



Board of Selectmen Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, 5/29/19 – Approved 6/12/19
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Bob Hamilton, Roberta Oeser, Karl Pruter, Town Administrator Joe Byk, Executive Secretary Michele Christian, Finance Director Laurie May, DPW Director Mike Cloutier, Fire Chief Rick Donovan and Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Selectmen's Announcements – Bob stated that the Memorial Day Observance was wonderful. Thank you to Tim Weston and Roni Hamilton for all their efforts.

The Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting and made a donation to the Family Festival.

The Women's Club Plant Sale and Bake Sale is on June 1. There is also the town wide yard sale sponsored by the Advent Lutheran Church.

Changes to the Consent Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

2. Approval of:

- **Minutes 5/15/19**
- **Payroll 5/23/19, 5/30/19**
- **Accounts payable 5/23/19, 5/30/19**

Roberta made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Karl,

Approved 3-0-0.

6:15 PM Public Hearing: RSA 31:95-e

Acceptance of Fire Department Boat and donation of old Boat

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM

The Chair explained that there were several parts to the donation: The boat will replace the undersize boat that we currently have. The registration and insurance for the boat and trailer will not go up that much. The current boat will be decommissioned. The boat will need to be picked up in Alabama. Fire Chief Rick Donovan will pick up the trailer and boat with the FIRE DEPARTMENT truck if permission granted. The association will donate \$1500 for gas, lodging, and food while Rick is traveling.

Accepting the gift of the boat on 31:95

Acceptance of the \$1500 gift from the Fire Dept. Assn.

Permission to use the FIRE DEPARTMENT truck to transport the boat from Alabama

Rick discussed the need for the new rescue boat. Currently the FIRE DEPARTMENT is using a bass boat which is difficult to move patients in the boat from the water. The capacity for this boat is much greater than the current boat. The boat comes fully equipped and it is certified for rescues. The cost of the gift is \$30,000. Members of the community weighed in with their thoughts and the consensus was that it is a great idea. Roberta asked if the Fire Department seal was going to be on the boat when we receive it or if that is another expense.

Public Hearing closed at 6:31 PM

Karl thanked the many people who donate to the Firefighters Assn.

Roberta stated that the RSA in the agenda is incorrect. She wants to know if it was posted this way in the paper. Joe said that he asked NHMA and it did not have to be posted in the newspaper.

Roberta made a motion to accept the boat, trailer and motor under RSA 31:95 e that is being donated by the Firefighters Association. Seconded by Karl, Approved 3-0-0

Karl made a motion to allow Fire Chief or representative to pick up the boat using the town utility vehicle, Seconded by Roberta, Approved 3-0-0

Roberta mentioned that the Town has a policy about disposition of Town property but the Board does have authority to handle this differently. The current boat will be donated back to the fire association. Bob made a motion to sell the current boat back to the association for \$1.00, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

Chief Donovan requested the Board take up an item later on the agenda, the dry hydrant on Kimball Road as Ben Lundstedt was present from Comprehensive Environmental. He explained that there were time constraints due to a grant for a rain garden to be installed after the hydrant was put in. The contract for design and engineering was presented to the Board. The contract does not include installation which will be done by the Public Works and Fire Departments. After discussion about how to fund the engineering costs, Roberta suggested using the impact fee money as this was a capital investment for Public Safety. Roberta made a motion to accept the contract for the engineering for the dry hydrant on Kimball Road and authorize Joe Byk to sign the contract on behalf town. Seconded by Karl, Approved 3-0-0

a) Fire Warden Deputy Warden Appointments

Andrew Leger will be replacing Brian Packard.

Roberta made a motion that we appoint Andrew Leger as deputy forest fire warden and have the Chair sign on behalf of the Board, Seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

Roberta made a motion to reappoint our deputy forest wardens for 2020 per the attached list. Seconded by Karl. 3-0-0

b) Wellington Bridge bid procedure

Mike stated that he has taken the training necessary for the bridge work and recommends that Joe and Laurie also take the training because it is a lot of paperwork on the financial end. Joe has sent an RFQ to the state and they recommended that at least 3 engineering firms bid on the project. Some towns hire a consultant and Mike reached out to someone that was at the training and it would be \$100.00 per hour for consulting. Mike is suggesting advertising and reaching out to at least 3 engineering firms. Mike to work with Joe to get return date.

Roberta made a motion that Joe and Mike move forward on the RFQ for the Wellington Bridge, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

c) Paving Bid Award Request

Bids received from Brox Industries, PJ Keating Company and Mitchell Sand & Gravel. Mike recommends that we award the paving bid to PJ Keating Company at \$66.00 per ton. At this price Mike will be able to do all of the roads that he was planning to pave for this year which is almost 4 miles.

Karl made a motion that we accept the paving bid from PJ Keating Company and authorize Joe Byk to sign the contract on behalf of the town, seconded by Roberta. Approved 3-0-0

Holly Koski asked if the paving details were included in the contract.

d) Abatement Request – Ben Asaff, Map 4, Lot 35, 325 Route 119

Ben requested a reduction in assessment from \$101,300 to \$50,248. Our assessing company KRT has recommended a reduction to \$75,000 & refund \$723.25 plus interest. Ben stated that he is curious how they came up with this number without doing a site walk. Roberta said that they probably used Google Earth. Ben stated that without walking the land he doesn't feel that they can properly reevaluate the property. Ben did not accept the \$75,000 assessment of the property. There was discussion about the properties and comps for the assessment.

Bob stated that he is inclined to stick with KRT's figure of \$75,000 and Roberta agreed that it was a reasonable compromise. Karl stated that he agreed that KRT reevaluated and brought the figure down. Bob asked Roberta if she wanted to make a more generous offer and she said that she wanted to stay at \$75,000. Ben declined the offer of \$75,000.

Roberta made a motion to deny the abatement request for property at Map 4, Lot 35, 325 Route 119. Seconded by Bob. Approved 3-0-0

Informational Items/Communications/Updates - None

Committee Updates

Teltech met and Rob Koester is coming next Thursday to discuss the internet accessibility. Karl asked about the server. Phil, Tim and Tom Roy are on the same page and the server is on order. Roberta asked when the server would arrive due to time constraints. Tom Roy is aware of the time limitations.

Roberta stated that the Feasibility Study Group will meet again next week. Paula Philips was present at the meeting and she is a volunteer from Rindge.

April Revenues and Expenses have already been reviewed.

Roberta made a motion to go into nonpublic session according to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) Personnel at 8:12 PM, seconded by Karl.

Roll Call Vote: Karl, yes; Bob, yes; Roberta, yes

Returned to Public session at 8:45PM.

Roberta made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session, seconded by Bob because divulgence of this information of could affect the reputation of any person other than this board.

Roll Call Vote: Bob, yes; Karl, yes; Roberta, yes

Adjournment 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Christian

Executive Secretary