

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

April 9, 2019

PRESENT: Selectmen, David Lage, Chairman, John Veaser, and Bert Hamill; Town Administrator, Carlotta Pini

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Office, with the Pledge of Allegiance and announcements about upcoming Recreation Department programs.

Woody Meiszner, a Trustee of the Trust Fund member, addressed the Board regarding the Spalding Trust. He provided a handout, which indicated that a Committee is supposed to be appointed to oversee the funds, and asked the Board to appoint the Trustees of the Trust Funds to serve in that capacity. John moved to do so. Bert seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Woody mentioned that Benti Hoiska had called Town Counsel to ask if the Destination Imagination team's request was a valid purpose of the fund. The Trustees will meet the following morning to learn what he advised.

Lars Somero addressed the Board regarding a parcel of land he and his father are trying to sell, which is adjacent to the Town's old Highway Garage. A prospective buyer had brought it to his attention that the land had been subject to runoff and dumping in the past and that the Town had agreed to clean it up. Selectman Lage said he had spoken with the Public Works Director about what was down there. There were some utility poles that had been disposed of and he was making sure that sand piles were not on Mr. Somero's property. David proposed a site walk. Mr. Somero brought up a concern about drainage onto the property and David pointed out that it was a matter for the School, not the Town. The parties agreed to meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the old garage.

The Selectboard reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director, requesting permission to begin the summer schedule of four 10-hour days. The Board agreed to begin the week of May 13 and run until, and including, the week of September 2. The Board also reviewed the Director's May Highway Report.

Five residents from Mountain View Drive addressed the Board regarding the condition of their road. The prior week, they had provided a letter outlining their concerns and asking that the road be put back on the Town's 2019 paving project list. The Board explained that they are trying to do through roads, not roads that serve a subdivision. Chairman Lage objected to some of the information in the letter, noting that the Town does not maintain class 6 roads. Both David and John mentioned they had driven the road and did not see the problems that were described. The residents said that every time the Town plows the road, the surface is further degraded. Becky Doyle asked the Board to have the Highway crew clean up the chunks of asphalt on the side of the road. Ms. Doyle said that the Town Report said the road would be done. David explained how roads are selected each year, after the Town budget is approved and estimates are obtained. John said the roads they intended to pave were disclosed at the Deliberative Session. Becky said the road is insufficient on the corner and as a result, should have been addressed within 72 hours of the Town receiving notice of the insufficiency. David said that statute only applies if the Town considers it a danger and they don't. Becky recited RSA 231:92 aloud. She asked if the Highway Agent had made the determination. The Board agreed to visit the road with the Highway Agent

and have him assess it. Becky requested the letter be posted with the minutes. Chairman Lage said no. She requested it be read into the minutes. Chairman Lage said no.

Chairman Lage said the Board had received advice regarding utility poles in the right-of-way. The Board agreed they would like the attorney providing the advice to meet with the Board. The Town Administrator will arrange a meeting.

After a five minute recess, the Board discussed several other matters, including a photo Bob Boynton had dropped off, the swimming pool filter, and a volunteer for the Garden Club. The Board went on to review a number of Town Ordinances that had been re-typed and formatted. The Board noted changes that needed to be made to each and marked up the drafts. The Town Administrator will have them revised and return to the Board for final approval and signatures.

The Board agreed to invite the Treasurer in to talk about the Investment Policy. Debbie Deaton and Jim Coffey stopped in to drop off a memo for the Board's consideration. Carlotta Pini said that the Tax Collector is sending the 2016 deed notices out on May 23 for deeding on June 24. The Board discussed Committee vacancies, as well as the Pool Director position. Bert gave an update of the Planning Board's recent meeting and distributed a survey he had prepared for the Old Town Hall. It was noted that the building butts up against the lot boundaries. The Board agreed to explore options for water and sewer at the property before expending additional funds on restoration.

Dave made a motion to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II(d). Bert seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

When the Board returned from nonpublic session, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlotta Pini

Board of Selectmen May 7, 2019 minutes approved by:



David S. Lage, Chairman



John E. Veaser



Bert Hamill