

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

Announcements: Farmers' Market Saturday from 9-12; opening day for soccer is September 14; Autumnfest is Saturday, October 5, 11-4 with rain date of October 6, 11-4.

DOT, Transportation Plan: The Board received a letter from the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance providing dates for public hearings on the NH Transportation Ten Year Plan. Public hearings will be held in Peterborough September 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, in Milford on September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, and in Keene on October 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Keene Parks and Recreation.

Oil bids for 2019-20: Bids were received from Fraticelli Oil at a fixed price of \$2.499 per gallon, Ciardelli Fuel Company at a fixed rate of \$2.449 per gallon, and Haffner's, 500 gallons or more at \$2.649 per gallon. Selectman Veaser made a motion to accept Ciardelli's bid. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion. Upon conclusion of a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Fire station signal light: A second bid has been received from New England Signal Systems for \$2,900 to replace the double 3-section signal head on the span wire. The Board agreed to this provider. The company will be asked if they can raise the light.

Representative Merlino: Representative Merlino explained he was contacted by Hometown Heroes Banners. The program honors veterans by having custom banners made that are displayed on utility poles. The initial cost is \$250 for the banner. Families or businesses could be asked to be a sponsor. The banners are maintained for 3 years and are taken down in the winter and put back up in the summer. Chairman Lage will send the link to the others.

Representative Merlino questioned if there was a road plan in place. He referred to the apron on Collins Road where there are two massive potholes in the payment. Chairman Lage will contact the Director of Public Works.

Representative Merlino gave an update on State bills.

Finance Advisory Committee: Marc Fortier and Jack Low, members of the Finance Advisory Committee, met with the Board to discuss the 2020 budgeting process. It was agreed the Committee and Selectmen would meet jointly with Department Heads to review budgets. The Selectmen are requesting all budgets be submitted by October 15; then appointments will be scheduled for reviews. The first budget review meeting will be held on October 22.

Board of Assessors: The Selectmen asked the Assessors for an update on the PSNH appeal. Chairman Lage referred to a letter from George Sansoucy dated April 15, 2019 in which Mr. Sansoucy explained the case was going to trial in November and suggesting the Town budget for an additional \$6,000 in 2020. Chairman Lage questioned if the case goes to trial in November would the results be the end of the litigation. Mr. Coffey responded the case will most likely go to the Supreme Court. The Boards also discussed a letter from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella (DTC) dated August 23, 2019 regarding a comprehensive right-of-way ordinance. It was unclear of the Town's role. Mr. Coffey will contact Mr. Sansoucy regarding the budget and DTC regarding the ordinance. The Boards agreed to meet again on October 1 for further discussion and also an update on the Fairpoint appeal.

At 7:25 p.m. Selectman Veaser made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b). Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 8:45 p.m. Selectman Veaser made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Veaser made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna

Minutes approved by:
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



David S. Lage, Chairman



John Veaser



Bert Hamill