

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

Thursday, October 15, 2020

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. at the public safety building and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Mr. Shaw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to accept the minutes of 10/8/20 as written. Vote was unanimous.

WORK SESSION

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

Question on the charges for long distance calling by Town counsel; Mr. Irvine to investigate.

The board approved the following purchase requisitions: Public Works (plow cutting edges), Executive (emergency repairs to Town House – from fund balance, as approved by NHDRA).

The board approved the following Building Permit(s):

1. Lang Family 2019 Trust - Map U9, Lot 4; as this was for a heating system that would require Fire Dept inspection the board agreed someone other than Chief Lang should perform the inspection.

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

1. Paul Hilliard – Map R15, Lot 29

APPOINTMENTS

6:30 pm

Reno Rossi

Reno & Paul Rossi were present. Reno said they were contacted relative to vehicles being offered for sale from Price Auto, on the Rossi's Restaurant lot. Paul said they'd had approvals to sell vehicles there before and that one of the vehicles is his. The board advised that his personal vehicle is acceptable, but not from an auto dealer without Site Plan approval. Paul asked if they were being singled out and Mr. Mertz said they were not. Mr. Mertz pointed out that changes were made to zoning several years ago which then allowed the vehicle sales on the lot and site plan approval was obtained for both business ventures that had been previously located there, but had left. He said during any site plan review the details are specified and the business is expected to adhere to the requirements. Mr. Irvine said the town does enforce infractions on other properties in town and has 4 letters being reviewed at tonight's meeting for possible infractions. Paul asked if a food truck could locate there and Mr. Mertz said that is a possibility, but would still need Planning Board approval if the truck was there for more than 30 days under a Hawkers/Peddlers permit. Mr. Mertz explained that if then decided to offer some type of vehicles for sale, it would also require Site Plan review through Planning Board. Paul asked about outdoor seating during the pandemic, and Mr. Irvine said he had previously explained to Mr. Rossi that it would be allowed during the Emergency Order but if this was continued past that time it would require Site Plan review. Paul asked about expanding his restaurant temporarily, into the space previously occupied by the used

vehicle sales office and the board said it would be possible.

7:00 pm
Opening of Bids for
Winter Maintenance

The board opened the one bid that had been received:
CAP Paving - \$80/hr equipment, operator rate not noted so the \$80 rate may include operator.
Public Works Director to be provided with the bid. The town will seek additional bids.

DISCUSSION

- Board signed an appointment for Deborah Pendergast as a regular member (currently an Alternate) to Conservation Commission.
- Board reviewed and signed the MS-1.
- 2021 Budget:
 1. Health Insurance rates received with a rate increase for 2021, but which is still lower than the maximum rate the board had agreed to in 2014; consideration on whether to offer more than one health insurance choice and what portion the town would contribute. It was the consensus of the board to their agreement to the maximum rate the town would cover and offer the plan with the \$3,000 deductible at no cost to employees, and to offer the plan with the \$1,000 deductible - the difference in cost to be paid by employee.
 2. Next budget work session 10/19, with dates of 10/26, 9/2 & 9/9 being added.
 3. Primex Rates for Workers Comp, Property & Liability, & Unemployment.
- fyi – 2021 Appropriation Requests for NANA & Tapply-Thompson
- HealthTrust return of surplus.
- Notice of Supreme Court Decision in another town; re: taking of property.
- Email from hunter Kevin Harrison, who had set up an approved bait site showing clean-up of site.
- Potential of gifting of 140 acres to the town to be managed by the Conservation Commission. Mr. Irvine has advised Commission Chair Mrs. Martinez of steps to take to consider the gift.
- fyi - NRRA Annual Meeting Notice
- Review of enforcement letters being sent by Permitting Assistant Mr. Pollock:
 1. Graton, Map R14, Lot 9 – expiring building permit
 2. Dietlin, Map R14, Lot 17 – expiring building permit
 3. Geis, Map R1, Lot 1 – expiring building permit
 4. Woolsey, Map R1, Lot 27B – no building permit

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Drake advised that many dump trucks were seen leaving Mr. Sharp's property off of Route 104, which is in current use.
- Mr. Shaw asked why the fuel contract wasn't put out to bid. The board agreed to review this in future years.
- Mr. Irvine said the AED was installed at the Highway Dept with personnel trained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Drake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mertz, to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Vose