



TOWN OF DEERING
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 7th, 2022
Minutes
7:00pm

BoS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes June. 16th
- b. Employee Payroll June. 22nd
- c. Employee Payroll June. 29th
- d. Employee Payroll July. 6th
- e. AP Manifest July. 7th
- f. Tax Refund Requests
- g. Class VI Road Agreement: 102 Campbell Lane

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda by Bill Whisman, Seconded by Roy Watson. The vote is 2/1 with Jill Smith abstaining. The motion passes.

New Business:

- Tax Liens and Deeding: Carol Baker
 - Carol Baker presented the potential tax liens to the selectboard and reviewed some of the requests for payment arrangements. The board reviewed the requests and noted that parcels Map 215 Lot 9 and Map 242 Lot 16 were short term issues that warranted a payment plan. Bill Whisman motioned to approve the payment plans for Map 215 Lot 9 and Map 242 Lot 16 as presented. Seconded by Roy Watson. All in favor. The motion passes. The board reviewed the third potential deed located at map 242 lot 3. The board noted that the resident did not meet their previous years agreed upon payment arrangement. The board asked that the town clerk inform the resident of the potential deeding and invite them to the next meeting to discuss a potential payment plan.
- Issues along the Lake Front: Bill Whisman
 - Bill Whisman explained to the board that during the last few weekends the Deering Reservoir has had several criminal issues like excessive drinking and smoking on the beach front. The board asked the TA what level of police presence was active these weekends. The TA explained that there is one officer on during the weekends typically, but one of the weekends the only officer that could cover was on vacation and the July 4th weekend was overwhelmed with calls. The board asked that the Chief attend the next BOS meeting to discuss this matter and to plan for other warm weekends. The board discussed what other methods might be in place to prevent this type of issue from arising. Bill Whisman discussed limiting the parking spaces to Deering residents with no fees. J. Peel explained that according to the state, they are not allowed to limit the location from non-residents, even if there are no parking fees. J. Peel explained that he had scheduled plans with Mike Gallagher to meet on site to discuss potentially expanding parking at the location. The board agreed that adding parking isn't going to ultimately change the issue of personnel at the site. A number of residents either present or through written letter explained that the traffic on Ferrell Hill is dangerously increasing.
 - The board asked that J. Peel draft a letter to the executive council regarding the issues at the boat launch and inquire if they would be willing to assist with the issues.

- Town Clerk Office Hours:
 - Roy Watson and Jill Smith explained to Carol that they both have received complaints from the public regarding the hours that the town clerk's office is open and asked if those hours could be expanded to include a weekend shift once a month and a longer weekday. Carol explained that she is currently working the same hours as the administrative staff and would like to keep it that way due to concerns about safety leaving the townhall at nighttime. The board agreed that they do not want any staff working in unsafe conditions and that they would address this issue.

Old Business:

- Safety Day: October 1st
 - Bill Whisman explained that he had contacted the Bellaires about attending this date and that they agreed to set aside time for the BOS if they would like.
- Website/ Facebook: Jill Smith to Propose Ideas to Change
 - J. Smith asked if the TA had reached out to CivicCMS about the current website and an approval process. J. Peel explained that with their current module they do not have the ability to establish an approval system and that typically communities have their website updated by administrative staff or IT companies. The board reviewed some of the potential changes that Jill had in mind for the website and agreed that changes like she has proposed should be filtered through the TA and if there were any concerns with any large-scale changes that it would go before the BOS for approval. Jill agreed that she would send those changes to the TA to review and to make the changes appropriately. Of the changes proposed, J. Smith asked that there be the inclusion of committee pages for the FDSC, 250th Committee, and the Veteran memorial Stone Committee.
- Potluck BBQ: July 23rd
 - Bill Whisman explained that he had discussed with a local DJ about hosting the Potluck BBQ. J. Smith expressed that there were other local bands in Francistown that might be interested in playing a part in community events here in Deering and might be cheaper. The board discussed the pricing and noted that the DJ would cost \$550 and wasn't sure what the other bands might cost.
 - Roy Watson motioned to appoint Bill Whisman to select entertainment for the Potluck BBQ for less then \$550 to be paid for by the Celebration Fund. Seconded by Jill Smith. All in favor. The motion passes.

BOS/ Administrator Comments:

1. Pat Murdough and the UTV's
 - a. J. Peel explained that he had spoken with the Attorney and that if the community was going to allow UTV access on a public roadway it does require public hearing notices. J. Peel continued that during his discussion with P. Murdough, the plan is to set a public route within the community for UTV's and present that to the board to review. Pat explained that he would try to have that ready for the BOS to review on the 21st.
2. ATV update with Hillsborough
 - a. J. Peel explained that as of right now the application to allow ATVs along Union Street is currently on hold until the ATV club finds enough money to pay for the public hearing notice.
3. Fire Department Study Committee Update
 - a. J. Peel explained that the Fire Department Study Committee is hoping to have a report ready for the board to review before the end of the month but would keep the board up to date on these changes.
4. Deering Lake Association Bench
 - a. J. Peel explained that the Deering Lake Association had asked him and the state if they would

allow them to install a bench in-between the boat launch and the hill. The state had agreed that something like a bench would not have a large impact on the location and agreed that changes like this can be made by the Deering BOS. The board agreed that this location would not be a concern but was concerned with the amount of vandalism happening at the beach and what would happen to a brand-new bench.

Other Business:

Non-Public:

- **RSA: 91-A:3, II (a)**

Roy Watson motioned to enter non-public at 8:38PM. Bill Whisman Seconds. All in favor. The motion passes.

Present during the Non-Public session is Roy Watson, Bill Whisman, Jill Smith, and Julius Peel.

The board discussed the open assessing clerk and mechanic position. The board agreed that they would meet in another non-public session at the next meeting to discuss organization within the police department.

Motion to exit non-public at 9:14PM by Roy Watson. Seconded by Bill Whisman.

Roy Watson motioned to allow Julius Peel to hire the assessing clerk from the pool of candidates that he proposed to the board up to the rate of \$17.82.

Adjourn:

MEETINGS:

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

**This agenda is subject to change right up to the scheduled meeting.*

