

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020
MINUTES

PRESENT: David Lage, Chairman; John Veaser; Bert Hamill
Town Administrator Scott Butcher

Chairman Lage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. After reviewing the meeting agenda, Chairman Lage announced that the joint meeting with the Board of Assessors would not be taking place this evening.

The Board discussed scheduling of upcoming meetings since two of the Selectmen will be out of town on March 17th and there will be no meeting on March 10th due to the elections. The next meeting will be on March 24th. Chairman Lage asked about whether the members of the new Road Committee had been contacted and an initial meeting scheduled.

Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC): The Town Administrator shared information with the Board about the Road Surface Management System opportunity through SWRPC. The program is no cost to the town and is included in the annual dues. The program involves engaging SWRPC to perform an analysis on New Ipswich roads by collecting roadway surface data, producing condition maps, determining pavement management strategies, and producing a final report outlining recommendations in a 10-year plan. The Town Administrator stated that this could augment the work to be done by the newly formed Road Committee. The Selectmen asked that they be provided with more details on the program to review before making a decision.

While on the subject of SWRPC, Chairman Lage instructed the Town Administrator to follow up on the status of a previous infrastructure location project that SWRPC was to be completing for the town.

Employee Wage Increases: The Town Administrator discussed preparing for employee wage increases effective April 1st. The Selectmen will need to sign off on each employee's increase at the March 24th meeting.

Other Business: Chairman Lage asked the final version of the 2019 town budget and expenditures be exported to an Excel file and sent to the Selectmen. The Selectmen also discussed the upcoming meeting with the State of NH and Cemetery Trustees regarding the Smithville Cemetery. Also discussed were the Old Fire Station and Old Town Hall and the need to meet with the property owner adjacent to the Old Town Hall to discuss access to a water source. Regarding the Old Fire Station, the Selectmen requested that the deed be researched to determine the status of the property so that its future can be discussed.

The Town Administrator brought up the property at 11 Temple Road and updated the Selectmen on the plan by the current owner to renovate the building. That discussion led to needing an update on all of the recently tax dedeed properties.

The discussion then turned to the open Emergency Management Director position. Chairman Lage requested that the two candidates that submitted resumes be contacted to determine their interest and when they might be available to interview.

At 6:36 PM Selectman Veaser made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Butcher, Town Administrator

Minutes approved by:

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David S. Lage, Chairman

John Veaser

Bert Hamill