



**Board of Selectmen Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, 2/20/2019
5:45 p.m.**

MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 5:47 PM. A motion was made by Bob to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) for Personnel and RSA 91-A:3,II (e) for Litigation, Second by Roberta. Roll Call Vote: Bob-Yes, Jim-Yes, Roberta-Yes. Others present: Joe Byk, Chief Dan Anair. Discussed excess carry-over of vacation time and a request to waive the policy regarding same. A motion to waive the policy to allow 12 hours of vacation for Max (police officer) to not expire this month by Roberta. Second by Bob. Passed 3-0. Litigation: Discussed a pending litigation and Roberta's recommendation to withdraw. Roberta motioned to withdraw from the pending small claims court litigation. Second by Bob. Passed 2-1 with Jim voting Nay. Returned to Public Session at 6:07 PM

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Selectmen: Bob Hamilton, Jim Qualey, Roberta Oeser; Town Administrator Joe Byk, Executive Secretary Michele Christian, Finance Director Laurie May, Police Chief Dan Anair, Members of the Community.

The Chair invited the board and the public to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance

Selectmen's Announcements: There were no announcements.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

The Chair reviewed the rules of procedure for Citizen's Forum. Debra Qualey stated the Chamber of Commerce is hosting candidate's night on 3/4/19 at 6:30 at the Rec Center. The Rindge Women's Club are providing refreshments.

Dawn Dunbar asked about whether or not she would be able to comment on Dale Farm Road and if she should do it now or when the agenda item is discussed. She stated that she spoke to her lawyer and she has some questions about how the road came to be Dale Farm Road. Dunbar stated that she believes that they own up to the center line of the road and wanted to know if that was only on a Class VI road. Roberta said that unless the town owns a road outright or the State the property owner owns the underlying interest to the middle of the road. The town has the right of way over that section. Dunbar also said that she wants to know how they can see a surveyor's proof that there is actually 50' frontage on the Class VI portion of the road. She said she doesn't believe there is 50' of frontage. Roberta said that Kirk Stenersen went out and measured it. Dunbar asked if he was a surveyor and Roberta stated that he is a Civil Engineer. Dunbar asked if she could see a report. Roberta stated that the road was never closed it was classified a Class VI road from discontinued maintenance. Dunbar asked how they get proof and they need to see a survey. Roberta stated that it is on the plans and is available in the Planning Board Office.

Dunbar asked how to get the section of road discontinued from their property to where the boulders are going to be. Roberta stated that it has to be a town vote and on the warrant and there has to be with the permission of the adjoining land owners. Dunbar asked how to go about doing that. A warrant article would be needed with 25 signatures. There were several more questions posed by Dunbar on submitting a petition warrant article.

Chief Anair stated that Dale Farm Road used to be Rand Road and it was renamed for 911 compliance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

Jim opened the public hearing on Warrant Article 20 at 6:23 pm

Operation of Keno – Warrant Article 20 - RSA 284:41-51

Jim read the warrant article and passed the floor over to Bob who presented the article as the petitioner. Bob gave an overview of the Keno and which businesses would qualify. Woodbound Inn, Emmas, Pizza Haven and Hometown Diner qualify because they hold liquor licenses. Karl Pruter asked if the town got any funding from the Keno. Keno helps to fund the pre k education system and we would get funds even if we don't have Keno in town.

The public Hearing on Warrant Article 20 closed at 6:27 pm

Jim Opened the Public on Warrant Articles 16 & 17 Hearing at 6:29 pm

**Rescission/Change to Special Revenue Fund – Warrant Articles 16 & 17
RSA 35:95-d**

Roberta gave an update on these warrant articles. In 2000 a warrant article set up a special revenue fund to capture the income from the sale of dump stickers and punch cards. The trash was hauled up to Berlin and the fund was set up to save money to replace the haul truck and to repair and replace equipment at the transfer station. In 2012 a contract was negotiated for the solid waste so the need for the haul truck has diminished. The benefit of rescinding this fund is that it we can then capture that money and use it to reduce the budget which we can't do now. We are very limited how we can use a special revenue fund. The hope is that the revolving fund will be established and we can use the money to offset some of the operating expenses of the transfer station.

Karl Pruter asked what would happen if one article passed and the other did not. Jim stated that the money from the special revenue fund would go to the general fund. If Article 16 passes but Article 17 doesn't pass it would mean that we would put \$79,000 in the revolving fund and the money in the special revenue fund would still be there.

Jolene Little asked if this included just solid was or recyclables. It includes all of the transfer station. There was much discussion about recycling and the costs involved with the recycling program.

The public hearing closed at 6:42 PM

1. Consent Agenda

Changes to the Consent Agenda:

Approval of:

- **Payroll 2-14-19, 2-21-19**
- **Accounts Payable 2-14-19, 2-21-19**
- **Minutes 1-16-19, 1-23-19**

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

Approved 3-0-0

Roberta stated that when a person gets assistance their name should not be in the manifest. The manifests are public but welfare assistance is not. Roberta stated that when people are given assistance a lien is placed on their house and when the house is sold the lien is released.

2.) Old Business

a) Dale Farm Road Update:

Roberta stated that there was discussion at the Planning Board meeting and Rick Donovan wanted to put gates at the end of Dale Farm Road and leave space on either side of the gate for individuals to walk through. Jim read the information that was obtained in November from an NHMA lawyer. Roberta wants to make sure that we are legally able to put up a gate before the planning board moves forward. If there are boulders then there would not be any vehicular traffic. Jim stated that we need to have a specific plan before we consult an attorney. Bob said that he would like Joe to find out from town counsel if we can block off a Class VI road via locked gate and can we block off a Class VI road from vehicular traffic with boulders. He would like yes or no answers on these questions.

Holly Koski asked what was done with Converseville Bridge. It was discontinued.

Dawn Dunbar questioned which portion of the road would not be allowed EMS vehicles. It is a small portion of Dale Farm Road. Sally Dunbar said that they have a blind driveway and she has a fear of hitting someone on a snowmobile. Sally Dunbar also asked about the petition warrant article.

2. New Business

a) Police Department Training Request

Chief Anair stated that he is a Tactical Training Commander and there are certain training programs that he needs to attend on a yearly basis. NH receives funding from Dept. of Homeland Security. They will pay the expenses with the exception of airfare which is approximately \$219-\$248 round trip. He is requesting the town be the fiscal agent for the training event and if Homeland Security will cover the cost of the airfare they will be reimbursed. If not, Chief Anair is asking the town to pick up the tab for the airfare. Bob stated that SRT (Special Response Team) is training for incident management in high risk situations. Homeland Security has already approved the cost of the training as well as rooms and meals. Roberta is concerned about the coverage for the police department because it is like taking a week off with a short staff. The training is in August and Chief Anair hopes that we will be fully staffed by that time. The SRT team works closely with the Keene team. The Team is Rindge, Jaffrey, New Ipswich, Dublin and Mont Vernon? Jim stated that he feels that it is a worthy thing for the town of Rindge.

Jim made a motion to approve Chief Anair's training and that the town accept responsibility as the fiscal agent for the training expenses as well as expending up to \$300 for airfare, seconded by Bob. Approved 3-0-0

b) Recreation Department Vehicle Loaner Agreement with Milford

Dan Bemis is requesting that we enter into a loaner vehicle agreement with Milford Recreation Dept. Rindge would be the lending agency. Bob asked what dates they would like and Joe stated that it will have to be part of the contract. Bob asked why Dan thought this would be a good idea and Joe said it is an act of goodwill and will generate some revenue. Bob stated that there needed to be some cleanup on the vehicle agreement. Jim stated that there needs to be a specific proposal. Joe said that he will pursue a proposal at the pleasure of the board. Roberta said that this should not go into the revolving fund. Joe will get a formal written proposal.

Holly Koski asked if Milford would be responsible if something happened to the van. Joe stated that there is a clause in the contract in the event of an accident.

3. Committee Updates/Information Items

Teltech Committee met on Monday, the 19th and they discussed streaming over the internet.

Town Gown is meeting on Tuesday the 26th and President Moody will be attending. The meeting will be at President Moody's home. FPU is working with the Police Dept. on some incidents that have recently happened there.

Roberta said that there is an issue with keys to the buildings. There was someone who had something locked in the Rec Center and they had to go to the Police Dept. and they could not find the keys to the Rec. Center. Joe to make sure that the PD has keys to all of the town buildings.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roberta seconded.

Adjournment 7:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Christian

Executive Secretary