Dunbarton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2018
7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, December 6th at 7 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Mike Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board members present:
Mike Kaminski, Chairman
Robert “Bob” Martel, Selectman

Town Officials and others present:
Line Comeau, Town Administrator
Jennifer King, Recording Secretary
Chief Dan Sklut, Dunbarton Police Department
Sgt. Christopher Remillard, Dunbarton Police Department

Members of the public present:
Michael Guiney
John Stevens

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

Selectman Dave Nault was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 29th, 2018 as amended.

Discussion: none.
Vote: (2-0).

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of November 29th, 2018 as written.

Discussion: none.
Vote: (2-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Sklut told the BoS that Officer Tyler will be graduating from the NH Police Academy next Friday at 2pm.
AGENDA ITEMS

Mike Guiney appeared before the BoS to follow up on the issue of Kelsea Road winter road maintenance.

Mike Kaminski said that after determining the facts of the issue, they found that there was no evidence of unfair treatment toward Mike Guiney by any of the elected officials of the town. It was an unfortunate occurrence. The Road Agent delayed the plowing of all dirt roads, not just Kelsea Road because they weren’t quite frozen. The town was down one snowplowing apparatus due to an accident. Dave Nault was unsure of his status as a plow driver for the town. That has been rectified. They are still down a plow, but they are trying to rectify that situation as well. He acknowledges that the town can do better.

Mike Guiney said that based on last year’s winter road maintenance performance on his road, as well as theft of his property by Road Agent Jeff Crosby and Selectman Dave Nault, he doesn’t feel that he was being unreasonable in feeling that it was deliberate. Mike Kaminski assured Mr. Guiney that he hears where he is coming from and understands how he could have that perception. In his opinion, looking at all the facts, he doesn’t feel that deliberate unfair treatment occurred, but encourages Mr. Guiney to be vigilant.

Mr. Kaminski also asked Mr. Guiney to speak with his attorney regarding the situation regarding the turnaround. General discussion occurred regarding the court case involving Mr. Guiney’s property. Mr. Kaminski said the town is abiding by the court’s decision and being neutral to the process. He also noted that they have been painstakingly detailed in excluding Dave Nault from their discussions with their attorney, etc. and assured Mr. Guiney that they are remaining completely impartial here.

Mr. Guiney expressed concern regarding Mr. Nault’s plowing of Kelsea Road. Mr. Kaminski assured Mr. Guiney that the Road Agent has taken a special interest in making sure the job is done right.

Accept Donation

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski, to accept a donation of $2,308.65 from Staz and Aleeta Szopa to the Dunbarton Police Department per RSA 31:95-b III (b).

Mike Kaminski thanked Mr. Szopa for the donation. Mr. Szopa replied that they try to do whatever they can to help the town. They want to see the Police Department get the equipment they need.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 2-0

Assessing Board Budget Discussion

Mary LaValley reviewed the budget for the Assessing Board, saying that their budget is pretty static. The only thing they need to request is another $6,000 in their legal budget for the utilities lawsuit that is ongoing.
Old Home Day Budget Discussion

John Stevens presented the budget for Old Home Day for 2019. He noted that the cost of half of one of the bands was donated, which helped to save money. They are looking for ways to use the money from the table fees before the end of the year. There is a possibility that they could use it for tent repair. Bob Martel said that if they get a quote, then they can encumber the money. John Stevens said that one of the fun things about Old Home Day, is that they don’t charge people. The free ice cream was a new thing they offered last year. People leave early in the day so they are trying to keep people around longer until early afternoon by offering the free ice cream. Mike Kaminski noted that even with the rain, the whole day was a success. Mike Kaminski doesn’t see any problem with the budget they presented, and he thanks them for coming in. John Stevens noted that one of their committee members is preparing to leave the committee, but they already have a prospective replacement.

Police Department Budget Discussion

Chief Sklut and Sgt. Remillard presented the budget for the Police Department. Chief Sklut noted that last year they presented their budget along with a warrant article for an additional full-time office. They promised at that time that they would do their best to hold their budget level for this year.

Sgt. Remillard added that they are presenting no warrant articles with their budget for 2019. Their overall proposed budget is $458,589, which is an increase of $42,679 over 2018. Sgt. Remillard reviewed the increases, much of which includes wage step increases. They reduced their part time staff and they were able to eliminate funds for radio repair.

Mike Kaminski asked about the increase in gasoline. Sgt. Remillard said they are anticipating increased usage. There is also an increase in dispatch, but they have put off some projects in order to present a budget to the town that is fiscally responsible.

Accept Donation

Motion: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel, to accept donations totaling $275.00 from local residents to Wreaths Across Dunbarton per RSA 31:95-b III (b).

Discussion: none.

Vote: 2-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TOWN BUSINESS

Solar Energy Initiative
Line Comeau said that she gave the Energy Committee the RFP template. They filled it out and returned it to her, and she has posted it on NHMA. They have gotten a few calls, and a walk through is scheduled for 12/11 at 11am. John said they are still researching their best option for financing. Mike Kaminski noted that he was under the impression that the lease program was their best bet. John said they all have pros and cons.

General discussion regarding the remainder of the RFP process took place.

Line Comeau said that she is looking at a public hearing on the budget on February 7th.

Mailbox Items

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

- Step increase for Dave Nickerson to Step 3.
- FYI - Central NH Regional Planning
  Donna White volunteered to be the representative regarding the software program involving their roads.
  Notification of a lot line adjustment.
- BoS signed the three-year agreement for dispatch services.
- Employee was involved in unauthorized OT.
- FYI on solar panels.
  Jeffrey Moody of 25 Everett Road is interested in purchasing some lots near his property. He will be appearing before the BoS in the near future. Line Comeau has asked Jeff Crosby to be present. Mike Kaminski asked Line to make copies of documentation for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

Bob Martel said that he would like to offer all town employees a grocery store gift card as a small token of the appreciation for the work they do.

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski, to offer each full or part-time town employee a $25 grocery store gift card.

Discussion: Bob said that the total would be $775. It’s not a big token, but it’s a way to recognize their work. Mike thinks it’s a good thing to do and he doesn’t see where there would be any legal restrictions.

Vote: 2-0.
**Line Comeau** reached out to JMR Siding regarding the Safety Complex. She is also waiting on a second quote for the Transfer Station bathroom.

**Mike Kaminski** acknowledged that the town failed to act on the Town Pound clean up. The BoS fell short on that project, and they will have to look at completing this in the spring.

**Line Comeau** said that it looks as though the Safety Complex roof project will have to be put out to bid for next year.

**Mike Kaminski** shared a notification from the Planning Board that the coffee shop application is making progress. There is a 2nd meeting happening in 2 weeks. They may require a bond for **uncompleted sitework**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**: by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski to adjourn the meeting.

The BoS adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

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Mike Kaminski, Chair

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Bob Martel, Selectman