

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

May 23, 2019

MEMBERS

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Denoncour, and Mr. Mertz were present.

PRESENT:

OTHERS

Town Administrator Mrs. Lucas

PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Irvine called the meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

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

The board approved purchase requisitions for Hwy Dept. (open req. for 2019 with NRRRA)

The board reviewed the following Building permit:

1. Wintringham Rev Trust, Tax Map U15, Lot 8; (After-the-fact) DENIED as setbacks to a side property line were not met and referred to ZBA.
2. Barry & Carol Graton, Tax Map R14, Lot 9; Approved
3. Tilton Realty Trust, Tax Map R11, Lot 17.47; Approved
4. John & Marilyn Rogers, Tax Map R11, Lot 17.15; Approved

APPOINTMENTS

6:45 PM

Mary-Jo Vien

Mrs. Vien was present. The board honored her mother Kathryn Rakowski, posthumously, with the Boston Post Cane, as they were preparing to give her the cane when she passed. Mr. Irvine reviewed the history of the cane and Mrs. Vien provided some biographical information on her mother. Her name has been placed on the plaque. Mrs. Vien was very appreciative.

7:00 PM

Benjamin Durack

Mr. Durack and Brittany were present. Mr. Irvine recalled the previous visit with Selectmen when Mr. Durack when questioned as to the use of his vacant property at 1135 NH Rt 132N. Mr. Irvine said it appears there may be activity on the lot and asked Mr. Durack to explain.

He is digging a test pit to obtain a septic design, and is ready to construct a home in 2 phases expecting to submit a building permit application shortly. Mr. Irvine showed Mr. Durack photos of the items on the lot that have caused this discussion. Mr. Durack advised that one of the containers is now gone and the equipment on-site belongs to him and will be used for site development. When asked about the status of the vehicles stored on site, Mr. Durack said there had been some that were stored over the winter and now he is disposing of them, including the dump truck. Mr. Irvine asked about the camper that had been on-site and Mr. Durack said it had been removed a while ago and confirmed for the board that he is not living in a camper on the property.

DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the following:

- NHS submission of BTLA Form A-12; Mrs. Lucas reviewed the exempt amounts which required some corrections on the assessor's part in the tax system. Mr. Denoncour made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mertz to approve the exemptions as listed. Vote was unanimous.

- Chris Bell; Hawkers/Peddlers application – this had been approved by the Selectmen and Fire Chief Drake but Chief Stevens will re-visit the site prior to signing. Selectmen added conditions:
 - a) The camper cannot be used as a dwelling unit.
 - b) Signage must comply with what was previously approved and advises Mr. Bell of the temporary sign requirements.
- 1st issue Tax Warrant scheduled for next week.
- Draft CIP spreadsheet. Mr. Irvine noted that the bridge over Blake Brook is planned to be replaced even though the CIP committee recommended closing Brook Road.
- Correspondence between NHDES and Village Precinct on the water supply.
- Certificate of liability for the Open Air Market needs correction to reflect Town as the certificate holder.
- Auditor completed their work but have asked for old ambulance charges to be cleared. Fire Dept's Ms. Heidenreich worked with the auditors on the collections. In the future she will be providing monthly reports to Financial Officer Ms. Duggan for her to balance with the deposits. Mr. Irvine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to write off the outstanding balances from Comstar and First Financial collection agencies for ambulance billing, from 2010 through 2015. Mrs. Lucas said many were sent to collections with few results. Vote was unanimous.
- Water sampling of Highway garage by GZA Environmental; still finding VOC's. Mr. Irvine asked to follow-up to see if there is any increase or decrease.
- NHEC Board of Directors ballot.
- Mrs. Lucas reviewed the problems with an assessed camper, where taxes owed - and that camper owner either sells the camper to a new owner, or vacates the campground, with a new camper and owner moving into its place. After discussion the board agreed to send the delinquent taxes to collections in the name of the camper owner who owned the camper originally.
- Tax Lien redemptions

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Mertz advised that the new flagpole is installed.
- Mr. Mertz said at the Planning Board meeting the board seemed to feel a Noise Ordinance wasn't necessary based on the Police Chief's comments. Planning Bd member Mr. Katz was going to make revisions based on this input for presentation to the Selectmen. There was discussion that a noise ordinance isn't a tool for allowing Special Events for profit on a property.
- Mr. Irvine said he has completed the edits discussed on the Personnel Policy; next work session – 6/6.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

**NON PUBLIC
SESSION
PRESENT**

At 8:15 pm Mr. Irvine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to go into Non-Public Session, according to RSA 91A:3 II (c) Personnel. Vote passed. Roll call was taken, Mr. Irvine - Y, Mr. Denoncour – Y, Mr. Mertz –Y.

**RETURN TO
PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Denoncour, Mr. Mertz, and Mrs. Lucas

At 8:27 pm, Mr. Irvine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to come out of Non-Public Session and seal the minutes for 5 years. Votes were unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Denoncour made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mertz, to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Vose

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