

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 26, 2019

PRESENT: David Lage, Chairman, John Veaser, Bert Hamill, Lori Rautiola

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements: Chairman Lage announced the Parks & Rec. Department will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on April 13 at Highbridge Hill Elementary School.

Chairman Lage reported he received the documented explanation on the health insurance increase and he does concur, adding a former employee went off the plan, some plans changed from single to family plans and one employee is purchasing insurance through the Town but is paying for it themselves, this changes the policy rates. Selectman Veaser and Selectman Hamill both understood the rate increase.

The Town ordinances were reviewed to ensure they were current and still applicable. The Board did not make any decisions to amend any ordinances. David noted the Board should look into revising the volunteer ordinance to request a background check. David also mentioned he would welcome Police Chief Carpenter's input regarding the fireworks ordinance.

David asked Lori to get an update on the survey for the police station from Town Administrator, Carlotta Pini. Bert questioned spending money on a survey. He noted the voters had already spoken with a "no" vote on the police facility, adding he agrees with John and David that a new police facility is needed; however, he does not see how the Board can get that point across to the voters. John responded that the owner of building expects to sell the building by the end of this year which could leave to Police Department without a facility. He continued stating the survey will help to keep the issue on the forefront and keep people talking about it. David stated, as elected officials, if we cannot educate the public on why the Town needs a Police Station then we are not doing our job, adding a mere 35 % of the registered voters came out to vote in March. He continued stating if one looks at any town with a similar issue, it takes time to accomplish and the Board needs to continue trying.

John stated he agreed with David and the Board needs to keep moving forward expressing the issue that needs to be addressed. He continued stating not only is it a horrible facility, it is not even right that the Town cannot provide the Department with a facility that is adequate for their needs and the citizen's needs as well. David noted the Town needs to get the information out to the voters so they can have time to ask questions and get accurate answers.

Bert questioned the need of the mailer/survey and asked if the Board should by pass the survey and move forward with getting a revised cost analysis to demo building #2 and build the facility behind the Town Office. Bert continued stating he does not see the need for the mailer. John disagreed, stating we need to continue to get the information to the residents regarding the need for a facility and David agreed.

New Business: David mentioned the need to get on a schedule to meet with the Boards and Departments, especially the smaller ones we do not see often, such as the Health Inspector, Emergency Management

Director (when hired). David mentioned the Board is looking for volunteers to make up the Budget Advisory Committee and asked Lori to make a post on the website.

John mentioned checking into the water contract with Monadnock Water to see if the Town could save money by purchasing the water cooler instead of renting them for \$7 a month.

John reported he met with Fire Chief Lund regarding a grant for equipment, adding the money will come directly out of her budget but will need to be reimbursed as this was a warrant article. John mentioned Meredith had suggested using the old holding tank behind the Town Office for the drainage problem in front of the Fire Station. David stated he is not opposed to the idea and asked if Chief Lund could come back with a plan. John also reported the Fire Department was awarded a brush truck through a free program called Federal Excess Personal Properties (FEPP). The piece of equipment is owned by the Federal Government and the Town would need to assume all maintenance and insurance etc. on the piece of equipment. The Town would also have the opportunity to give it back if they did not have a need for it; however, it would replace the existing brush truck. David requested Chief Lund supply the details of the truck, year, mileage etc.

At 7:45 p.m. John made a motion to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91: A: 3C. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Selectman Lage made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes. Selectman Veesser seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

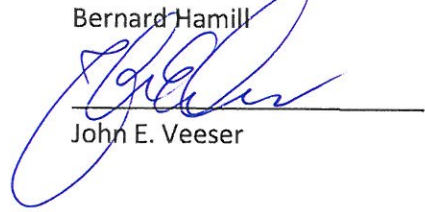
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Rautiola

Board of Selectmen March 26, 2019 minutes approved by:



David S. Lage, Chairman

Bernard Hamill

John E. Veesser