



Board of Selectmen Meeting

Town Office

Wednesday, 4/3/2019 – Approved 4/17/2019

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Bob Hamilton, Roberta Oeser, Karl Pruter Executive Secretary
Michele Christian, Finance Director Laurie May and Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Selectmen's Announcements – Roberta Announced that the Rec Dept. is co-sponsoring the Poor Meat Raffle this Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Citizen's Forum – Bob reviewed the general rules of order for citizen's forum. Judy Unger Clark presented a time line on the Dale Farm Road PURD project when it started back in July. She also stated that the postponement of the meeting on October 17th was due to the land not having changed hands yet. (Editor's note: The October 17th meeting was postponed until October 31st because there was a 14 day public notification period per RSA 43:2 and if the public hearing was held the Board would not have been in compliance.)

Al Lefebvre said that no one will know where the camper permit is for because it is listed as Map and Lot number and it should say which road it is on. Holly Koski stated that the first farmers market is on May 16.

Craig Clark stated that there are a multitude of problems for the PURD on the class VI road. He stated that when Town Pines drilled the wells some of them went dry. There are problems with the zoning ordinance and the master plan. Roberta stated that there are 16 units at Taggart Meadows. Phil Motta is the chairman of the Town Pines Committee and he said that there is a big concern for a loss of well water. Bob stated that the BOS is not

a deciding body for the PURD. Judy Unger-Clark stated that there is different treatment for different individuals and there is evidence of collusion.

Changes to the Consent Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

2. Approval of:

- **Minutes 3/20/19**
- **Payroll 3/28/19, 4/4/19**
- **Accounts payable 3/28/19, 4/4/19**
- **Farmer's Market request for West Rindge Common**
- **Conservation Commission reappointments: David Drouin, Philip Simeone, William Preston (alternate)**
- **Women's Club Raffle Permit**
- **Camper Permit – Map 47, Lot 48**

Karl made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Roberta. Approved 3-0-0

Roberta feels that using the consent agenda should only be for minutes, payroll and accounts payable.

2) Old Business-

- a) **Acceptance of unanticipated revenue – RSA 31:95-b LCHIP-Meetinghouse \$200.00**

Roberta made a motion to accept unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95 B, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

- b) **Dale Farm Road re: Building Permit**

This agenda item has been tabled until the next meeting.

- c) **Finance Department request re: NHGFOA Annual Conference**

Laurie has requested going to the NHGFOA Annual conference. Roberta stated that Laurie went last year so it was pulled from the budget. Roberta is not in favor of her attending this year. Bob stated that he would like to see Laurie attend. Laurie stated

that she can wait until next year to finish the program Karl thanked Laurie for waiting until next year when there is money in the budget for her attendance.

3) New Business

a) Board of Selectmen Committee appointments

Bob will remain on the Meeting House Oversight Committee and Town Gown. He will also be on the Budget Advisory Committee. Roberta stated that maybe they should have a different person on the Town Gown. Bob said that there will be no regular members by this summer and for the sake of continuity he wants to continue with this group. Karl said that Town Gown is a successful committee in this town. Roberta will be on the School District Feasibility Study Committee, Planning Board, and the School Board Budget Advisory Committee. Karl has chosen the Recreation Committee, Capital Improvement Committee and the Teltech Committee.

Roberta stated that there is no money in the budget for the 4th of July Fireworks. She is going to open an account and to try to get contributions for fireworks. Bob stated that the college is interested in having the fireworks there again this year. Holly Koski asked where she should direct calls about the 4th of July.

b) Teltech Committee RE WIFI Initiative

Phil Motta Chairman of the Tel Tech committee stated that they hear frequently about the internet. There are multiple problems with the service as well as daily outages. There is outdated infrastructure and there is not a good way for Comcast to provide service. There are a lot of people in town who don't even meet the specs for broadband. Take information from the Chesterfield document. Phil asked if they could get approval to start the process. Craig Clark said that Comcast came in after Argent to look at the town. Tim Wessels stated that enabling legislation was passed last year and that the town of Chesterfield started right after the legislation passed. There is a fairly long timeline but Teltech needs approval from the board to begin looking at the process. The town of Chesterfield is bonding for 1.8 million dollars with additional funding by Comcast. There is also the possibility of other towns banding together to collaborate on the project. Karl stated that Chesterfield must have a population density about the same size. Rindge has more households but the town is the same size. Roberta asked if it was a bond – it is being done by the provider not the taxpayer. There was more discussion about the internet service in town. Bob stated that he has reviewed the information provided by the TelTech Committee. Bob stated that Verizon liked FIOS in rural towns since it eliminates the need for copper cable. There is no loss on fiber cable. The BOS agreed that the Teltech committee move forward with starting the process.

Roberta made a motion to have the Teltech Committee move forward researching the fiber Initiative similar to the Chesterfield plan, 2nd by Karl Approved 3-0-0. Holly Koski asked what was included in the triple play. Jim Qualey stated that he appreciates the work of the Teltech Committee. Jim said that he doesn't like the idea of the Town charging an extra \$10.00 monthly. He doesn't feel that the Town should pass a warrant article that allows the Town to come between him being able to negotiate with his internet service provider. He stated that he doesn't like the idea of the Town underwriting infrastructure for use of operations by private entities. Jim said that we don't know how much the internet going to change in the next 20 years that it may be costly to the Town to stay upgraded.

Al Lefebvre stated when they brought in Fast Roads people had an option to sign up and the junctions to the house were very costly.

c) DPW Grader Purchase Authorization

Mike Cloutier, DPW Director is requesting authorization for purchasing a grader. Bob is in favor of moving forward with the purchase. Karl made a motion for Mike to sign the purchase order for the grader and for the Chair to sign, seconded by Roberta. Approved 3-0-0

d) Committee Updates

Roberta said the Planning Board approved the Colonial Green project last night. Rec Committee met and has a new member that will be appointed. The first Saturday in August is the Tour de Common.

e) February 2019 Revenues and Expenditures

Roberta stated that some of the numbers don't make sense so they were probably coded incorrectly. Bob asked Roberta to work with Laurie on whatever problems she has seen.

Karl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roberta. Approved 3-0-0

Adjournment 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

**Michele Christian
Executive Secretary**

