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Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting
August 24, 2020

Open Public Meeting

Meeting was open to public attendance in the auditorium of the Academy Building and also conducted telephonically using FreeConferenceCall. for people not comfortable attending in person due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Present: Chairman Mark Warren, Vice-Chairman Vincent Baiocchi, Selectman Collins and Town Administrator Patrick Boré (Gilmanton Academy building – Auditorium).

Also present in the Auditorium were: Chief Hempel, Chief Currier, Ron Nason, Manager Transfer Station.

In the audience were: Brett Currier and Joseph Haas.

Disclaimer: these minutes represent topics discussed and are not a reflection of verbatim discussion.

6:03 pm - Open Public Meeting

Chairman Mark Warren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was supposed to start with a donation from Wise Foods. Wise Foods has created a plan and product to say “Thank You” to front line city and state employees such as Fire, Police and Public works for their work during this pandemic. Kevin Guerrier, a long-time resident of Gilmanton and an employee of Wise Foods, has offered as a donation Wise Potato chips to be distributed at no charge to front line town employees. This is why both Chiefs and the Transfer Station Manager are in the auditorium. Mr. Guerrier just texted Chairman Warren that due to some miscommunication, he will not be able to attend tonight’s meeting.

PUBLIC MINUTES

MOTION On a Motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Selectman Evan Collins, it was voted to approve the Public Minutes of the Board of Selectmen’s Meetings held on August 3 and 7, 2020. (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

T.A. Boré mentions that initially the Meeting was going to include a Public Hearing to discuss recommended reductions in appropriations voted for at the March 2020 Town Meeting as authorized under Governor Sununu’s Emergency Order 56. The Public Hearing was since cancelled tonight in light of the recently approved extension for submitting the Town’s MS-1 until October 16, the MS-1 submission date being the deadline set by the Emergency Order to report

any adjustments to appropriations. It will most likely be re-scheduled sometime in the second half of September.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: On a Motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi, it was voted to open the Consent Agenda. (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

- **GOFERR Payment #2: \$16,987.29 Reimbursement Acknowledgment/Acceptance**

This is the second reimbursement under the GOFERR Grant Agreement for COVID-19 related expenses. The request for the same amount was approved by the Board at their 7/14/2020 Meeting.

MOTION On a motion by Selectman Collins and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi, the Board acknowledges and accepts the \$16,987.29 Reimbursement from GOFERR under the Grant Agreement executed on May 28, 2020.

T.A. Boré mentions an addition to the posted Consent Agenda: it is a recommendation from Fire Chief for a pay raise for the newly promoted Deputy Fire Chief, Dennis Comeau from \$17.00/hr to \$21.00/hr.

MOTION On a Motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Chairman Warren, it was voted unanimously to change Dennis Comeau pay from \$17.00/hr to \$21.00/hr

Vice-Chairman Baiocchi asked Chief Hempel to confirm that there is no change in budget as a result of the pay raise, which Chief Hempel does confirm.

MOTION On a Motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Chairman Warren, it was voted unanimously to approve and close the Consent Agenda as amended (3-0 Voice Vote – Chairman Warren-yes, Selectman Collins-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

OLD BUSINESS SECTION

Chairman Warren moved to go into the Old Business Section.

- **Highway Block Grant payment of \$45,609.98**

T.A. Boré opens the discussion by informing the Board that the Town is in receipt of the Highway Block Grant payment of \$45,609.98 This the quarterly payment for FY21 QTR1 received from the State of NH for the Highway Block Grant. The Board does not need to motion to accept the funds as this is “anticipated revenues” and is part of the \$159,447 budgeted under line 4319-730 in the Town’s operating budget.

- **Old Town Hall rental request**

At their 8/7 Meeting, the Board discussed a request to use the Old Town Hall auditorium for a pre-Xmas indoor craft fair/flea market/yard sale. The Board agreed to approve the request subject to any COVID-19 pandemic related restriction applicable at the time of the event in November.

As the requester, Sue Smith, had asked that the standard rental fee of \$125 be waived, the Board asked T.A. Boré to verify if vendors are Gilmanton residents and the requester intends to have

vendors pay her a fee for space rental. The requester confirmed she does not intend to charge a rental fee back to the vendors and most will be from Gilmanton and a few from Alton.

General consensus from the Board to approve the fee waiver with cleaning and key deposits still applicable.

• **CLP Seasonal Park Attendant**

T.A. and A.T.A. interviewed a candidate for the CLP Seasonal Park Attendant position. She graduated this past weekend from SNHU and would be available immediately. While she appears to have appropriate skills, experience and personality for the position, T.A. Boré is concerned with the ability to keep her past this season. She is looking for a job in the environmental science field and should not have difficulties being hired. At this stage in the season, he is not sure hiring her would be a needed investment. His recommendation to the Board would be to finish the season without filling the position, and seek proper funding through the 2021 budget process for a Manager-type position who would in charge of the Budget and would work with the volunteers committee we have talked about in previous meetings. The committee could maybe feed us ideas for next year which we could incorporate in the 2021 Parks & Rec. budget.

T.A. Boré is asked to go downstairs and get a copy of a note Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti sent the day before about the volunteers Committee. T.A. Boré leaves the auditorium. Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti tells the Board he has a Committee to recommend as well as a Chairman for the Committee. He states they are ready to go, excited, have more experience about Parks & Recs than anybody else. They are in it for the right reasons because they have kids.

Chairman Warren asked how this relates to the Seasonal Attendant. Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti states that they should be involved in the hiring for the position because they certainly know much better than us who could be a good park attendant, not just a park attendant

T.A. Boré comes back with copies of the email with the recommended members' list:

T.A. Boré suggests that the Board thinks about scope of responsibilities for the Committee and how often they would need to come in front of the Board to present.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti describes the following scope, which has been concurred with by the recommended Committee members:

The Committee would have no administrative or supervisory responsibilities and their job would be to advise the Board of Selectmen on goals, programs, park upkeep and future plans for the Parks & Rec. The Committee would provide historical knowledge, give input, advice and supply their technical expertise and subject knowledge and would answer directly to the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee would be used to not only identify problems and issues with the Park but look at community programs within the Town and help the Board of Selectmen plan and budget for those programs so that we can provide a quality program for the residents of Gilmanton. They would not be supervisory, they would be advisory.

Selectman Collins asks T.A. Boré to confirm the current process for hiring the seasonal attendant.

T.A. Boré states that, like any other position, the job is posted, applications are received by the Town Administration. Typically candidates would be interviewed by the Department head. In this specific case, in the absence of a Department Head, the candidate was interviewed by the Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator. The recommended candidate would then be brought up in front of the Board of Selectmen who has authority to hire.

Chairman Warren asks T.A. Boré to confirm that his recommendation is that because it is late in the season, it does not make sense to hire somebody. T.A. Boré states that if he thought the

candidate would come back for next season, it would make sense to hire her, but since he believes she will not be back next year, from his standpoint it does not make sense.

General consensus by the Board that there is a need for somebody to conduct tasks gearing towards closing the park for the season and since this person is interested in the position, the Town should proceed with hiring.

Vice Chairman Baiocchetti recommends that rather than bringing the candidate for interview by the Board, the Chairman of the Committee, Cathy Lines and maybe Karen Stockwell do the interview and based on their recommendation, the Board will proceed with the hiring.

MOTION On a motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti and seconded by Chairman Warren, it was unanimously voted to institute the Gilmanton Parks & Recs Committee as opposed to the Commission and the following members to be appointed:

Cathy Lines - Chairman

Karen Stockwell

Lisa Osbourne

Kathleen Morrell

Jim Fitzgerald

Christine Menard

Jen Marston

Adam Mini

with the responsibilities as laid out in lines 122 to 129 above (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

Chairman Warren asks Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti about frequency for the Committee to report to the Board who in turn suggests 3 times a year, beginning of the summer, end of summer and as part of the Budget process.

MOTION: On a Motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to have Cathy Lines and Karen Stockwell interview the candidate for the Seasonal Park Attendant position and, based on their recommendations, to give authority to T.A. Boré to proceed with the hiring. (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

General consensus by the Board that for potential future hiring needs for the position, the same process would apply with the Committee Cahir and Karen Stockwell providing their advisory role.

• **Currier vs McWhinnie et al. Litigation update**

Judge O'Neill had an hearing on August 18 to listen to both parties arguments with respect to the Motion for Summary Judgement filed by the Town on June 29, 2020. The Town was represented by Demetrio Aspiras and Matthew Serge from Drummond Woodsum and T.A. Boré. Ed Philpott and Matthew Currier represented the plaintiffs. No defined timeframe. Summary judgment motions can take only a couple weeks or 6 months to get an order on.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti asks T.A. Boré why the Board was not notified of the hearing. T.A. Boré indicates that there was no particular reason why not and that, in the future, he will make sure notification is given.

The Board then agrees to meet with the Chief of Police on August 26 at 6:00PM to continue their discussion on the pending litigation.

187 **6:49 PM - MOTION:** On a Motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman
188 Baiocchetti, it was voted to go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel
189 matters. (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman
190 Baiocchetti-yes).

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192 Public is asked to leave the room.

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194 Remaining in the room are Chairman Warren, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, Selectman Collins,
195 T.A. Boré and Chief Currier

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197 At 7:08 PM, the public is called back in the room. Present in the public are Brett Currier and Joseph
198 Haas.

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200 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti and seconded by Selectman Collins, it
201 was voted to get out of the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel matters
202 and to seal the minutes of that session. (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman
203 Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

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205 Chief Currier states that Patrol Officer Dahmke graduated from the NH Police Academy this past
206 Friday and that Patrol Officer White has been accepted to the Academy and will be starting on the
207 31st of this month for the next 16 weeks. Chairman Warren asks Chief Currier to congratulate both
208 Officers on behalf of the Board.

209 Chief Currier also indicates that Officer Landry has been on the road with family in Texas, and is
210 returning to the area now. He will be tested for COVID-19 and then GPD will be getting him
211 uniformed and trained.

212 Chief Currier confirms that one cruiser is expected shortly. It is white and will need to be wrapped
213 in black. Still waiting for the one ordered back in October in Massachusetts with delay due to
214 factory closings.

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216 At 7:14 PM, Chairman Warren interrupts the Old Business Section discussion to open the Public
217 Input and invites attendants to sign in, introduce themselves before addressing the Board.

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219 Brett Currier asks the Board to confirm when applications to join the Planning Board were received
220 at the Selectmen's Office.

221 T.A. Boré confirms that he received an application to fill the vacant seat left by Michael Jean's
222 resignation from Jacob Dalzell on June 18, which he acknowledged receipt of the same day and
223 forwarded it also the same day to the Planning Administrator for submission the Planning Board.

224 T.A. Boré does not recall when he received the second application and will check after the meeting
225 **AFTER- MEETING Note:** Gareth Martindale submitted a similar application dated July 26.

226 Mr. Currier expresses his concerns that as the Board of Selectmen did not diligently act on the
227 applications, which were received weeks apart, a competitive situation has now been artificially
228 created between the 2 candidates for the one vacant position. Because the Planning Board also
229 has vacant alternate positions, both candidates can be appointed but he feels that because Mr
230 Dalzell applied first, he should be getting the position rendered vacant by Mr. Jean's resignation
231 and the other candidate can get the alternate position.

232 Comment was made that the Town's website needs to be updated to reflect current membership
233 on the Planning Board, i.e. remove Dustin Milliken and add Mark Warren as B.O.S.
234 representative).

Mr. Currier is further concerned that if it needs to go back to the Planning Board and then to the Board of Selectmen, because of the respective meeting schedules, the applicants may not be appointed before October.

T.A. Boré confirms that the practice has been for the Board of Selectmen to act on applications only once reviewed and recommended by the respective other municipal bodies to ensure that these bodies support the appointments.

Mr. Currier inquires when this process was established because he believes the previous Board had a different process.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti asks if the Town has a written policy on this. T.A. Boré does not know the answer but states it has been the practice since he has been Town Administrator.

Chairman Warren states that this is good practice, but we have the current issue to resolve. Brett Currier states that this is for the Board of Selectmen to resolve.

Statement is made that this is the last time a member will be appointed at the Planning Board since starting with the March 2021 Town Meeting, all Planning Board members will then be elected. Only the ZBA members after that will continue to be appointed.

Chairman Warren acknowledges that it should not have gone 2 months and that we should confirm whether this process is in writing and if there is any way to resolve expeditiously it should be pursued.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti suggests that the Board of Selectmen appoints the 2 candidates at their next meeting in September.

T.A. Boré asks for confirmation whether the Planning Board has a recommendation with respect to these candidates. Chairman Warren states "yes and no": because of the delay in handling the respective applications, the Planning Board wanted the Board of Selectmen to decide.

Selectman Collins states that everybody knows what would be right to decide here.

Mr. Currier moves on to another concern which relates to the new elderly exemption rules voted at the March 2020 Town Meeting, which he believes are going to bankrupt the Town. He has heard that only four (4) people took advantage of it by the April 15th fast- deadline this year, but that he suspects that many others may follow suit next year.

Chairman Warren states that this came out of a petitioned warrant article, which he voted against because at the time we did not have actual impact numbers, just estimates based on demographics. The new rules place the Town as the most or second most generous municipality in terms of elderly exemption. He further states that while we should support our elderly population, we should do so in balance with it does to the local tax rate.

T.A. Boré states that the article was voted for at the March Meeting even though concerns were expressed at the Deliberative Session.

Mr. Currier recommends that the Board of Selectmen draft a warrant article at the next Town Meeting to amend the elderly rules.

T.A. Boré mentions that final impact numbers for these new rules will be part of the MS-1 that was discussed earlier in the meeting which reporting has now been delayed up until October 16. He recommends that we wait for these numbers to have a more meaningful discussion on this matter.

Mr. Currier asks who he should direct a right-to-know request to get the numbers. T.A. Boré confirms the Assessing Department is the appropriate department to request the information from. Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti asks Mr. Currier if he will submit a petitioned warrant article to repeal and/or amend the rules just voted for. Chairman Warren confirms he believes a petitioned warrant article may be the best approach because we need the people to speak on the issue.

Mr. Currier suggests he may petition the Board of Selectmen to have a Public Hearing on the matter.

General consensus by the Board to place the matter on the B.O.S. next Meeting Agenda or when MS-1 numbers are firmed up.

Joseph Haas introduces himself and states that he signed the petitioned warrant article for the new elderly exemption rules, not because he agreed to it but to ensure enough signatures would be collected to bring it to discussion in front of taxpayers.

Mr. Haas then comments about the previous discussion on the two applicants for the Planning Board and recalls when he had pointed out many years ago that the Town Treasurer according to RSA Ch. 41:29-a, had to appoint the deputy treasurer with the approval of the board of selectmen. Note: Mr Haas said R.S.A. Chapter 41:26-d by mistake.

Then Mr Haas talks about his right-to-know request to the Land Use Administrator submitted 7 days ago for which he is still awaiting an answer.

Vice-Chairman asks Mr. Haas if he got a response from the Land Use Administrator within 5 business days. He has not.

T.A. Boré thought Mr. Haas had had a discussion with Mr. Haas at the Academy Building on this matter and states that he will check the status on this request with the Land Use Administrator.

Finally, Mr. Haas inquires about the GOFERR reimbursement discussed earlier. T.A. Boré confirms that it is a program for reimbursing COVID-19 related expenses (PPE, First Responder Stipend related taxes and other eligible expenses) which were not budgeted.

After checking if anybody on the phone has any comment/input to share and in the absence of any answer, Public Input is closed at 8:07 PM.

OLD BUSINESS SECTION (Cont.)

Chairman Warren moves back to the Old Business Section

• 2021 Budget Process

On August 13, T.A. Boré communicated the Budget process for this year to Department heads and other budget holders. He wants to stress to the Board that their availability the first 2 weeks of October will be needed to review the Budget Holders recommendations for next year. Presentations to the Board of Selectmen will be scheduled during these two weeks and T.A. Boré is asking the selectmen to keep these weeks open.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti asks if the CIP is done or being done.

Chairman Warren confirms it has been discussed at the Planning Board but there have been no action.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti asks if the Planning Board then is going to present on the CIP at the Budget Committee, since it is required by law from the Planning Board.

T.A. Boré states that the CIP is due for an update. Last update to his knowledge was conducted in 2016. T.A. Boré confirms that the Town voted to have a CIP and the CIP falls under the responsibility of the Planning Board. The CIP update should be effective 2021. Since the Administration can not wait for the CIP update to be ready, Department Heads have been asked to provide their capital requirements, short and long-term, as part of the budget process.

Chairman Warren agrees to bring the matter back to the Planning Board although with the anticipated scope, it will take months.

Mr. Currier asks Chairman Warren to provide input. He wonders if the responsibility that currently exists on the Planning Board can be rescinded and, in place, have a process that is led through the Department Heads as part of the Budget process.

T.A. Boré clarifies that step one in the process is the Master Plan that falls under the Planning Board. The Master Plan defines where the Town is going, what priorities are and from that document the CIP describes specific capital requirements. That is why both Master Plan and CIP fall under the responsibility of the Planning, with each department feeding the data for their respective areas.

NEW BUSINESS SECTION

Chairman Warren moves to open the new Business Section

• Election CARES Act funding opportunity

The State of New Hampshire recently issued a notification regarding a new Grant Opportunity for funding upcoming primary and general elections through the Federal CARES Act.

The Grant provides \$3Million for the upcoming elections to cities and towns in the State. The grant allocates each city/town a maximum amount that is proportional to that town's/city's votes cast in the 2016 primary and general election (similar concept as for the GOFERR Grant). For Gilmanton, based on total ballots casted in 2016, the maximum grant amount (80%) is \$9,444.34 with a require match by the Town of \$1,888.87 for a total combined of \$11,333.20. As was the case for the GOFERR Grant, an Agreement needs to be completed and executed by the Town no later than August 28, 2020.

T.A. Boré recommends that the Board go ahead with the grant opportunity.

MOTION On a motion by Selectman Collins and seconded by Vice- Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to accept the Grant opportunity for funding upcoming primary and general elections through the Federal CARES Act up to a maximum of \$9,444.34 and to authorize Chairman Warren to execute the corresponding Grant Agreement on behalf of the Board.

• Sand Bid Winter Season 2020-2021

T.A. Boré states that on August 14, a bid was issued by the Town for its Winter Season 2020-2021 Sand. The bid requested quotes for 6,000 to 7,000 tons. Three separate bids were received before the defined deadline. He will now publicly open the sealed bids received:

- Brian Forst Transport for \$10.50/Ton for a total of \$63,000 to \$73,500
- GMI Asphalt (Belmont) for \$11.75/Ton for a total of \$70,500 to \$82,250
- Pike Industries for \$10.13/Ton on 3,000-3,500 tons delivered at 182 Allens Mill rd and \$11.42/Ton on 3,000 to 3,500 tons delivered at 770 Stage Rd for a total of \$64,650 to \$75,425

Brian Forst Transport is the lowest bidder. With a single price for both delivery locations, it also provides additional flexibility to the Road Agent.

T.A. Boré will submit the results to the Road Agent who, in turn, will provide his recommendation for award.

General consensus by the Board that if Brian Forst, as lowest bidder, is awarded, there is no need to get back to the Board for approval.

376 • **Academy Building Water Monitoring**

377 Coliform contamination has been identified in bathroom facilities downstairs. We are scheduling
378 a Level 2 Assessment. There is no health risk. However, should the Level 2 Assessment confirms
379 contamination levels, the risk is we may get into a repetitive testing schedule which will create
380 unbudgeted expenses.

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382 **AFTER-MEETING Note:** Level 2 confirmed higher than allowed contamination level. The
383 building will be tested a monthly basis going forward until results are within acceptable levels. A
384 potential installation of a UV Light is being looked at to resolve the issue.

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386 • **Crystal Lake Beach Water Monitoring**

387 The latest water testing shows elevated level of e.coli (104.6) for one of the 3 testing locations at
388 Crystal Lake Park. If another testing location or if one of the 3 locations were to exceed 158, we
389 would need to get into an advisory warning mode and have public posting on the beach.

390
391 T.A. Boré talks about OHRV use in Sawyer Lake District, an item not posted on the Agenda. A
392 District resident asked for the proper process to approach the Board to allow use of OHRVs on
393 Town-owned roads in the District.

394 T.A. Boré checked with Town Counsel and the process is described under paragraph IX of RSA
395 215-A:6. Following a duly noticed public hearing advertised at least 14 days in advance in a public
396 location in the city or town and notification to abutters by verified mail the Board of Selectmen
397 may authorize the use of sidewalks and class IV, class V or class VI highways and bridges, or
398 portions thereof, for use by OHRVs. The petitioner shall bear the expense of verified mail
399 notification to abutters of property for which OHRV use is sought under this paragraph.

400 T.A. Boré mentions that the Town voted to adopt an Ordinance for ORHV use on Class VI, but
401 none of the very specific roads then granted right-of-use are located in the district.

402 Vice-Chairman believes the use was specifically for use in the winter.

403 **AFTER-MEETING Note:** T.A. Boré confirmed that no specific season is addressed in the
404 Ordinance.

405 Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti talks about an existing Statute that allows use of electric vehicles for
406 those that are fully registered and equipped.

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408 **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

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410 Chairman Warren still being fairly new to his role talks about his interest in seeking training on
411 Right-to-Know process and protocol for running the Board's meetings. He has asked T.A. Boré to
412 assess options.

413 T.A. Boré talks about an upcoming NHMA virtual workshop on this specific subject on September
414 10. The workshop includes a presentation then a Q&A session. The Fee is \$40/attendant. Another
415 option is getting an on-demand customized training from NHMA. The cost is \$350 for a 2-hour
416 session with again a presentation and Q&A session.

417 Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti would rather do an in-person workshop and he is concerned NHMA
418 would just give generalities not specifics. More than 2 hours too.

419 An in-person training would need to be discussed further with NHMA due to COVID-19
420 restrictions.

421 Besides the selectmen, T.A., Department Heads should also attend and TCTX, Chairs of other
422 public bodies should be invited to attend if they wish.

T.A. Boré indicates that he can check with Town Counsel if they would offer such option.

AFTER-MEETING Note: DTC has indicated that they would be happy to offer a virtual workshop but, at this moment, are not able to do it in-person.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti reminds T.A. Boré about discussing opening the Selectmen's Office starting on September 8th.

Earlier on this summer the Board voted to have Town Hall be open to the public on Tuesdays, with effective date being September 8. This happens to be the primary election day.

T.A. Boré's recommendation to the Board is to push the effective date to the next Tuesday, September 15. Having the Selectmen's Office/Land Use Administrator side of Town Hall will make it even more difficult than it will already be to ensure proper social distancing in the hallway. Having that side of the building will definitely entice voters to ask questions about the election which they should not be subjected to nor be answering for risk of electioneering. Finally, some of the staff may have to provide help upstairs during the election if not enough election staff becomes available due to COVID-19 concerns.

Chairman Warren has no objection to the recommendation but would like to hear from the other selectmen.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti objects to it. We promised the public that we would open on September 8.

Chairman Warren understand the principles but purely logistically does not see how it can work. Selectman Collins remembers that he was in the audience when that decision was made by the Board and recalls there was some form of stipulation that unless this happens, we could change the date but cannot recall the specifics.

Chairman Warren states that they were making a decision not knowing what the future would bring.

Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti suggests to open a week earlier, September 1st, then close on September 8. He does not want to get back on the decision.

Selectman Collins states that in today's climate, there are already complaints about with the current issues with wearing masks, social distancing adding that extra layer could cause additional problems.

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Selectman Collins, in light of COVID-19 and the primary election being conducted that day, it was voted to push back by a week the opening of the Selectmen's Office on Tuesdays to September 15. (2-1 Voice Vote – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-no, Selectman Collins-yes).

9:15 PM

Mr Currier and Mr Haas leave the meeting.

MOTION: On a Motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was voted to go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation. (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

The purpose of the discussion was to address an anonymous complaint received regarding a property in the Iron Works portion of town.

The Board asked T.A. Boré to verify with Town Counsel the proper chain of authority for dealing with the complaint.

9:39 PM - MOTION: On a Motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was voted to get out of the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation. (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

Adjournment: at 9:40 PM, On a Motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti and seconded by Chairman Warren, it was voted unanimously to adjourn. (3-0 Voice Vote – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes, Selectman Collins-yes).

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Boré
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

Chairman Mark E Warren

Vice-Chairman Vincent A Baiocchetti

Selectman Evan J Collins