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

Mike Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Board members present:**
- Mike Kaminski, Chairman
- Dave Nault, Selectman
- Robert “Bob” Martel, Selectman

**Town Officials and others present:**
- Line Comeau, Town Administrator
- Jennifer King, Recording Secretary
- Jeff Crosby, Road Agent and Town Forest Committee Chair
- Linda Landry, Town Clerk
- Rene Ouellet, Town Moderator
- Fred Mullen, Town Forest Committee

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes**

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 28th, 2019 as amended.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** (3-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Crosby requested on behalf of the Town Forest Committee that Bryan Comeau be appointed to the committee to fill the role vacated by Ed White.

Bob Martel suggested they nominate Mr. Comeau later in the meeting and sign the necessary paperwork at the next meeting.

A one-minute recess was taken at 7:06 p.m. in order to set up the audio recorder.
AGENDA ITEMS

Town Meeting and Election Update

Rene Ouellet told the BoS that he is following the progress of a couple of bills moving through state legislature that would give town moderators the authority to postpone a ballot election. They are ready to set up for town meeting on Monday at 4pm. The after-school program will be upstairs. General discussion occurred regarding the best way to set up to transition between town meeting and the election. Mr. Ouellet noted that there was a new door installed on the supply closet behind the community center, and he is working on getting a key.

Mr. Ouellet also mentioned that because one of the selectmen is on the ballot, that person cannot handle the ballots. While he doesn’t see a law stating that the person cannot be present, he feels it would be cleaner to relieve Bob Martel of his duties during the election. Bob Martel doesn’t have a problem with that but wondered if he could help with greeting and directing people. Rene doesn’t really have a problem with that, he just feels that the farther separated he is from the election process, the cleaner it will be.

Linda Landry reported that they have all the ballot clerks they need. There will be one vendor booth: Wreaths Across Dunbarton. She is still working on getting meals in place for the day but expects that to be completed soon. There are 3 separate ballots, so there will be 3 ballot boxes. They will need to recruit folks to stay later to assist in counting. Rene Ouellet would like to continue to promote inviting younger voters in town to count ballots in an effort to offer the opportunity to get involved with local government.

Line Comeau drafted a document detailing who is speaking on which warrant articles. She will send a copy to Mr. Ouellet, along with a copy of the warrant in Word or pdf file.

Paving Contract Extension

Jeff Crosby said that the Highway Department would like to extend their paving contract with their current paving company. They are happy with the service they’ve received, and the pricing has stayed mostly the same (with the exception of hand work).

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel, to extend the town’s contract with Advanced Excavation and Paving of Suncook for 2019 as recommended by the Road Agent at the following pricing:

- Machine pave: $64.50
- Handwork pave: $125/ton
- Reclaim and Fine Grade: $1.40/sq. yd.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (3-0).
Discussion occurred regarding the proposed purchase of the truck for the highway department. Jeff Crosby told the BoS that he is reviewing the grant information that Line passed along.

Mr. Crosby also thanked the BoS for getting the heating oil tank replaced at the highway garage. It’s been something that he’s wanted to do with past Boards but couldn’t seem to get anything moving. He appreciates that this BoS has done a lot to improve building maintenance in town.

Jeff Crosby said that they are going to start putting their road posting notices out starting Monday. The weather is due to start warming up next week.

TOWN BUSINESS

Mailbox Items

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

- The Police Department announced their annual bicycle rodeo to be held in June.
- Donna White reported that she attended a Transportation Advisory Council Meeting, and shared some interesting information she received.
- Line Comeau is in the process of getting bids to replace the hot water tank for the planning dept.
- Our solar project has generated interest, and they have received inquiries from other towns that are now considering the same.
- Thank you notes received for donations made in Les Hammond’s name as well as for flowers sent to the family.
- Line Comeau compiled, as requested, provided a chart showing the hours of the transfer station has worked over the past month. The BoS will review this information.
- There will be a nonpublic meeting with the Board of Assessors and the lawyer representing the town in the utility assessment appeals. They are facing some challenges.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to nominate Bryan Comeau to the Town Forest Committee.
**Discussion:** Fred Mullen noted that Bryan was recommended by Ed White to be his replacement. He is a forester and owns his own foresting company. He is very knowledgeable and would be a great addition to the committee.

*Vote:* (3-0).

**Mike Kaminski** went out to Michael Guiney’s residence on Kelsea Road after the last snowstorm to evaluate the plowing job done by the town. **Mr. Kaminski** feels that the plowing job done was adequate and in accordance with the decision of the court.

**Mike Kaminski** confirmed that they will be meeting at the town offices shortly before 4 p.m. on Monday to load up **election materials**. **Setup by town employees will also be present and** should also arrive by 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to adjourn the meeting.

*Vote:* (3-0).

The BoS adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

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Mike Kaminski, Chair

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Dave Nault, Selectman

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Bob Martel, Selectman