

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

Thursday, November 12, 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. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WORK SESSION**

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

The board approved the following purchase requisitions: Fire Dept (supplemental insurance membership dues, Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to enter into the agreement and authorize Mr. Irvine to sign the agreement. Vote was unanimous), Hwy Dept (2021 Transfer Station stickers).

The board approved the following Intent to Cut Wood:

1. Wendy Traynor, Ripple Realty – Map R13, Lot 14

**APPOINTMENTS**

*6:30 pm*

*Peter Dearness*

Mr. Dearness was present. Mr. Dearness said in 1982 a company called “Seven Springs of Waukewan” was formed to develop a parcel of land now owned by Penelope Ann Lee Rev Trust (Tax Map U11, Lot 23) along Waukewan Road and the railroad. He said he was to develop rail access to move water from this parcel. He is aware that present zoning doesn’t allow for this commercial use to take water from the wells on-site and transport water via railway to be bottled. His intention is to purchase the property and has already spoken with NHDES about what approvals he’d need from them. He said there were 4 wells installed in 1998 and there are many springs on the property. Mr. Mertz advised that a commercial operation in that location was not permitted and it would take town approval by vote to a zoning change to allow this. Mr. Dearness said his proposed use has less impact than a campground, which would be a good use of the property. Mr. Irvine said a campground could only be allowed through a Special Exception process. Mr. Irvine explained the processes for any possible change to zoning and subsequent application to the Planning Board.

**DISCUSSION**

- Board reviewed the Tax Warrant for Second Issue Bill, with the Tax Collector proposing a due date of 12/21/20. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve and sign the warrant.
- Fire Chief Lang is proposing signage which would be attached to the antennae at FD, which besides making it difficult to climb the antennae it would also make it clear to visitors which side of the building the department is located on. The board agreed to the sign.
- Flood Control payment was received.
- GOFERR #4 payment was received.
- Review of Tax Receipts to date and amount going to lien, which is a small increase from 2019.
- Review of Motor Vehicle registrations to date, up by \$14,000 from 2019.
- Red Cross - thank you letter for appropriations.

- 2021 Proposed Budget
  - a. Review of spreadsheet showing impact to 2021 budget with a 3% wage increase for eligible employees, including retirement calculations.
  - b. Mr. Irvine advised that the vests for the PD have been removed from the list of proposed warrant articles. Chief Tyrrell would now like to increase the uniform budget line, where 2 vests are planned to be purchased, and add an additional vest. If the grant becomes available at a 50/50 match, he would have the opportunity to get the 3rd vest for free, if he hasn't already purchased it.
  - c. Discussion on how much money to put in the proposed Town Equipment Repair Fund. Board agreed more information was needed to determine an amount.
  - d. Relative to SAFER grant Chief Lang has obtained guidance from the grant writer and Mr. Irvine said he feels comfortable with the information in order to move forward with this warrant article.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Letter from Treasurer Mrs. Mertz asking the town to hire a new Treasurer to replace her.
- Shredding truck

**NON PUBLIC SESSION**

At 7:16 pm Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, 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 7:18 pm, Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to come out of Non-Public Session. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept the resignation of Police Officer Hazel effective tonight. Vote was unanimous. Irvine was directed to draft a letter of appreciation to Ofc. Hazel, wishing him success in his new endeavors.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Vose