

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JULY 14, 2020
MINUTES

PRESENT: David Lage, Chairman; Shawn Talbot
Town Administrator Scott Butcher
Selectman John Veaser absent

Chairman Lage called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Town Office and reviewed the agenda.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the Governor's most recent Emergency Orders; #'s 57-58.

L.E.D. STREET LIGHT RFP DISCUSSION

The Town Administrator discussed the Request for Proposal process for the L.E.D. street light replacement. There were no proposal received as of the deadline. The two vendors that attended the pre-bid meeting were called to understand why they decided not to respond. One vendor indicated that they felt they could not be competitive and decided not to bid. The second vendor, Affinity, apologized for missing the deadline and asked if they could send in a more generic proposal for consideration. The Selectmen did a preliminary review of that proposal during the meeting. Chairman Lage had questions and concerns about what was being proposed and asked the Town Administrator to gather more information from the vendor.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Lage discussed the possibility of installing solar panels at the closed landfill site as a way to provide electricity for Town of New Ipswich facilities. He stated that there are firms that will invest in the installation of solar panels and enter into an agreement with the Town to provide electricity at a reduced rate. At some point the solar facility can be acquired by the Town and generate virtually free electricity. Chairman Lage requested the Town Administrator contact ReVision Solar to come in and make a presentation on the subject.

The Town Administrator said that there may be a possibility to enter into a bulk electricity buying agreement with other communities as another way to reduce electricity costs. That is something Nashua Regional Planning Commission organized for its member communities and school districts. Southwest Regional Planning Commission may have a similar program.

Chairman Lage asked about the status of the RFP for fuel oil and propane to heat the Town's buildings. The Town Administrator stated that one had not been developed with the Facilities Manager.

Chairman Lage wanted an update on the DPW road grader. The Town Administrator stated the DPW road grader experienced an engine head gasket failure. Chairman Lage was concerned about the cost of repairing it since then DPW has already exhausted its equipment repair budget for 2020.

Selectman Talbot asked if there is a replacement plan in place for equipment. The Town Administrator explained that the Capital Improvement Program that is developed by the Planning Board addresses those issues.

Department fuel usage was discussed by the Selectmen. Selectman Talbot inquired about the possibility of acquiring our own fueling station as a way to reduce costs by buying unleaded gas and diesel in bulk. He was concerned about the number of trips he noticed on the WEX gas card statement out of town to refuel vehicles. Chairman Lage was concerned about the cost of installing such a facility.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION #1

At 6:58 pm Chairman Lage MOTIONED to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Selectmen Talbot SECONDED the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:11 pm Chairman Lage MOTIONED to leave the non-public session. Selectmen Talbot SECONDED the motion. The vote was unanimous. Chairman Lage MOTIONED to seal the minutes. Selectman Talbot SECONDED the motion. The vote was unanimous.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION #2

At 7:12 pm Chairman Lage MOTIONED to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Selectman Talbot SECONDED the motion. The vote was unanimous.

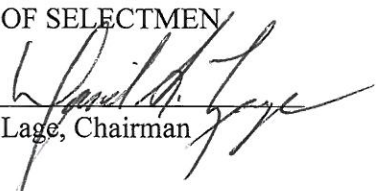
At 7:29 pm Chairman Lage MOTIONED to leave the non-public session. Selectman Talbot SECONDED the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:32 pm, Chairman Lage MOTIONED to adjourn. The motion was SECONDED by Selectmen Talbot and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Butcher, Town Administrator

Minutes approved by:


BOARD OF SELECTMEN



David S. Lage, Chairman

ABSENT

John Veaser



Shawn Talbot