

Select Board Meeting  
Monday February 3, 2020  
Town Offices, Nowak Room  
Final Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Anne Surman, Kathy Corson, Julie Gilman, Molly Cowan, Niko Papakonstantis, and Russ Dean were present at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Corson at 6:50 PM, and the Board went downstairs to conduct an interview. The meeting reconvened at 7:01 PM.

2. Public Comment

- a. Mark Donovan of Wayside Drive thanked the Board for addressing abutter concerns on the Rec Park project. He read his petition on removing the proposed Rec Park parking lot with access from Wayside Drive and Fuller Lane; it had 31 signatures, representing every home in this neighborhood.

3. Proclamations/Recognitions

- a. Ms. Corson attended an event at Cobham Industries, which is a vendor building cables for NASA's Orion Project. Lockheed was there to recognize Cobham for their contribution to the project.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: January 6, 2020

**MOTION:** Mr. Papakonstantis moved to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of Jan 6 2020 as submitted. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor.

- b. Regular Meeting: January 21, 2020

**MOTION:** Mr. Papakonstantis moved to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of Jan 21 2020 as submitted. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

5. Appointments

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to appoint Duncan Douglas McCallum to the Historic District Commission as a voting member, with a term to end 4/30/22. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded. All were in favor.

6. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Deliberative Session Updates

Mr. Dean said this item was on the agenda in case there were amended articles, but there was only one minor amendment to a Citizen's Petition.

- b. 2019 Election Law Changes

Paul Scafidi, the Town Moderator, spoke about the upcoming Primary and election. The new state rules say that voters have to have some form of ID to check in, or they can sign an affidavit, or the Select Board can vouch for them if they know them personally. No one is

allowed to bring in political articles, such as a button, hat, or T-shirt which supports a candidate; they must take the item off or cover it before entering. Once a voter submits a ballot, they must leave the gym. If there's an issue with the weather, he will make the determination to postpone on the Monday night before. Voters can't switch their registered party on the day of the Primary, although they can switch back after voting if they've previously switched. SST will be closed, which should make the day easier. New machines next year will make things faster and will be more accessible. Ms. Corson asked about the email on voting from a group of visually impaired people, and Mr. Scafidi said that he and the Town Clerk have been working with them on this issue.

c. Hampton Sewer Agreement

Mr. Dean said the Hampton Sewer Agreement previously went to the NH Attorney General and was returned with comments, so it's been a long process. They now have the blessing of all agencies required to make this happen. This agreement is revocable by the Boards of Hampton and Exeter. If terminated by Exeter, Hampton must be given a reasonable amount of time to find an alternative.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved that the Select Board sign the agreement between the Town of Hampton and the Town of Exeter for treatment and disposal of wastewater dated Feb 3, 2020. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded. All were in favor.

7. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

**MOTION:** Mr. Papakonstantis moved to approve Veterans' Credits in the amount of \$500 for 80/6/43, 87/14/3A, 54/4/39, 70/61/8, 19/16/6, 95/64/247,18/6, 87/14/14A, 19/16/9, and 35/12. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor.

**MOTION:** Mr. Papakonstantis moved to approve a Veteran's Credit in the amount of \$1,000 for 69/3/26. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

**MOTION:** Mr. Papakonstantis moved to deny a Veteran's Credit for 72/65/4. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

**MOTION:** Mr. Papakonstantis moved to approve a tax abatement for 110/2/77 for the following amounts and years: \$139.42 for 2015; \$112.92 for 2016; \$101.32 for 2017; and \$76.74 for 2018. Ms. Surman seconded. All were in favor.

b. Permits & Approvals

i. None

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. There are two new employees in the Highway Department, and Public Works is working to fill other openings. Mickey Borough in dispatch retired last week after 17 years. Sergeant Jeff Butts had his retirement celebration Jan 24.

- ii. Mr. Dean had a conference call with the Army Corps on an issue with the town dock. The meeting seemed to go well. The Army Corps will look at whether the town needs to take any actions.
  - iii. He met with Newmarket last week re their EPA permit. Both Exeter and Newmarket are under Administrative Order of Consent and are looking to share resources. He's attending a meeting about it tomorrow; at the moment they're just learning what it means.
  - iv. He's working on the town report, and is looking for help getting the Boards, Committees and Commissions to submit their reports.
  - v. The Chamber of Commerce economic forecast session is at Exeter Inn on Thursday. It provides a good look at the local and state economy.
  - vi. There are bills he's been asked to weigh in on, such as a local option fee, which could increase from \$5 to \$10 at local discretion. There's also a bill that would not allow the regulating of any kind of short term rentals. NHMA has asked that Exeter give its take on these bills on Wednesday.
  - vii. The Local School Board Deliberative Session is tomorrow at Lincoln Street School, and the COOP Board Deliberative Session is this Thursday at the High School.
- d. Select Board Committee Reports
- i. Ms. Gilman said she's been in Concord three days a week, and has missed a few town meetings. The bills that Mr. Dean talked about are in her committee.
  - ii. Mr. Papakonstantis missed the Facilities Committee meeting on Jan 31st. The Planning Board met Jan 23 for a continued public hearing on the proposed zoning amendments. They also heard more on the Linden Street and Brentwood Spruce Street cases, which were both continued. They approved a site plan review for 2 Great Bridge Drive.
  - iii. Ms. Cowan had no meetings.
  - iv. Ms. Surman said E911 meets tomorrow.
  - v. Ms. Corson missed the Swasey Parkway Trustees meeting and the River Advisory meeting. The Communications Committee is planning to work with the newspaper to publish a weekly look at the different Warrant Articles to inform the voters. This effort seemed to help last year. They'll also be posting this information on social media.
- e. Correspondence
- i. A memo from the Energy Committee, supporting the Warrant Article against the Granite Bridge pipeline.
  - ii. A notice of the 2020 CEDS visioning sessions.
  - iii. A notice from Xfinity on changes to the channel lineup and an annual customer notice which describes their procedures and privacy policy.
  - iv. An email from voters about vision impaired voting.

- v. An update from DES on a recent intent to cut notification and the requirement for a waiver for work to be done on this property. The proposed crossings are located in prime wetlands.
- vi. A notice that the Mitchell Group is increasing their rate for Town Counsel services by \$10/hr.
- vii. A note from the American Independence Museum thanking the town for its support of \$250.
- viii. An approval notification from DES of the Parks and Rec AOT permit.

8. Review Board Calendar

The next meeting is Tuesday February 18. Ms. Corson suggested they look at property use fees at this meeting. The following meetings are March 2nd and 16th. Ms. Gilman asked for a lesson from Public Works on what can and can't be recycled at an upcoming meeting.

9. Non-Public Session

- a. There was no non-public session at this meeting.

10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Mr. Papakonstantis moved to adjourn. Ms. Surman seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanna Bartell  
Recording Secretary