



**TOWN OF DEERING**  
762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, NH 03244

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**February 17th, 2022**  
**Minutes**  
**7:00pm**

**Board Members Present:** Bill Whisman, Rebecca Mitchell, Roy Watson

**Town Employees Present:** Julius Peel (Town Administrator)

**Members Present:** See Attached

**BoS MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda:**

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| a. Minutes                 | Feb 1st              |
| b. Employee Payroll        | Feb 9th              |
| c. Employee Payroll        | Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| d. Employee Payroll        | Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| e. AP Manifest             | Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| f. Eversource Asset Report |                      |

The board discussed comments made regarding edits to the Public Hearing Minutes on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Among these comments for edits was concerns over the title of Finance Administrator, two sections discussing the grader and estimated costs of hiring the current town administrator.

Bill Whisman motions to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Rebecca Mitchell. The motion passes unanimously.

**New Business:**

1. Presentation of Cane on behalf of the GHSS
  - a. GHSS presented a cane to the town hall and asked that the BOS to present this to the oldest member of the community. Bill Whisman, after amending his previous motion, motioned to accept the cane and to discuss with the Town Clerk about who may be the oldest member of the community. Seconded by Rebecca Mitchell. The motion passes unanimously.

**Old Business:**

2. B. Whisman reminded the TA and the community that he would like to review the Veteran Wall monument this summer.
3. B. Whisman noted that the topic of mask wearing at the town meeting this year will be reviewed at the next Selectman's meeting.
4. R. Watson and B. Whisman inquired with the TA about the contracts for maintaining the cemetery. J. Peel explained that RSA's state that the Cemetery Trustees oversee their maintenance contracts, but a warrant article may be adopted to allow the Selectman to oversee these contracts. At this point, J. Peel suggests that we research further before reviewing or entering a new maintenance agreement for the cemeteries.

**BOS/ Administrator Comments:**

1. Preliminary Review of Beach Permits and Fee Schedule

- J. Peel explained to the board that he had discussed with James Gallagher the cease and desist that was placed by him and the DES Commissioners on the Town of Deering regarding the beach parking permits. J. Peel continued to note that J. Gallagher had spoken with the Commissioners and that they determined that the Cease and Desist, although valid because the lease agreement between the town and the state doesn't allow parking fees, placed an unfair burden on the town. J. Gallagher explained to J. Peel that he would draft a new lease agreement between the state and the town regarding the boat launch parking area that would allow the charging of fees as long as the fees are less imposing than the \$25 dollars a day that was previously proposed. J. Peel explained that the next step that the Selectman need to take is determine what the proposed fee schedule would be so that the new lease agreement could be drafted prior to the beach parking season.
- Lou Ellen Beard and a few members of the public expressed concerns about the necessity of signing a new agreement when the deadline of the current 50 year agreement would end in five years, the necessity to obtain writing from the state allowing this prior to agreeing to a new rate and questioned the validity of even requiring a fee at the location.
- After reviewing the information presented by the TA and the public, the board agreed that it is necessary for the town to receive written documentation from J. Gallagher prior to them making a decision about the fee schedule.

2. Winter Storm Date for Town Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> of March)

- The board reviewed their calendars and B. Whisman motioned to accept the Winter Storm Date for town meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Roy Watson seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

**Other Business:**

**Non-Public:**

1. **RSA 91-A:3, II(b): Hiring/Firing of a Town Employee**
  - a. Motion to enter non-public at 19:55 made by Bill Whisman, seconded by Roy Watson.
  - b. Julius Peel and Mark Philibert were also present.
  - c. M. Philibert and J. Peel discussed the open part-time position that exists within the police department and the part-time line that has been under used for the past few years due to lack of employment.
  - d. The board reviewed G. Anctil's resume and discussed his credentials.
2. Motion made to exit non-public at 20:03 by Bill Whisman and Seconded by R. Mitchell.

Motion made by Bill Whisman and seconded by Roy Watson to Hire G. Anctil at the rate of \$20hr for 10 hours a week conditional to the approved background check. The motion passes unanimously.

J. Peel delivered his administrative comments to the board, discussing the Deering community fair, Annual report, GOFFER funds, and the town's charge policy.

3. **Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Bill Whisman, Seconded by Roy Watson. The motion passes unanimously**

**MEETINGS:**

**The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on March 3rd 2022 beginning at 7:00pm.**