

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting June 2, 2020

Members Present: Scott Young, Chairman, Bryant Scott, and Brian Monahan
In Attendance: Chris Bane, David Copeland, Judy Dupré. Martha English, Dan Howard,

Appointments Scheduled: 5:30 – Tax Collector Judy Dupré re: tax deeded property
6:00 - Group discussion with Town Hall staff re: reopening
6:30 – Town Clerk Chris Bane re: reopening thoughts/election requests

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 5:23

Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and approved. Bills and payroll were reviewed and approved for payment.

Appointments

5:30 – Tax Collector Judy Dupré met with Selectmen to discuss particulars of the redemption of a tax deeded property.

6:00 - The Selectmen met with Town Office employees and officials who were interested in discussing reopening plans. Selectmen Young began by saying that we are following Governor Sununu's suggestions for reopening. It will be at least 2 more weeks and maybe even July 1st. A preliminary reopening plan has been drafted and reviewed by Emergency Management Director, Scott Whitehouse, but the Selectmen wanted to hear the thoughts and suggestions of those who must "live" under the plan.

The following are some of the suggestions and questions and answers:

- Will we ask/require people to wear masks? Board agreed it would be a good idea to ask people to wear masks, but we cannot require it and have no authority to enforce that.
- Will we need to wear a mask? Board: If we ask others to do it, necessarily we will have to wear them as well, even behind the sneeze screens.
- How will we manage the traffic flow - one entrance and one exit?
- A question was raised about preparedness for a "second wave" of Covid-19 in the fall.
- Should chairs be removed from the lobby? A suggestion was made to have 1 plastic chair in the lobby in case someone needed to sit down.
- How many people could be in the lobby at the same time?
- A health status questionnaire was suggested and will be implemented immediately for use with the Town Office "staff". Whether such a questionnaire will be required of anyone entering the building once we are open is yet to be decided.

David Copeland stated that the Building department is working "just fine" under these conditions. The Selectmen added to that in saying that they have received no complaints about how the office is operating under the Covid-19 restrictions; necessary business is being handled. The Selectmen want to make everything clean and safe for everyone who enters the building. They stressed that

the reopening plan is still being amended as the situation changes and guidance comes from the State, NHMA, our Emergency Management Director and other agencies

6:30 – appointment cancelled

Continuing Business

The Selectmen briefly discussed several of the ongoing situations that the Town attorney is addressing or handling. The Selectmen will have a telephone conference with him at their next meeting.

Updates on the Barn Door Gap bridge project were discussed. Per NHDES, a more comprehensive wetlands permit will be needed; Dubois and King will handle that. DuBois and King is working with the contractor; it may be that the project will be delayed until next spring.

Lifeguards are there working at the beach. For now they will be guarding from 10-3 daily through August 15th. All lifeguards are Red Cross certified. The idea to hold swim lessons seems to be well received, so the Board gave the go ahead for 2 sessions of swim lessons this summer. Instructor Ted White will be notified; registrations will be available at the beach and downloadable from the Town website: www.trafford.nh.gov. The Board discussed and approved the continuance of the current “Rainy Day Policy” which provides 4 hours of pay for guards scheduled to work on a day when rainy weather suggests that the beach should be closed, or, in the event that the beach closes early due to storms or rain, a minimum of 4 hours of pay will be issued.

New Business

The Board reviewed the report submitted by Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse with information about his department’s calls during the first quarter of 2020. They will be posted on the front door of the Town Hall.

The Selectmen spoke with Building Inspectors, David Copeland and Dan Howard about the procedure for addressing junkyards and subsequent fine schedule. As code enforcers they will be charged with handling these situations. A form letter will be drafted and they will try to streamline the process as much as possible, welcoming their input as well. Legal counsel is being sought before we proceed, but the board wanted to update them on what has transpired.

Appointments scheduled for upcoming meetings were reviewed

With no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.