

MINUTES
Town of New Gloucester
SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
Via Zoom

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I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman, Linda Chase, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Present were Chairman, Linda Chase; Vice-Chairman, Karen Gilles; Selectmen, George Colby, Joseph Davis and Tammy Donovan; Town Manager, Paul First; and Recorder, Sharlene Myers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

- **Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 4, 2020

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Chase said the Board has received copies of all the letters/comments sent in. She said: this is the first online meeting so please bear with us; everyone will be muted except the Selectmen and staff; those who wish to speak will please raise their hand using the button on the bottom of the screen; Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes and please be respectful of others; everyone will be allowed to speak but if your information or concerns have been addressed by others, please allow others to participate; and personnel issues cannot be discussed.

Public Comments was received from those listed concerning the upcoming Budget and department cuts: Tim Terranova; Carla McAllister, Kathleen Potter, Carol Gillis, Laura Sturgis, Peter Bragdon, Debra Smith, Serenity Klotzle, Sarah Rodriguez and Emily Terranova.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Prior Meeting Update – Selectmen Chair

None.

B. Prior Meeting Update – Town Manager

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Updates

a. Selectmen

George Colby – no comments.

Tammy Donovan – no comments.

Joseph Davis – said he hope everyone is okay, stay safe and we are all in this together.

Karen Gilles – said she wanted to thank everyone who joined the meeting and spoke to the Board. She said it's a difficult year and we are all in this together.

Linda Chase – said she wanted to thank EMS/Fire Fighters for all they are doing and to also thank all employees and volunteers for working together to get through this.

b. Town Manager

Paul First, Interim Town Manager, said the following:

- 1) Say thank you to everyone for joining tonight's meeting.
- 2) Gave a brief overview of the Budget and possible cuts being suggested to help the shortfall.

c. Dept. Heads

d. Boards & Committees

B. Action Items

5.34 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Public Works Tree Cutting

Ms. Chase said there has been a discussion about cutting trees on Sunset Shores and Black Point Road. She said last year, the bid was approved for chip sealing of those two roads along with two others. She said due to time constraints in the fall, the prep and chip sealing of these two roads was postponed until this spring. She said Ted Shane, Public Works Director has prepared an RFP for Tree Cutting of these two roads.

Ms. Donovan moved and Mr. Colby seconded a motion to send the Tree Cutting RFP out to bid.

Mr. Davis asked if the trees needed to be cut.

Mr. Shane said the trees do need to be cut. He said these roads are very shaded, receive very little sunlight, ice builds up on the roads in the winter and water seeps down into the cracks which causes failure of the roads.

The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Chase said the number listed in the RFP is for the Public Works Garage and asked if should be changed to the Public Works Directors number.

All agreed to this change.

5.35 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Budget Process

Mr. Davis moved and Ms. Donovan seconded a motion to send the Selectmen's Budget back to the Budget Committee for discussion and completion of their process.

Ms. Gilles and Mr. Colby said they would like to have one more Selectmen's workshop before the Budget Committee convenes.

Mr. First said Mr. Libby is not in favor of an additional workshop.

The Board all stated they were available for another Budget Workshop on Friday, April 24th, 6pm, via Zoom.

Ms. Chase said the Selectmen are having a regular meeting on May 4th at 6pm. She said the Budget Committee could meet at 7pm and the following week have their Public Hearing. She said this would still leave time for the Board to have a first review of the town meeting warrant and a second meeting to sign it.

The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5.36 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Approving FY20 Warrants and Payrolls #40, #41, and #42

Mr. Davis moved and Ms. Donovan seconded a motion to approve FY20 Warrants and Payrolls #40, #41 and #42. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0-2, with Mr. Colby and Ms. Gilles abstaining.

5.37 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Approving Minutes of the March 23, 2020, Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Ms. Donovan moved and Ms. Gilles seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2020, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1, with Mr. Davis abstaining.

VII. ADJOURN AND ENTER INTO WORKSHOP

Mr. Colby moved and Ms. Donovan seconded a motion to adjourn and enter into a workshop at 7:21 pm. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Approved May 4, 2020

Linda D. Chase, Chairman

Karen L. Gilles, Vice-Chairman

George W. Colby

Joseph S. Davis

Tammy L. Donovan

This meeting took place on May 4, 2020 via Zoom.

Ms. Gilles moved and Mr. Colby seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2020, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.