

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 2019

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

Leslie Griffin, 283 Greenville Road: Ms. Griffin met with the Board on August 6 and was given a tax agreement document to review and sign. In a letter to the Board dated August 18, 2019, Ms. Griffin stated she would not sign the agreement. Selectman Veaser made a motion to proceed with tax deeding and securing the property. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Police station: The Board discussed the next steps to take with regard to a new police station. It was agreed the following would be included in the next presentation 1) explain the Board would be bonding the project and there are no future projects to be bonded, 2) the Fire station should be shown on the plan as future development, 3) explain why Building Number 2 does not work for a station, 4) advocate for the Emergency Management office to be in the police station building, 5) explain use of fund balance for the proposal, and 6) look up grants.

Suggestion had been made to not revise the driveway until a later time in order to save money. However, the Board did not agree referring to pedestrian safety and efficiency. There is a utility pole that needs to be moved and Chairman Lage will discuss with Eversource. Also discussed was the need to get the information out to the public – post in Monadnock Ledger, on the website and facebook, a public hearing will be held for the bond, the deliberative session, have a reporter do an article, and prepare a fact sheet. Selectman Veaser will work on a fact sheet.

Town planning: The Board discussed development of land at the landfill for a commercial district. Selectman Hamill will present to the Planning Board. A discussion on town improvements will be done at a later time because of the time consuming budget season coming up.

2020 budget: All departments will be asked to have their budgets submitted to the Selectmen by October 15, 2019. Department Heads will then be scheduled to meet with the Board. Budgets are not to be repeated but built, and backup is required.

Conservation Commission: Selectman Hamill reported the Conservation Commission has completed their water testing of the Village District. The Commission sent out 104 letters, 15 homeowners wanted their water tested, and only 1 came back with coliform. Everyone received their results.

Fire Department: Selectman Veaser explained the Fire Department has applied for recognition as a Heart Safe community. A letter of support from the Selectmen was signed.

At 7:00 p.m. Selectman Veaser made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 8:20 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 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna

Minutes approved by:  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
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David S. Lage, Chairman

  
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