



TOWN OF DEERING
762 Deering Center Road Deering, NH 03244
Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 7th, 2022
MINUTES
7:00pm

BoS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes Mar. 17th

Jill Smith recommended these changes: “agenda” which should be replaced with “Minutes,” and “Rental” which should be replaced with “Lease”.

Roy Watson motions to accept the minutes of March 17th with edits proposed by Jill Smith, Bill Whisman seconds. All in favor. The motion passes.

b. Minutes Mar. 30th

c. Employee Payroll Mar. 23rd

d. Employee Payroll Mar. 30th

e. Employee Payroll Apr. 6th

f. AP Manifest April 7th

g. Abatements (2)

R. Watson motions to accept the consent agenda, J. Smith seconds. All in favor. The motion passes.

New Business:

• **Removal of Older/ Unused Truck at Highway Garage**

Julius Peel explained that the BOS has the right to sell under provisions approved by the town. Brian Houghton explained the damaged condition of the motor and expressed that the truck had spent some time at SC Auto where they estimated it would be roughly \$30,000 to fix. B. Houghton continued to note that the truck is too small to do the big jobs like road plowing and too large to complete tasks that smaller maintenance trucks can complete for less cost.

R. Watson and J. Smith expressed concerns with the sell value and discussed a minimum bid using Muncibid. The board discussed the idea of using a minimum of \$5,000 for the vehicle.

Roy Watson makes the motion to authorize the highway department to use their best discretion to sell the truck on Municibid. Bill seconds. All in favor. The motion passes.

- Police On-Call Increase in Rates

Mark Philibert explained that during the last budget season he proposed an increase in the on-call rates to the BOS and the Budget Advisory Committee to further increase the town of Deering's competitiveness with local communities. The Board inquired about the cost increases and asked about local areas. M. Philibert noted that it would be approximately \$1,000 increase in the on-call rates from the previous year would compare to the \$3 an hour rate in Washington and \$5 in Antrim.

Roy makes the motion to increase the police on call rate to \$2.75. Bill seconds. All in favor. The motion passes.

- Resignation of Gale Lalmond from Budget Advisory

Roy recognizes Gale Lamond for the many years of her time on the Budget Advisory. Gale expressed gratitude towards the community and explained that she might be removing herself from the committee, but ultimately, she will still be attending future meetings and events as a non-member.

R. Watson motion to accept the resignation of Gale Lalmond. All in favor. The motion passes.

- Fire Department Study Inquiry

Fire Department Study Inquiry. Jeff LeBlanc explained that the 2015 study showed deficiencies within the town's fire equipment and explained that at some point soon the town will need to investigate revamping the town's fire stations. J. Leblanc proposed a five-member committee with one being the Town Administrator, three from the fire department and a community member. He projected to have the first report by July. Gale Lalmond expressed that a committee like this was proposed before, but little was done as there was no deadline for reports. The tentative date of the first meeting of July was set by the board for results from the committee.

The board discussed the committee and explained that they would like one representative to be from the BOS. Bill Whisman nominated Roy Watson. Jill Smith seconded. The motion passes nominating Roy Watson as the 6th member to the Fire Department Study Committee.

The board agreed that the first meeting of May would be the deadline to getting all the members ready to meet.

Old Business:

- All Committee Meeting Date: March 30th

J. Peel and R. Watson explained that the all-committee meeting was not only informative, but successful in that committee members from across the boards were able to get together to discuss laws like Right to Know.

- CPR Course/ Training Courses for Residents

The board discussed potential events like CPR training, gun safety and child safety seat trainings with the department heads. The board agreed that a safety week should be something that administration would explore. The board agreed that they would choose a date on the first meeting of May.

- Heritage Commission/ Summer Events/ Recreation Committee Formation

The board discussed the Heritage Commission and their role with the 250th. B. Whisman and J. Smith both explained that they would like to see a dedicated 250th committee. J. Peel explained that he would look into drafting By-Laws and a Charge Policy for the 250th Committee for the first meeting in May.

- Deering Reservoir Parking Ruling Update from Gallagher

J. Peel explained that he had received a letter from James Gallagher regarding the town's options to charge for parking on the leased portion of the Deering reservoir. J. Peel explained that in the letter J. Gallagher expressed that the Public Water Access Advisory Board voted for these conditions:

- The rate charged to non residents should be set at \$10 per day, and \$30 for a season pass
- The Town can seek approval from NHDES for an increase in the rate no more frequently than every five years, and the request should be based on the costs the Town incurs in operating and maintaining the leased property
- The Town continue to provide a means, such as an Iron Ranger, by which non-residents can pay for a daily pass.

Lou Ellen Beard, expressed concerns with the idea that James Gallagher is just the engineer from the project and even though he wrote the cease and desist, is not the state representatives that would have power to decide. She continued to note that she felt that this would be large liability for the town.

The board reviewed the idea and noted that they would need more time to decide on the topic and would like to see a letter from the Governor's office approving these costs. Mark Philibert expressed concerns with the parking season coming up and explained that the BOS has the right to nullify any ordinance to ensure the town is in compliance. R. Watson expressed that he did not want to make the motion tonight and that they would hold a public hearing on the topic to review the charge policy.

BOS/ Administrator Comments:

Bill:

B. Whisman asked that R. Watson and J. Peel keep a few topics on the upcoming agendas:

1. Facebook for the Town Hall
2. Dry Hydrant Follow-up
3. Reservoir Beautification
4. Community Cleanup May 7th at 8AM.

Website Management and Log-In Status for Non-Employees

Jill Smith explained that knowing the workload of the town administrator, she would like to assist with the management of the town's website. She explained her experience maintaining websites within her professional career and noted that her intent isn't to edit the content, but to reorganize the website so its easier for members of the public.

Roy Watson explained that he had a concern with a member of the board having access to other committee's webpage as there is no way for those committees to challenge the changes made. Bill Whisman agreed with this idea after further discussion from the board members.

Administrative Agenda:

J. Smith explained that as a member of the public she did not know that the BOS received an administrative agenda that was created by the Town Administrator and given only to the members of the BOS. She continued to note that she believes that the opinion of the TA within the administrative agenda swayed the selectman in their decision regarding Website Management.

J. Peel explained that everything within the administrative agenda is designed to prepare the Selectman with organizational advice prior to the meetings. B. Whisman explained that prior to J. Peel they did not receive an administrative agenda, and if that is how the board would like to proceed then they could do so. The Board further discussed the topic and agreed that the town administrator would create the agenda and send the materials separately to the selectman without his administrative agenda.

Appointment to Planning Board:

Roy Watson motioned to appoint Beth Kelly and Katherine Jenkins for a three-year term to the Planning Board. Seconded by Bill Whisman. All in favor. The motion passes.

Non-Public:

- Motion to enter non-public under RSA: 91-A:3, II (b) my Roy Watson. Seconded by Bill Whisman. All in favor.
- Present is Roy Watson, Jill Smith, Bill Whisman and Julius Peel.

The board discussed the hiring of a Per Diem EMT. They discussed a current member leaving, the rates of the new hire and the need to review staffing.

Motion to end Non-Public at 9:00PM by Roy Watson. Seconded by Bill Whisman.

Roy Watson motions to hire N. Roussel at a rate commensurate of training. Seconded by Bill Whisman.

Bill Whisman motions to adjourn at 9:01PM, seconded by Roy Watson. All in favor.

MEETINGS:

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on April 21st, 2022



BOS Meeting Sign in Sheet

NAME

Reason for Attending

Don Elton Beccard

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Dennis Prie

Gary Samuels

Stephen Fogelberg