

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

Thursday, October 1, 2020

MEMBERS

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

PRESENT:

OTHERS

Town Administrator Mr. Irvine and Town Clerk Ms. Adams

PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

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

**SWEARING IN OF
NEW FIRE CHIEF**

The Board held the formal swearing in ceremony for the new full-time Fire Chief Kevin Lang. In attendance were Mrs. Lang, Chief Tyrrell and his wife Robi, members of New Hampton Police and Fire Departments and members of the public.

Town Clerk Ms. Adams swore in Chief Lang and he signed his appointment and the Conflict of Interest statement. Selectmen: Mr. Mertz, Mr. Drake and Mr. Shaw congratulated the new Chief, along with everyone present.

WORK SESSION

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

The board signed a Payroll Change Notices for Chief Lang, outgoing Chief Drake and for Officer Franz-Morin.

The board approved the following purchase requisitions: Public Works (service on loader & grader, annual purchase of work clothes & boots), Fire Dept (17E1 exhaust), General Buildings (AED).

The board approved the following Building Permit(s):

1. Boris & Patricia Gallego - Map R4, Lot 41E
2. NASD – Community School, Map U5, Lot 4

The board approved the following Intent to Cut Wood:

1. Diogo Valente, Tax Map R2, Lot 6 - Supplemental

APPOINTMENTS

6:30 pm

Tom Ploszaj

Mr. Ploszaj was present. He said he was from Center Harbor, is running for state representative and reviewed his background and goals. He said relative to the Snake River bridge, final plans are supposed to be done and will be reviewed. Mr. Irvine confirmed there would be one more public meeting prior to putting the job out to bid. Mr. Irvine advised of the town's concern with unfunded mandates and downshifting of costs to fund municipal services from the state to the towns.

6:45 pm

Kevin Scarlett

Mr. Scarlett was present. He said they are in the process of constructing their home, have an approved septic, well, power, has construction insurance, and has the foundation in place. He asked for permission to live in the camper during the winter while the home is being finished for occupancy. Mr. Mertz asked if the camper would be connected to all utilities and Mr. Scarlett said it would be. Mr. Mertz said this has been allowed before, with the temporary dwelling be removed or made non-livable as a dwelling unit, once the main home is occupied. There was discussion and agreement on creation of an agreement to this condition. Mr. Irvine advised he would follow-up with Mr. Scarlett.

He asked if this establishes residency so he can utilize the transfer station for waste and voting purposes. It was the consensus of the board that this would be the case.

DISCUSSION

- Board signed Notice for General Election.
- Board signed abatements for taxes owned on property previously belonging to Estate of Edgar Ballou, now listed under Ronald & Darleen Ballou, Tax Map R4, Lot 56.MH1.
- Board signed IRS 941 form, Quarterly Federal Tax Return.
- Discussion on properties at risk of tax deeding. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to waive acceptance of the tax deed for the following properties, as all except the first one, are under payment arrangements:
 1. Estate of Edgar Ballou, Tax Map R4, Lot 56.MH1
 2. William Doucette, Tax Map U9, Lot 5.2; trailer
 3. Estate of Lawrence Downing, Tax Map R20, Lot 58
 4. Loren Emmons, Tax Map U1, Lot 18
 5. Charles & Virginia Reynolds, Tax Map R15, Lot 15
 6. Thomas Ryder, Tax Map R20, Lot 29; USDA loan to fix up house who will pay taxes at sale of property.Vote was unanimous.
- Discussion on properties at risk of tax deeding which are seasonal campers. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to pursue the following owed taxes in small claims court:
 1. Michael McLaughlin, Tax Map U9, Lot 7.31
 2. Kathy Goggins, Tax Map U9, Lot 7.36
 3. Brian & Jennifer Dunlea, Tax Map U9, Lot 5.6
 4. Donna & Russell Doldt, Tax Map U9, Lot 5.183
 5. Kim Boutin, Tax Map R20, Lot T01.167
 6. Marc & Stephanie Bissonnette, Tax Map U9, Lot 5.131Vote was unanimous.
- Discussion on properties at risk of tax deeding which are residences. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to table action on the deed so the Selectmen's Office could contact property owners to arrange payment arrangements.
 1. Lillian Williams Rev Trust, Tax Map R17, Lot 10
 2. Ty Shute, Tax Map R6, Lots 2 & 2B
 3. Scott & Diana Batchelder, Tax Map R4, Lot 46
 4. Virginia Sokoloski, Tax Map R11, Lot 17.2, manufactured home only.Vote was unanimous.
- Email from Eric Amero requesting some road signs and increases police presence due to high speeds vehicles travel in front of his house, advising he had made calls to the PD in the past on the same subject. There was agreement to increase patrols, see if sight lines could be improved in some way, and review whether the speed limits sign going either direction are in the most appropriate location.
- Town filed NH Fire Training Standards waiver for Chief Lang.
- Portable Fire Pump was sold on Municibid for \$370.
- 2020 Municipal Aid received in the amount of \$32,403.54.
- NH Interlocal Trust surplus payment for town's health insurance in the amount of \$2,560.66 surplus for the year ending 2016.
- GOFERR – approximately \$12,000 of the 3rd submission was disallowed as the Treasury guidance on what was permissible had changed since July when the board supported a Non-First Responder Hazard Pay. Mr. Irvine indicated he had spoken

with the State GOFERR office and voiced frustration with the “moving of the goal”, that towns are making decisions today based on today’s guidance, not what it might be in 2 months.

- Funding requests from LRCS and Lakes Region Mental Health

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Mertz said he was contacted by a resident to see if they could establish a private cemetery on their land and Mr. Irvine said that was taken care of. Mr. Irvine advised that state statute allows for that unless the town prohibits it, which it doesn’t. The statute has certain requirements, which the property owner is aware of.
- Mr. Mertz said there is 2nd vehicle now being offered for sale at Rossi’s Restaurant. Mr. Irvine to contact Paul Rossi.
- Mr. Mertz said NHS began removal of the temporary access point on Main Street.
- Mr. Mertz asked the status of some properties, whose development would cause them to have disqualification from current use assessment. Mr. Irvine said this is in process with the assessors.
- Fire Lane at Pemi outlet – Mr. Mertz advised that the jersey barrier was moved. Mr. Irvine to have Chief Lang speak with Mr. Boucher.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Drake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mertz, to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Vose