

Minutes of the Selectmen's Work Session May 27, 2020

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman, and Bryant Scott, Brian Monahan
In attendance:

The Selectmen's Work Session was called to order at 5:30PM.

Chairman Scott Young signed and initialed the CARES Act grant application. Some of the expenses incurred as a direct result of the Covid-19 virus, but not most are eligible for reimbursement.

The Selectmen discussed the current vacancy on the Board of Appeals which is only a 1 year position. It was moved, seconded, and voted in the affirmative to ask Alternate Lynn Sweet to fill the position for just the remainder of this year. Early this summer Board members will interview 2 candidates for the alternate's position; both candidates have expressed interest in serving on the board. The Selectmen's Office will contact them to arrange a meeting with both in the near future.

NHMA will host a webinar on June 3rd to discuss thoughts and suggestions for opening town offices throughout the State.

The Selectmen will invite all officials and employees who work at the Town Office to their meeting on June 2nd to discuss everyone's thoughts on reopening of the building. They will welcome all input, realizing that the ultimate decision belongs to the Board. It is expected that the sneeze screens for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector will be installed before that meeting. The Board members will not make a final decision about a date until they hear the information coming forth from NH Municipal Association and Governor Sununu. In the meantime, some preliminary guidelines for reopening have been drafted and are being reviewed.

The Board of Selectmen discussed 2 matters pertaining to the Recycling Center. A request for designated hours to access the Recycling Center for seniors and/or immune-compromised individuals was reviewed. At this time there are no plans to arrange that. They have asked attendants to discourage lingering and keep the flow of traffic moving to prevent crowding. A question was also raised about the frequency of drop-off and volume of debris permitted at the Recycling Center. The Town has no official written policy addressing this, so one will be established at a meeting in the near future and reviewed at a public hearing to follow.

The Selectmen met with Planning Board Chairman Charlie Moreno via telephone to establish a fine schedule for violations of the junkyard ordinance passed in March. The language with regard enforcement of the ordinance provides for a 180 day period for complete removal of materials in violation of the ordinance. After some discussion the following procedures and fines were unanimously adopted, pending the legal opinion of the Town attorney. When a violation of the ordinance is noted, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer "shall document and photograph the existing prohibited use(s)". The property owner in violation will then be invited to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss cleanup and work out a reasonable plan to bring the property into compliance within the 180 day time frame. Subsequently, a certified letter will be sent to the property owner with an official notification of the 180 day deadline. If the property is not brought into compliance within the 180 day period, a fine of \$100/day will be assessed beginning with Day 181, following the date of notification. Should fines of \$2500 be accrued, the Town will place a lien on the property; subsequent liens will be recorded, should fines continue to accrue to an additional \$2500.

No fines are necessary in the enforcement of the newly passed driveway ordinance. Those arrangements are worked out by the Planning Board during the process of site review.

Preparations for opening the Town beach on Bow Lake were discussed. Three lifeguards and possibility for a fourth have been enlisted; they will be on duty daily through August 15th. The duties of their jobs and limitations of their authority were discussed. The hours for the lifeguarding will be shortened for the month of June (and perhaps July and August) to 10AM until 3PM. Emma Tobbe, a returning guard, will serve as this year's beach manager.

The son of a former property owner whose property was recently tax deeded to the Town, has requested to pay the back taxes owed and redeem the property from the Town. He is within the allowable timeframe to do so and will work with the Tax Collector for the exact amount owed. A bank check or money order will be the only acceptable forms of payment. The property will be deeded to the original owner if full payment is made.

There being no further business to address, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM.