

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
June 26, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman David Lage (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Jay Hopkins, John Veaser, and Carlotta Pini

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Selectman Veaser announced Movie night at Memorial Park on Friday from 8-10 and the Farmer's Market on Saturday from 10-2. He also mentioned that there would be an Escape Capsule in Town on July 13 and encouraged folks to check the Town website for more information.

At 6:00 p.m. Selectman Veaser invited Meredith Lund and Jim Hicks to discuss the Ambulance Memo of Understanding. Meredith thanked him and asked that, first, they take a moment to recognize Jim Hicks for his service to the Town.

Selectmen Veaser and Selectman Hopkins both stood and presented Mr. Hicks with a plaque commemorating his thirteen years of service to the Town as its Emergency Management Director. They shook hands and posed for some photographs.

Meredith and Jim told the Board how this would be the very first MOU with the Ambulance and explained that it would be reviewed annually and re-signed following each Annual Town Meeting. Jim encouraged the Board to contact him with questions. The Board agreed to review it and take it up at the next meeting.

Town Office Sign: The Board reviewed the new quote from Classic Signs Inc. It was significantly higher than the other quote from Stewart Signs. Selectmen Hopkins and Veaser agreed that the Town ought to go with Stewart Signs and they preferred the black lettering on the white background.

At 6:10 p.m. Selectmen Hopkins made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Veaser seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 7:20 the Board returned to public session. Selectman Hopkins made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Selectman Veaser seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was further discussion regarding the Town Office sign, including the specifications, lighting, shrubs, and placement of the sign. The Board members agreed that the Town logo ought to be included on the sign. The Board asked Carlotta to seek a revised quote.

Chairman Lage addressed the Transportation Alternative Program Funding Announcement dated June 7, 2018 and sent by Southwest Region Planning Commission. He said the town had applied for a grant twice already but had been turned down. The minimum cost of a project is \$400,000 and the Town would have to pay 20%. There was a discussion of the Town's needs for sidewalks and trails that would fall under the grant. The Board agreed to have Carlotta call NH DOT and ask what the Town could have done, or can do, to improve its chances of obtaining funding. Carlotta will report back at the July 10 meeting, in advance of the July 13 deadline to submit a Letter of Intent.

Chairman Lage reported that he spoke to Representative Somero about Smithfield Road. Mr. Somero spoke to someone at NH DOT and learned that, although there is no money available now, there may be in the future. He requested the Town submit a letter indicating its interest in having the State improve the road so the Town might consider accepting it as a Town road.

Selectman Hopkins provided the Board with a report of the Budget Committee's meeting on June 20. He said the Committee wants to hold a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen in early August to review the July budget reports and discuss the upcoming budget season.

There was a brief discussion about follow-up on matters from the prior meeting. Chairman Lage also brought up a conversation he'd had with the owner of the junkyard who asked if the Board would consider abandoning Kesti Road. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlotta Pini, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen June 26, 2018 minutes approved by:

David S. Lage, Chairman

Jay Hopkins

John E. Veaser