Dunbarton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2019
7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, February 14th at 7 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Mike Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Board members present:**
  Mike Kaminski, Chairman
  Robert “Bob” Martel, Selectman
  Selectman Dave Nault was not in attendance.

**Town Officials and others present:**
  Line Comeau, Town Administrator
  Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

**Leo Martel** was present recording the meeting for the benefit of the citizens who could not attend.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes**

**Motion:** by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 7th, 2019 as amended.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** (2-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Returned Checks**

Mike Kaminski stated that Linda Landry could not be here but sent an email detailing the outcome of the returned check situation. The town has been made whole, and check fees have been reimbursed. Mr. Kaminski suggested that the Town Clerk require cash or certified check from this individual for all future payments to the town. Bob Martel feels that the Town Clerk’s office needs to develop a policy as above to handle similar situations in the future.

➢ The BoS is in consensus on making this the policy of the town.

**Accept Donation**

**Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept donations per RSA 31:95-b III (b) for Wreaths Across Dunbarton in the amount of $350 from
Grappone for their annual sponsorship and $350 from Staz & Aleeta Szopa for a total of $700.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** (2-0).

**Budget and Warrant Signing**

The BoS signed the 2019 Town Warrant and Budget (MS-636).

**Milfoil Grant Application Signing**

The BoS signed the 2019 Milfoil Grant Application.

Bob Martel inquired if the grant would cover the reported milfoil at the fire pond. Line Comeau replied that the fire pond would not qualify as the body of water needs to be over 10 acres in size. There is a possibility that the plant in the fire pond is not milfoil, but they can have it tested to find out for sure.

**TOWN BUSINESS**

**Mailbox Items**

Mike Kaminski shared the following items received over the past week:

A Public Hearing will be held on Feb 21st 7:15 p.m. to accept the grant for opioid response and prevention for the Police Department.

Mike Kaminski shared a newspaper article regarding the amount of conservation land owned in different towns across the state. Dunbarton is listed as having the 3rd highest amount in NH. He would like to share that article with the town’s conservation group, as they may find it interesting.

Letter to the School Board regarding the decision of the BoS to not convert their part-time police detective position to full-time to accommodate the school’s request for a School Resource Officer.

Mike Kaminski is very satisfied with the response received from the NHMA regarding the contract with Granite State Solar. He feels the information received matches up with the contract completely, and also negates some of the information they received from the town’s attorney. Bob Martel agrees and does not see anything restricting them from entering into the contract.

**Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to sign the contract with Granite State Solar.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** (2-0).

Mike Kaminski noted that Dave Nault is also in agreement to go ahead with the contract.
The BoS signed the contract with Granite State Solar for a solar array.

Mike Kaminski shared a request from a political party to use the town hall for a political rally. Mr. Kaminski stated that he is not in favor of this, as they have always endeavored to keep the town hall (even the bulletin board) very apolitical. Bob Martel pointed out that they’ve already turned down other parties as far as posting or using the meeting space. In order to avoid any problems, he feels this group will need to find another venue.

➢ The BoS was in consensus to deny this request.

Personnel Plan Amendment
The amendment to the personnel plan regarding bereavement leave that previously voted upon was signed by the BoS. Mike Kaminski noted that Dave Nault will need to sign off on it as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES
Bob Martel spoke regarding the request by the School Board that was denied by the BoS. Sometimes they won’t agree on the issues, but that lack of agreement has nothing at all to do with personalities. They want to continue having a relationship of respect with all departments in the town.

Line Comeau shared that the Annual Report is complete. It has been sent to the printer and she is awaiting the return of the proof. They should have it back to them by Monday or Tuesday. She hopes to get the final shipment on the 27th. The dedication can be done on the 28th, and then they can be mailed out to the residents.

Mike Kaminski thinks the tribute to Les Hammond in the Annual Report is fantastic.
Mr. Kaminski would also like the transfer station manager to attend the next meeting so they can follow up on a discussion they had several weeks ago regarding scheduling.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: 2-0.
The BoS adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Kaminski, Chair

Bob Martel, Selectman

Jennifer King, Recording Secretary