.00 Municipal discount, the dealership provided a 10 year 100,000 mile warranty for \$3600.00. The Board agreed it was the best deal.

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Meaney made a motion, Chairman Hippler seconded to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from

TA Bolton notes & You Tube recording