

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MAY 29, 2019

PRESENT: David Lage, Chairman, John Veaser, Bert Hamill, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Selectman Lage announced the Farmers' market was opening on June 1 from 9-12 at the Town Office and vendors are still needed. The Town wide yard sale is scheduled for June 29. Also, Selectman Lage announced Carlotta Pini is no longer working for the Town and Joanne Meshna will be filling in part time.

Investment policy: The 2013 investment policy was discussed with Treasurer Lashua for the investment of the Conservation Commission funds and two other accounts totaling \$660,000. This policy is separate from the Trustees investment policy. The Selectmen recommended contacting the money manager for the Trustees for any suggestions he might have for investing. The policy was approved as written. Joanne will prepare the final draft.

Mascenic Regional School District payments: The Board received a letter from Business Administrator Lizbeth Baker with estimated appropriations for FY2019-20 of \$721,423.17 per month, an increase over FY 2018-19 of approximately \$70,000. The amount is an estimate of each town's appropriation until figures are available from the DRA at tax rate setting time in the fall. The Selectmen prefer to keep the current payment amount until the tax rate is set. Joanne will draft a letter to Ms. Sousa.

Credit card policy: The Board reviewed Jaffrey's credit card policy for adoption for New Ipswich. Changes were made and Joanne will prepare the final draft.

Release agreement: Attorney Mayer prepared a Release of Agreement for property owned by Paul Somero, lot 11/99, on Turnpike Road. The Agreement has been sent to Mr. Somero for his review.

Old Town Hall: Selectman Lage and Matt Brown inspected the sill at the Old Town Hall. The sill has more rot than was originally determined. Mr. Brown will submit a new proposal with costs to the Board.

Police station public forum: The Board discussed the upcoming police station public forum on June 11. Selectman Lage will do an update of the cost for the first plan for a new police station. At next week's meeting the Board will review the questionnaires and prepare for questions that might be raised.

Primex: Primex has offered the Town a Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) agreement that provides budgetary assurance through December 31, 2022. Property and liability contributions have a maximum 9% increase and workers' compensation a maximum 10% increase. Joanne will provide what the Town has paid Primex over the past 5 years.

Background check for hiring: Currently the payment for the criminal record and motor vehicle background checks are paid by the applicant and if the checks are successful, the applicant is reimbursed. Selectman Lage made a motion to revise the background check procedure by having the

Town incur the costs of the background checks for both volunteers and employees. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Solar: Selectman Veaser stated solar is a pool and if the Town wanted to be involved a form would be filled out and the next time a solar farm is built the Town would be able to reap the benefits of it and get a rebate on electricity. He has asked for more information.

MOU with SVAS: Selectman Veaser met with the Fire Chief and Shawn Talbot. There is a line in the agreement they questioned regarding indemnification. Selectmen Veaser advised them to speak with their legal counsel.

Pool: The pool media is going to be pumped out Thursday. Peter is still waiting on prices for the replacement media. He is not sure about the replacement of the laterals.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna

Minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting approved by:

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David S. Laje, Chairman

  
John Veaser

  
Bernard Hamill