



Selectmen Meeting 3/26/2019
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Charles Moser, Pete McGinnity; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley; members of the public.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:30 PM.

Approvals:

- Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of 3/11/2019 meeting had been reviewed. Charlie motioned, second from Louise, to approve the minutes as written. Both voted to approve minutes of 3/11/2019 as written; Selectman McGinnity recused himself as he had not attended the meeting. Minutes of the 3/20/2019 emergency meeting were reviewed. Pete motioned, second from Charlie, to approve the minutes as written. Three votes to approve minutes of 3/11/2019 as written.
- Charlie motioned, second from Pete, to appoint Louise as chair of the select board through March 2020. Both voted to appoint Louise as new BOS Chair.
- Brenda Wiley had prepared paperwork for the annual TAN application, unanimous motion to authorize Louise to sign as chair the following documents – Confirmation of the tax levy, confirmation that BOS still consists of 3 members, the town seal is verified, and that the town does not anticipate more than \$5,000,000. of tax-exempt debt. All signed by Louise.
- A letter from NH DHR stating the Sunny Valley Schoolhouse has been determined to be eligible for listing to the NH State Register of Historic Places. BOS signature required to request it be placed on the register at the quarterly meeting of April 29, 2019, at which point the building will be eligible for some state sponsored grants for restoration work. Charlie motioned, second from Pete to authorize Louise to sign on behalf of the town.
- Two gifts of property to be officially accepted by BOS. Lot L-7, gifted to and accepted by the Conservation Commission, and Lot E-18, voted as Town Forest at the March 16, 2019 Town Meeting vote. Charlie motioned to accept both parcels, second from Pete. Three votes to accept parcels L-7 and E-18.
- Appointment papers required signatures. Bob Bergeron and Bill Fritz for ZBA, and Barbara Devore and Ann Moser for CC. All appointments signed by all 3 selectmen.
- Ambulance Contract had been sent by Brookline Ambulance Service. Noted that it had been reviewed and approved by Atty. Drescher. Also noted it asks for payment in full within 30 days of Town Meeting. Louise said the increase of over \$50,000 this year made it difficult from a cash flow perspective to pay in full, and that she would like to request quarterly payments. This was agreed to by the other 2 selectmen. Further conversation regarding the timing of getting the contract amount and window for withdrawing from the agreement were discussed. Also discussed was the formation of the advisory group under Chief Greenwood. Louise will contact Brookline Town Manager Tad Putney to discuss the contract questions.

New Business:

- Position of Trustee of the Trust Funds: The one-year position received write-in votes only; the top vote recipient was not interested in the position, but 2 other write in vote recipients were present to express their interest. Pete McGinnity recused himself from discussion. Pam McGinnity had received 2 write in votes, said she was interested in the position and willing to be appointed. Kathleen Bacheller also expressed interest, and had received one vote. After discussion with candidates, Pam will be appointed Trustee of Trust Funds for a term to expire in March 2020; Kathleen was invited to attend the next Planning Board Meeting 3/27/19, and hopefully join that board as an alternate member.
- Chief Fred Greenwood presented 2 quotes received for a heating system to be installed at the Fire Dept, including upstairs which had previously been unheated. The 2 quotes for the same basic system were \$8000 apart; the lower bid was approved by Selectmen with a motion from Louise, second from Pete and 3 affirmative votes to accept the bid of \$13,700 for a new heating system. That amount will come from the FD Building Remodel Fund, which was approved at the March, 2018 Town Meeting. He further shared that the Fire Dept Association, which has received donations over the years, voted to spend up to \$25,000 for further renovations within the building, to include a turnout room and a day room for meeting space. Louise motioned, second from Charlie, 3 votes to accept the gift of up to \$25,000 from the association for the above-mentioned renovations. Final conversation about driveway permit recommendations going to the Planning Board for inclusion in revisions for the master plan.
- Meryl Sullivan appeared to address a complaint she and her husband had lodged regarding a neighbor with a wood processing business. Discussion centered around the original language of the exception the owner had received to have a home business, and whether the current work was within that scope or required a new exception. Selectmen will research the language of the original exception and will get back to her.
- Nicole Ruggiero, representing the Driving Range, and Chris Perry, owner of Barley and Hops in Milford NH, appeared to discuss their plan to hold a Beer Festival on May 4th, 2019 at the Driving Range. The email had arrived mid-afternoon, so selectmen took a few minutes to read through the plan. Parking, hours for the event, serving hours and plans for controlling over-serving, and plans for music and other entertainment were discussed. It was discovered when reading the language of the exception granted to Marty's that they are authorized to hold events Memorial Day through Columbus Day weekends. As the proposed date falls outside of that time frame, it was disallowed.
- Mark Hager, resident of Starch Mill Rd, came forward to discuss formation of a roads committee. The recent display of frustration by residents concerning the condition of the dirt roads prompted him to offer to form and work on a committee to research alternative funding sources and ideas for improvements for the dirt roads in town. He mentioned SB 38 from 2017, which Louise remembered as having given Mason approximately \$66,000. Mark said there would be a similar bill in 2019, so keep an eye open for more. As to the idea of a committee, Louise thought it a good idea – the membership should be selected so that the group understands the budget and underlying road issues, and can work with other groups such as Planning Board which is doing traffic studies on selected roads as part of the master plan update. Having almost completed the restoration of paved roads in town, it is time to focus on dirt roads. A committee could be helpful to offer

plans/priorities for improvements, as well as research grant opportunities (although that is a difficult process). All selectmen agreed a committee could be very helpful and provide more insight, and would like Mark to return with a mission statement for the committee to help define their focus, and suggested membership.

Old Business:

Informational Items/Communication:

- Letter from DRA regarding Equalization Ratio indicating it would be set at 85.9%. It was asked if Todd had reviewed the comparables they used, and replied that he is copied on their mailing and get their information from data entered into our assessing software.
- Report of prosecutor hours had been provided for selectmen; Kathy had been told their plan was to update that monthly for BOS informational purposes.

Public Forum:

- Barbara Devore asked if the Ledger-Transcript was planning an article on the schoolhouse being added to the State Register of Historic Places. Answer was no, she offered to do that for her Mason column.
- Bob Bergeron, as Asst. Building Inspector, had been out to a property on Reed Rd, where there seemed to be some inconsistencies with the permit pulled – selectmen will look into it.

Non-Public:

- Noted that the form used to record Non-Public Session minutes needed to be updated to reflect new membership on BOS.
Louise motioned, second by Pete, to enter non-public session by reason of RSA 91-A:3, II
(c) “request for tax assistance or abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy”. Roll call vote taken, 3 votes to enter non-public session at 9:37 PM.
Return to Public Session at 9:45 PM, no motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

Adjourned:

There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Pete. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday April 9, 2019 at the Mann House at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant