

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021
MINUTES**

PRESENT: David Lage Chairman; Shawn Talbot Selectmen
Scott Butcher, Town Administrator
State Reps Paul Somero and Diane Kelly

The meeting opened at 6:00.

State Representatives – Discussion on legislative update; municipal / school aid:

Paul Somero and Diane Kelly attended the meeting this evening.

David discussed concern regarding the shift in the pension burden, going from the state to the town, as well as unfunded mandates.

Diane asked what money we send to the state beside the school money. Scott responded State Education tax, County tax. Dave mentioned the small businesses, such as restaurants also pay taxes. The effect on children leaving the district to be home schooled was discussed as well as the effect on funding that is having.

Much discussion on the schools funding ensued. After some time David reminded everyone that the reason for the NH Representatives attending was the Towns Budget items. For instance, the Highway Block Grant as an example. The conversation returned at length to the concern about Town taxes and what can be done to help at the state level.

2021 Farmers Market:

Shawna sent request to start the Farmers Market in April if okay with the BOS.

John made a motion to accept the request to start Farmers Market on April 3rd, Shawn seconded, all were in favor.

Old/New Business:

Scott brought up the quotes for vehicles. There was some difficulty getting some quotes due to a system issue from the state bid list. Also Hillsborough noted if we order truck now, it will need to be a 2022 year model. It was decided to wait to get more pricing to be sure we get lowest price.

David brought up street lights, noted a lot in the Wilder Village area.

Scott noted working with Eversource, and also looking into the light in the town office parking lot.

The Cell tower was next up, Scott gave an update on the progress. Project is slow moving, and many items are still needing to be done.

Eversource charges and credits were discussed, along with the lawsuit that includes about 95 towns.

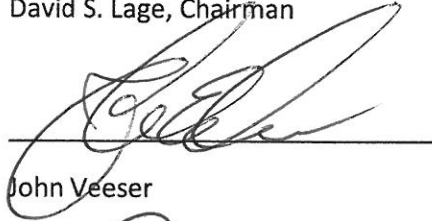
Non Public Session:

Selectman Veeseer made a MOTION to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-3, Selectman Talbot Seconded the motion, all were in favor.

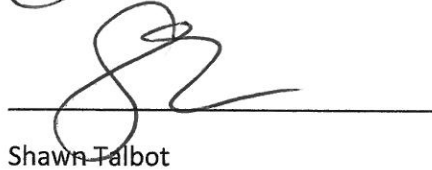
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett, Land Admin

**Minutes approved by
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

David S. Lage, Chairman

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Shawn Talbot