



**Office of Board of Selectmen
Town of Mason**

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Selectmen Meeting 7/10/2018
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Charles Moser, Bernie O’Grady; Brenda Wiley, Dave Morrison, Fred Greenwood; members of the public.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bernie at 7:35 PM.

Approvals:

- Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of 6/26/18 were reviewed. Bernie motioned, second from Louise, to approve the minutes as written. Charlie abstained. Two votes to accept minutes of 6/26/2018 as written.
- The selectmen approved the appointment of Dane Rota to the Planning Board.
- An Intent to Cut Timber was not signed as taxes remain unpaid.
- The selectmen went into a Non Meeting at 7:47 p.m. The minutes in Non Meeting authorized the select board to sign the responses for Attorney Hilliard. Brenda will email the signature page and Louise will mail the originals on Wednesday.
- Agreement with Weller Michal for Town Hall assessment. The assessment is needed to allow grant process to move forward. Charlie noticed the name of Whitcomb Hall on the Agreement. Louise suggested it be changed to Mason Town Hall and be initialed. Bernie motioned to approve Louise to sign as chair per the typed agreement. Charlie seconded. All approved and Louise signed the agreement.
- STJ Construction Company Change Order for the highway building was discussed and signed.

New Business:

- Fire Chief Fred Greenwood came forward to discuss the 250th Celebration fireworks. He stated the site had changed from the sandpit to landing strip behind David Baker’s. He has concerns about the water availability (or lack of) at the strip. Dotsie Millbrandt, representing the sub chair of fireworks committee stated the fireworks’ vendor says the fireworks will be more spectacular from the landing strip. The Chief said the sandpit has multiple water supplies and better access. He also stated the town’s insurance has to specifically state fireworks. Charlie said the fireworks’ vendor should issue a Certificate of Insurance to the

town, listing the Town as Additional Insured. There will be a meeting to discuss the fireworks at the Fire Station at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 14th for all interested parties.

- Jennifer Beck from Wilton came forward with a 250th Birthday Present to the Town. It was a box of dirt given as a symbol for the donation of land at the Old Mill Lot for conservation. Also given to Bernie was a heart shaped rock as a symbol the land be protected for the people. Charlie mentioned picking up a handful of dirt was done in English Common Law when property changed hands. Charlie says the board accepts the donation “in spirit”. Ms. Beck will work with the Conservation Commission to move forward.
 - Louise said she had received a complaint that Russell Road is rough. Road Agent Dave Morrison discussed that reclaiming it didn’t seem to tighten it. There are no funds available this year and the 5 Year Plan needs to be looked at again. He will see if there is a way to alleviate the situation. Bookkeeper Brenda Wiley stated that the Town had \$183,771.91 available for road restoration in 2018. (\$50,000 Warrant Article, \$123,000 Budget Line Item and \$10,771.91 balance of SB38 Grant). To date the town has spent \$188,131.68 for road restoration. Bernie mentioned the dirt roads are in the best shape they have been in years. The calcium chloride is working.
 - Dave Morrison discussed the beavers and culvert issues. Solutions for ways to allow the critters to go through are being explored while keeping the culvert line item within budget. Pratt Pond culvert is being done this summer.
 - Louise stated that NRPC has been notified the Town’s Hazardous Mitigation Plan that was submitted. Submittal of the plan will allow the town to apply for possible reimbursement grants up to 80%.
 - A work session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss culverts, storm damage and gravel replenishment.
 - Discussed sealing the floor at the new highway building. Bernie has a quote for \$8,000. There isn’t money available for that and it can be done later.
 - Dave questioned the vacation policy wording. Louise will pull notes she has on that and email how the formula for accrual works.
 - Discussed water in tank at garage. Should it be left or moved? Dave will check to see if extra process is necessary to handle it.
 - Dave brought up several Energy Commissions items. The Energy Commission Program in October may help with new equipment. Have to get rid of old piece of equipment if get new one. Need to talk about new trucks. He will get prices on State Bids Dump Truck.
- Insulation at the Highway Office was discussed. Insulation can be done before the new shell goes on. Price of \$576 for 1” insulation all around. The window issue was discussed. Compressor is possible. Lighting info needs to be given to the electrician so he can make a list and run it past Eversource.

Old Business:

- MOU Ruggiero matter: Discussed changes regarding distinct stage and garage doors, 30 day requirement for renewing temporary platform. Board needs to see

code citing's from their attorney. Also need to see Structural Engineer's recommendation. Bernie will email Building Inspector Jacob for his report. Inspection permit of 30 days changed to 60 days. The wording of "stage" is outdoors. Louise wants to resolve both the letter and structural engineer report at the same time. The BOS should provide them with what Jacob came up with. BOS agreed to sign. Bernie signed the MOU. Louise will drop off the letter to Nicole tomorrow.

Public Forum:

- Barbara Devore mentioned the details of publicity for the 250th.
- Discussion about the Militia and call to arms.

Adjourned: There being no further business, Louise motioned, second by Bernie, to adjourn the meeting. Three votes to adjourn at 9:33 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Wiley
Bookkeeper