

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APRIL 16, 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 host two Messy Canvas Paint Nights, one for Kids on April 23, from 5-7 p.m. at Highbridge Hill Elementary School and one for adults on April 26, from 7-9 at the School Yard. Town wide cleanup day will be held on April 27. Volunteers can meet at the Memorial Park on Temple Road from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Adult Rec. nights will be held on Sundays: basketball at Boynton Middle and pickleball & cornhole at Highbridge Hill. All activities will be from 6-9 p.m. David noted the town is in need of a Pool Director.

**Appointments:** NH State Representative, Tim Merlino reported Smithville Road and Route 123A are on the State's list to be paved in 2019. Mr. Merlino also requested the Board to let him know the results of the surveys for Police Station and he would assist in searching for available grants. He mentioned possible funding from the USDA. David noted the Board has already explored that route and the Town does not qualify for funds due to the income range of the residents of New Ipswich.

Stephen Meno, UNH Cooperative, Community & Economic Development Field Specialist, explained he serves Hillsborough County and is here to gain a sense of the community's needs. David stated the Town is a "bedroom community", and does not have the infrastructure to support large businesses. The Board's goal the last few years has been to draw people in to town by making the town look more appealing to people driving through. He gave an example of having a common area or a park that gets people's attention. The Board would like to engage with the community on this goal but are unsure how to accomplish this.

Mr. Meno explained the town may benefit from creating a community profile. This would happen over an 8 month period where a group of community members and a Select Board member would form a committee. A two day "vision session" would be held where they can discuss what the town's assets and challenges are and get people to think outside the box. He continued the group would brainstorm over several months and then split up into different action committees, then keep working on reaching those goals. Mr. Meno explained getting people engaged is the first step to the process.

There was discussion on improving the downtown area. Selectmen Veaser explained there is no "common" area in New Ipswich or no designated area where one could hold a concert or something of that nature. John continued stating the Board would like to be able to support these activities that are already happening in other private areas, but we just do not have the right area or place to hold them.

David asked if Mr. Meno could put together a synopsis of suggestions for the town. Mr. Meno responded stating he would be happy to do so.

**Old/New Business:**

Destination Imagination Team Fundraising request: The Board discussed the Destination Imagination Team's request for funds from the Spaulding Fund. The Board concluded the request to use the annual dividends of the Spaulding account is made through the Trustee of the Trust Funds. David made a motion that the Board draft a memo to the Trustee of the Trust stating it is the Board's intent that the Trustee of the Trust Funds is in charge of that account and any further requests should be made to the TTF. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

David read an email he received from Peggy Ueda. Ms. Ueda made a request to be placed on the agenda to discuss and answer any questions regarding the proposed Park Theater in Jaffrey. David stated to put Ms. Ueda on the agenda for May 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Hamill reported the Board of Assessors had asked him to fill the vacancy until they can find a third member. David noted he wanted the Town Clerk to call the write in candidates and see if they are interested first. Bert also mentioned the Conservation Commission brought forth two action item for the Selectmen. 1) The Commission suggested the Selectmen look into SADES program, which is a state program that aids in training for installation of culverts. 2) The Commission is also going to be conducting a groundwater study on the Central Village area. It is their intent to send out a letter/survey to about 85 residents requesting they fill out the survey regarding their wells and the Commission would offer free water tests. The Board requested Chairman Boynton meet with them first to discuss the matter. David asked Lori to place Mr. Boynton on the agenda for April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

David requested Lori to get an update from Carlotta to see if any positions have been filled for the Cemetery Committee.

At 7:20 p.m. Selectman Veaser made a motion to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91A-3:E. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

No session was held due to the assessors not being available. At 7:42 John made a motion to adjourn. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Rautiola

Board of Selectmen April 16, 2019 minutes approved by:

  
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David S. Lage, Chairman

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John E. Veaser

  
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Bernard F. Hamill