

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OFFICE, NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256**

Thursday, January 14, 2021

MEMBERS

Mr. Mertz, Mr. Drake and Mr. Shaw were present.

PRESENT:

OTHERS

Town Administrator Mr. Irvine

PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Mertz called the meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN

6:00 pm

*Police Officer Patrick
Cremin*

Police Department members Chief Tyrrell, Officers Killam, Kuc and Franz-Morin, and Officer Cremin's family were present.

Town Clerk Ms. Adams swore in Officer Cremin.

MINUTES

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the following minutes:

- 12/23/20 as amended - 4th bullet point under "Discussion" – capitalize Mr. Drake's name.
- 12/30/20 as written.

Vote was unanimous.

WORK SESSION

Manifests, bills, requisitions, purchase orders and leave request forms.

The board approved the following purchase requisitions: Town Clerk (Ballots); PD (ballistic vest for Officer Cremin); Hwy Dept (towing of 2003 Mack truck – there was some discussion on getting quotes for towing service; repair of Mack truck); Transfer Station (installation of seamless gutters).

The board approved the following Building Permit application(s):

1. Kevin Lacasse – Map R8, Lot 1A20
2. David Correira – Map U10, Lot 45
3. Gate City Development Partners LLC – Map R20, Lot 60
4. Carol & Hugh Dansereau – Map U15, Lot 4; Contractor is withdrawing application as he no longer wants to do work for the owner.

The board approved the following septic design(s):

1. Thomas Beaulieu & Meredith Brown – Map R3, Lot 29A; As-built

The board approved the following Veteran's Tax Credit application(s):

1. Matthew Blais – Map R7, Lot 38. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to approve the application. Vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS

None

DISCUSSION

- Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to appoint Chief Lang as the Board Member of LRMFA for the Town. Vote was unanimous.
- IRS W3 Attestation was signed by the Chair.
- LRPC Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2021 Letter of Commitment was signed by the Chair.

- Kent Brown is asking the Selectmen to consider an extension for the Variance approval on 4/3/19 as there is a 2-year limitation for its implementation, and COVID-19 has caused a pause in the development of the lot. This is for property belonging to 1625 Summer Street Limited Partnership to allow for a self-storage business. The board discussed the fact that the Governor stayed the statutory time for municipalities to act due to COVID-19, but failed to do that for applicants. The Selectmen expressed concern as to the effect granting an extension could have on other applications. The board agreed not to extend the variance as the applicant has begun discussing the development with Planning Board now and felt that having a plan accepted by the Planning Board would satisfy the “use by” condition.
- The board reviewed the proposed 2021 Warrant, relative to the monetary articles (Articles 18 - 32) requiring the Board’s vote. Wording for Article #25, #29, and #30 were amended for clarification purposes. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of Articles 18-24, 26-28, 31, & 32 as written, and Articles 25, 29 & 30 as amended.
- Mr. Irvine reviewed with the board, the property assessment card for Dana & Jonann Torsey Tax Card, Map R18, Lot 2, after Mr. Torsey brought up concerns at the budget hearing on 1/7/21. Mr. Irvine said access was denied to the assessing firm and the card notes that information was estimated and no interior visit was done.
- fyi – Precinct water sample results.
- fyi – Vendor list for ACH payments.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Mertz asked that the town provide a location for those who cannot wear masks to have a safe and appropriate way to participate at the 1st Deliberative Session on 2/2/21. After discussion the board agreed to create some type of barrier(s) in the apparatus bay where the session would be held. Mr. Irvine to contact other neighboring towns to see how they’re holding deliberative sessions.
- Mr. Shaw asked about the street signage that is supposed to go up near “dark hollow” on Old Bristol Road and Mr. Irvine advised it was being shipped.
- Mr. Shaw confirmed with Mr. Irvine that the new Veteran’s Park is now fully funded.
- Mr. Shaw asked if the intention was to continue meeting every week and Mr. Irvine and Mr. Mertz said yes and advised that sometimes meetings are reduced to every 2 weeks during the summer months.

**NON PUBLIC
SESSION**

At 8:41 pm Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to go into Non-Public Session, according to RSA 91A:3 II (a) Personnel. Roll call was taken, Mr. Mertz –Y, Mr. Drake-Y, Mr. Shaw – Y. Vote was unanimous.

PRESENT

Mr. Mertz, Mr. Drake, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Irvine

**RETURN TO
PUBLIC SESSION**

At 8:46 pm, Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to come out of Non-Public Session and to seal the minutes for 5 years. Vote was unanimous.

The Board tabled any action on the matter before them until additional information and documentation could be provided by Chief Lang.

**NON PUBLIC
SESSION**

At 8:47 pm Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to go into Non-Public Session, according to RSA 91A:3 II (b) Hiring. Roll call was taken, Mr. Mertz –Y, Mr. Drake-Y, Mr. Shaw – Y. Vote was unanimous.

PRESENT

Mr. Mertz, Mr. Drake, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Irvine

**RETURN TO
PUBLIC SESSION**

At 8:59 pm, Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to come out of Non-Public Session and to seal the minutes for 5 years. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to advise Fire Chief Lang to move forward with the hiring process for 1 individual. Vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to adjourn at 9:01 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Vose