

**Board of Selectmen
February 10, 2021**

Present: Mark P. Duffy, Chair; Richard C. Edwards; Kenneth G. Fifield; Dino A. Scala, Town Administrator; and Toni Bodah, Secretary.

Mr. Duffy called the posted meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Mr. Duffy moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Fifield – ‘aye’; Mr. Edwards – ‘aye’; Mr. Duffy – ‘aye’.** The motion passed unanimously, and the Board immediately entered Non Public Session.

The Board returned to public session at 6:42 p.m. During the immediately preceding Non Public Session, the Board authorized an increase to \$19.47/hour for Tom Lyle. **Mr. Edwards moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Mr. Fifield seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Fifield – ‘aye’; Mr. Edwards – ‘aye’; Mr. Duffy – ‘aye’.** The motion passed unanimously, and the Board immediately entered Non Public Session.

The Board returned to public session at 6:55 p.m. During the immediately preceding Non Public Session, the Board authorized compensation to Peter Gosselin to work from home for up to 20 hours per week (time to be documented) for the next 2-4 weeks.

Those now present included Larry Moody; Marc Taliaferro; and Jim Miller, Clearview TV (remotely), as well as several others via Zoom. Mr. Duffy led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Appointments

a) Leonard Dodge re: Bonnyman/Towle Farm Roads – Mr. Dodge is not present. Mr. Scala noted that Mr. Dodge had requested this appointment prior to Deliberative Session, at which this issue was discussed in detail. Several attempts to confirm this appointment with Mr. Dodge proved unsuccessful.

2. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment #1

--Mr. Miller stated that Clearview has been contacted by an individual who lives several hundred feet away from an accessible cable connection. Mr. Miller has shared the current contract (with Time Warner Cable) with that individual. He stressed that access to the Internet is no longer a luxury; rather, it is a necessity. Mr. Miller would like the Board to think about requesting that Spectrum provide build-out maps to see where the Town is lacking in Internet access. He noted that the current contract will expire in 2023, so it is time to start gathering information. Mr. Duffy stated he will be contacting Spectrum about this issue.

Mr. Scala has the communication referenced by Mr. Miller, which he can share with the Board. In addition, the Town has been asked to join with other towns in requesting that Spectrum produce a map of locations which do not have any/adequate (a minimum of 25 Mbps) Internet service.

3. Unfinished Business – None scheduled.

4. New Business – None scheduled.

5. Proposed Capital Reserve Fund Expenditures – None scheduled.

6. Correspondence – None scheduled.

7. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment – None forthcoming.

8. Administrative Matters

a) Town Administrator's Update

--Covid19 Update: Mr. Scala provided stats for Wakefield and surrounding towns. He encouraged residents to visit the NH.gov website for information regarding vaccination appointments.

--Clearview has been approached by the Town of Brookfield to film their Town Meeting, which will be held at the Paul School. Mr. Miller has estimated the cost to film Wakefield's Deliberative Sessions at \$377.25. Therefore, the Board of Selectmen agreed by consensus that Brookfield would be charged \$400 should they decide to hire Clearview to film their Town Meeting.

--The Greater Wakefield Chamber of Commerce is seeking the Board's blessing to plan Pride Day for either May 15 or May 22. The Board was in agreement that the event should move forward.

--Mr. Scala reminded the Board that there would be a Zoom meeting with the Acton Board of Selectmen on Thursday, February 18 at 6 p.m. to discuss the bridge on Canal Road. Mr. Duffy will advise the Heritage Commission, with the understanding that the purpose of the meeting is for the 2 Boards of Selectmen to discuss the project.

b) Building Permit Releases – None forthcoming. However, Mr. Duffy took this opportunity to execute CDBG grant documentation on behalf of the Sanbornville Water Precinct (as previously authorized).

c) Payment Manifests – Mr. Fifield moved to approve PR #4 in the amount of \$93,316.63. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. Fifield moved to approve AP #5 in the amount of \$836,168.70. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

d) Minutes – Mr. Edwards moved to approve the January 27, 2021, minutes as presented. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the January 27, 2021, Non Public minutes of session #'s 1, 2 and 3, as presented. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

e) Selectmen's Work Session

--Mr. Edwards referred to the concept of bonding significant projects. He has discussed this with Howie Knight and Denny Miller, both of whom agree that now is the time to bond. We could begin preparing now to accomplish this in 2022. Replacing the pump stations on the sewer system is definitely a candidate for bonding. Mr. Duffy asked that Mr. Scala see what we would need to do in order to take out a bond prior to next year. Mr. Fifield noted there are several other potential projects to be bonded, adding that we could have a busy planning year.

--Mr. Edwards noted there are several fishing derbies coming up: one on Winnepesaukee, one through the snowmobile club, and (ta da!!) one in March through Wakefield Parks & Rec!

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Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:



Mark P. Duffy, Chair

Richard C. Edwards

Kenneth G. Fifield