

TOWN OF HEBRON
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2022

PRESENT: Pat Moriarty, Rich James, Paul Hazelton, and Karen Sanborn, Town Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Travis Austin (Police Department), Alison York (Friends of the Hebron Library), Cindy Newton (Beach Committee Member), Mark Coulson, Andy McLane

7:00 P.M. **OPEN MEETING:** Chair Moriarty commenced the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 P.M. **FRIENDS OF THE HEBRON LIBRARY:** Alison York approached the Board to make request on behalf of the Friends of the Hebron Library to paint a mural on the interior wall of the Children's Section of the Library. Mrs. York informed the Board that this is a donation by a local artist. Selectman Hazelton moved to authorize the mural painting at the Hebron Memorial Library, seconded by Vice-Chair James. The vote was unanimous.

7:03 P.M. **PROPOSED SOLAR ORDINANCE:** Mark Coulson approached the Board to discuss the proposed Solar Ordinance by the Planning Board. Mr. Coulson had concerns with the proposed ordinance as he was not aware for the need for such a stringent ordinance or of any issues in town that caused the need for the ordinance. Does the Select Board have any say in whether or not an ordinance gets placed on the ballot? Chair Moriarty stated that the amendment to the zoning ordinance was drafted by the Planning Board which requires a public hearing before the amendment goes before the voters. At the public hearing, the Planning Board will listen to input from the public, but there is no requirement of the Planning Board to make changes to the proposed amendment after the public hearing. Chair Moriarty stated that the Planning Board meets the first Wednesday of each month with an agenda for the meeting. Mr. Coulson reviewed four points with the Select Board as follows:

1. Legal review of the solar ordinance before the public hearing.
2. Cost benefit – who benefits from the ordinance? who enforces the ordinance?
3. The ordinance states fees will be charged – no fees listed and no actual cost listed
4. How are the numbers determined?
5. Why are the number of parcels listed?

Mr. Coulson went on to discuss the various types of solar power technology and does the ordinance address all types of solar power available. Does the ordinance allow for new technology in this industry? Andy McLane explained to the Board that the solar ordinance does not allow for ground mounts and is very limited to expanding an existing solar array. Chair Moriarty informed Mr. Coulson and Mr. McLane to put the suggested changes in writing to the Planning Board for the February 9th public hearing. Mr. Coulson would like for the public to be heard on different subjects before town meeting.

7:20 P.M. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- The Select Board signed the **accounting manifest**.
- The Select Board signed the **Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed – Supplemental** and the **Supplemental Yield Tax Warrant** for a timber harvesting operation already billed where the cordwood was not included on the original.

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- Ms. Sanborn informed the Board that **QuickBooks was looking for more documentation** from the town to change the Primary Contact information. Vice-Chair James moved to authorize Chair Moriarty to sign the letter to QuickBooks, seconded by Selectman Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.

7:25 P.M.

DISCUSSION:

- Ms. Sanborn informed the Board that the **TempSticks purchased for the old Town Clerk and Tax Collector Building prevented a freeze-up**. During the weekend of January 15 – 17, 2022, Ms. Sanborn reported that the device sent text messages hourly on the temperature of the building as the temperature dropped below 50 degrees. Upon checking on the building, it was discovered that the propane tanks ran out due to furnace running continuously to keep up with the low temperatures. At the time the building was not in use, but because of the notification Pemi Fuels was able to be notified in a timely manner.
- The Board reviewed the **email from Thomas Cue (representative with Casella Waste Disposal)** regarding the disposal crisis in New Hampshire due to limited landfill space. The Board stated they had no questions for Casella at this time as the additional points on the matter ~~satisfied~~ were self-explanatory.

7:30 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Notice from the Hebron Planning Board** – Public Hearing on the proposed zoning amendments.

7:34 P.M.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Selectman Hazelton relayed to the Board that the **Space Needs Committee Meeting** would be meeting on Tuesday, January 25 with the architect.
- Chair Moriarty updated the Select Board on the **Planning Board Meeting**. Chair Moriarty noted that the Select Board would have to rule on the proposed RV Park on Matthews Lane as the property is located in the floodplain.
- The Select Board reviewed the 2022 Traditional May Town Meeting timeline to **schedule 2022 Budget presentations**. The Board agreed to schedule the meeting dates with the department heads, commissions, committees, and boards for March 8 and March 9, 2022. Warrant articles for discussion are a section of Berea Road to a Class V Road and removal of the underground oil tank at the Old Fire Station,
- The Board discussed the **petitioned warrant article** submitted to the Newfound Area School District to change the funding formula for the district. Chair Moriarty expressed concerns with the article passing without the voters being aware of the impact to the seven towns. The Board discussed getting the word out to the voters. Cindy Newton suggested sending out flyers to the residents.

8:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Select Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting minutes of January 6, 2022 and made the following corrections: page 2, second bullet, last sentence – remove “as opposed to equalizing the apportioned amounts” and on page 3, first bullet – insert “with regards to” after “(Lakes Region Planning Commission). Vice-Chair James moved to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of January 6, 2022 as amended, seconded by Selectman Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

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The Select Board reviewed the Select Board Non-Public minutes of January 6, 2022. Vice-Chair James moved to accept the Select Board Non-Public minutes of January 6, 2022 as written, seconded by Selectman Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.

8:12 P.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Vice-Chair James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Selectman Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sanborn
Town Administrator

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