



TOWN OF DEERING

Board of Selectmen

762 Deering Center Road
Deering, NH 03244

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2018

Selectmen present: Allen Belouin, Rebecca Mitchell, Bill Whisman
The hearing was called to order at 1800.

MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes – March 20th.

Ms. Mitchell noticed that names of the previous Board members were in the minutes. The TA apologized and agreed to correct the names. Mr. Belouin made the motion to accept the minutes with changes to the names. Mr. Whisman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

New Business

Gabe Roxby – American Chestnut Tree Seed Orchard

Mr. Roxby, a forester with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF), addressed the Board relative to SPNHF's plan to use a portion of the fields on the Tom Rush Forest to plant 3,000 American Chestnut seedlings. The project is crossing American with Chinese Chestnut strains to create a fungus resistant Chestnut tree. These new Chestnut trees will be reintroduced in New England. The project will plant 20 blocks of 100 seedlings over the course of several years. The goal is to have the healthiest 20 trees remain. Mr. Roxby explained that it will be necessary to have a source of water for the trees during the dry times. Mr. Belouin noted that there were wells near the site and a fire pond on Greg Hill Road that could be used with landowner permission. Members in attendance from the Conservation Commission asked Mr. Roxby to keep them in the loop about the project.

Audit – Governance Questionnaire

The TA explained that the site visit for the annual audit wrapped up earlier in the day and part of the audit included a governance questionnaire for the Board of Selectmen. The TA passed out the questionnaire and the Board agreed to complete it and afterwards the TA will send it to the auditors.

Training

The TA highlighted training opportunities for planning and zoning provided by the Office of Strategic Initiatives. Both Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Whisman expressed a desire to attend and the TA agreed to register them for the conference.

Health Insurance Costs

The TA mentioned some good news noting that this year's guaranteed maximum rate increase was pegged at 1.6%. The final rate declined .6% so it is a bit of good news.

TO BE REVIEWED AND/OR SIGNED:

- Employee Payroll	<u>March 27th</u> \$13,059.17
- Employee Payroll	<u>April 3rd</u> \$13,559.08
- AP ACH XFER	<u>April 4th</u> \$182.30
- AP Manifest	<u>April 4th</u> \$71,195.24
- Land Use Change Tax	\$2,700
- Yield Tax / 212-012-001	\$853.75
- Gravel Tax	\$46.36
- Intent to Excavate 209-011-000	

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Belouin made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 1835.

Respectfully Submitted,

\s\ Russell McAllister
Town Administrator

Please Sign In

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Gary Samuels

Stephen Fagelson

Mike Thomas

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Gary Bono

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