

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

Thursday, September 10, 2020

MEMBERS

Mr. Mertz and Mr. Drake were present.

PRESENT:

OTHERS

Town Administrator Mr. Irvine

PRESENT:

CALL TO

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

ORDER:

MINUTES

There were none.

WORK SESSION

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

The board approved the following Building Permit(s):

1. Patricia & Peter Neiderhauser, Map R10, Lot 20; need acreage to be cut need to be obtained prior to release of Intent.
2. Benedict & Ann Rampulla, Map R20, Lot 51

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Rowell was not present.

6:30 pm

Mark Rowell

DISCUSSION

- Board signed Abatement for the principal on taxes for Jeffrey Sawin, Map R1, Lot 27A as previously agreed upon.
- AED Price change from 9/3, increased by \$300. It was noted there was a different unit available at a lower cost. Chief Drake to investigate the best choice and Mr. Irvine to place an order, based on Chief's recommendation.
- Hazardous tree removal behind Town Office – waiting for estimates; follow-up needed with Cemetery Association as the trees on their property to discuss cost share.
- Copies of enforcement letters
 1. Kevin & Cheryl Drake – Map R4, Lot 58A, Occ Permit required
 2. Scott Provencal & Cheryl Campbell – Map R3, Lot 34C, Occ Permit required
 3. Charles & Tammy Tarr – Map R16, Lot 10-29, Possible unpermitted ADU
- Request for funding by Transport Central – as done in previous years they will be advised of the procedure to put the request on ballot.
- Disposal of FD equipment / hose – Chief Drake suggests disposing of the plastic hose at the Transfer Station, and donating the fabric hose to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to dispose of the materials as recommended. Vote was unanimous.
- Review of GOFERR #3 items filed.
- Status of property auction 17C1 - sold for \$4,050.
- Tax Collector's lien redemptions.
- Update on Fairpoint litigation.
- ZBA decision of approval for short-term rental, Map U14, Lot 2.
- Email from lakefront resident expressing concern with increasing number of short term rentals who is considering submission of a citizen's petition with Mr. Irvine's response.

- fyi – Regional Impact Notice, Thornton Planning Board
- fyi – Virtual Land Use Law Lectures
- fyi – Snowmobile Club update – Mr. Irvine said this is being held to discuss construction of access bridge over waterway. He advised there is a certificate of liability for the snowmobile club that covers use of town owned land for the trail system. Town counsel to determine the liability to the town for construction of a bridge on town land by a 3rd party.

NON PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:58 pm Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to go into Non-Public Session, according to RSA 91A:3 II (a) Compensation. Roll call was taken, Mr. Mertz –Y, Mr. Drake – Y. Vote was unanimous.

PRESENT

Mr. Mertz, Mr. Drake and Mr. Irvine

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:04 pm, Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to come out of Non-Public Session and seal the minutes for 5 years. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake to approve a Payroll Change Notice for Joshua Tyrrell for assuming the position of Police Chief, effective 9/24/20 to \$62,400 a year or \$2,400 biweekly. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Mertz advised that the banking at the Town Office should be trimmed by the Hwy Dept.
- Mr. Mertz suggested purchasing lights to use in the outside tent during elections, which could be reimbursed through GOFERR monies. The board agreed to purchase a few more lights for brighten the area
- There was discussion on using the outside tent during elections during cold weather, with consideration given to using the all hazards trailer for voting purposes.
- There was discussion on the perambulation of the town line with Meredith. Further discussion necessary with Meredith.
- Mr. Drake said he had discussed with Public Works Director Mr. Boucher - radios needed for Hwy Dept vehicles, the quote for the install was based upon 100Watt radios, however the surplus radios are 40W which will lower the price. The Board agreed that 40W radios in the Heavy Equipment was appropriate, while 100W was preferable in the truck fleet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At 7:10 pm residents Barbara Hazelton arrived. She advised they have been unable to pay the taxes on their house lot and wants to log a different property they so she can pay the taxes. She said she learned that the taxes must be paid to have the Intent to Cut Wood signed by the board. Mr. Irvine said all property belonging to a person who was logging must be paid or a bond needs to be posted based on the taxes calculated by the amount of wood estimated to be cut. The board reviewed the amount of taxes owed. Mr. Irvine said he would investigate further on the options available to advise Mrs. Hazelton.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Vose