

MINUTES
Town of New Gloucester
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 2, 2020
At the Meetinghouse

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman, Linda Chase, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Chairman, Linda Chase; Vice-Chairman, Karen Gilles; Selectmen, George Colby, Joseph Davis and Tammy Donovan; Interim Town Manager, Paul First; and Recorder, Sharlene Myers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

- **Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, at the Meetinghouse
- **Board of Selectmen's Meeting** – 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 23, 2020 at the Meetinghouse

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Presentation – *Alan Stearns, Royal River Conservation Trust*

Alan Stearns, Executive Director of the Royal River Conservation Trust, spoke to the Board about a three-acre landlocked parcel of land the Town owns off Woodman Road, and if the Town would be willing to quitclaim it to the Trust.

Ms. Chase directed Mr. Stearns to get the information to the Interim Town Manager for the next Selectmen's meeting.

B. PUBLIC HEARING – Junkyard Renewal License

Ms. Chase read the Public Hearing Notice for the Junkyard Renewal Application.

Ms. Chase opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm.

There was no public comments.

Ms. Chase closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm.

C. Other

Ms. Chase stated there would be no public comment allowed on the proposed FY21 Budget that evening. She said the Budget is still being discussed and Public Comment would be allowed at the Public Hearing on March 16th and at the Selectmen's meetings.

Mary Bickerstaff Whitney, resident, read a letter about her daughter and the she spent at the Library and its valuable asset to the community.

Ellie Fellers, resident and writer for the Lewiston Sun Journal, spoke to the Board about availability of information to the public.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Prior Meeting Update – Selectmen Chair

Ms. Chase had no comments from the prior meeting.

B. Prior Meeting Update – Town Manager

Mr. First had no comments from the prior meeting,

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Updates

a. Selectmen

Joseph Davis said the following:

- 1) Library is holding a Flag Raising Ceremony to kick off the Maine Bicentennial Celebration, on Sunday, April 15th, at 1pm.

Tammy Donovan said the following:

- 1) Wishes the Board would have met with the Library Trustees and the Friends prior to the Budget discussions. This would have answered a lot of questions.

George Colby – no comments.

Karen Gilles – said the following:

- 1) Budget process is a difficult one.
- 2) Urged everyone to go vote on Tuesday. Polls will be open from 6am to 8pm, at the Fire Station, 611 Lewiston Road.
- 3) Thank the Department Heads for all their help with the Budget process.

Linda Chase – no comments.

b. Town Manager

Mr. First said the following:

- 1) Will be attending a GPCOG meeting this week with the Fire Chief on the Corona Virus.
- 2) State Presidential Primary and Referendum Voting is Tuesday, March 3rd at the New Gloucester Fire Station. Polls are open from 6am to 8pm.

c. Dept. Heads

Toby Martin, Fire & Rescue Chief, said the following:

- 1) Wanted to commend members of his Department and area departments who responded to a structure fire at 6 Rustic Way. The garage was 80% engulfed and they managed to save the house.
- 2) The Department took ownership of the Lucas 3 device and are being trained to use it. It should be ready for service within a couple days.

d. Boards & Committees

B. Action Items

5.10 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Renewal of Junkyard License for Larry & Vicki Wedge Junkyard

Mr. Colby moved and Ms. Gilles seconded a motion to approve the Junkyard License Renewal for Larry & Vicki Wedge Junkyard and to note there are no outstanding violations and there will be new fencing installed out front in the spring. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5.11 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Road Name Application for Webster Drive

Mr. Colby moved and Ms. Gilles seconded a motion to approve the Road Name Application for Webster Drive. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5.12 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Scheduling a Purchasing Policy Workshop

The Board set the date of March 11th, at 6:15pm, at the Meetinghouse, for a Purchasing Policy and Board and Committee Bylaws workshop.

5.13 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Scheduling a Boards and Committee's Bylaws Workshop

See above item.

5.14 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Scheduling a Comp Time, Wage and Salary Survey and Personnel Policy Workshop(s).

The Board set the date of March 30th, at 6:00pm, at the Meetinghouse, for a Comp Time, Wage and Salary Survey and Personnel Policy workshop.

5.15 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Accepting the Resignation of Tamilyn Wayboer from the Budget Committee

Mr. Colby moved and Ms. Donovan seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Tamilyn Wayboer from the Budget Committee, with regret. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5.16 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Approving FY20 Warrants and Payrolls #33, #34, #35 and #36

Ms. Gilles moved and Mr. Colby seconded a motion to approve FY20 Warrants and Payrolls #33, #34, #35 and #36. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5.17 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Approving Minutes of the February 3, 2020, Board of Assessor's & Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Ms. Gilles moved and Ms. Donovan seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2020, Board of Assessor's & Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5.18 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Approving Minutes of the February 12, 2020, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Ms. Gilles moved and Mr. Colby seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2020, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5.19 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Approving Minutes of the February 20, 2020, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Colby moved and Ms. Donovan seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2020, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

VII. ADJOURN

Ms. Gilles moved and Mr. Colby seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Approved March 23, 2020



Linda D. Chase, Chairman

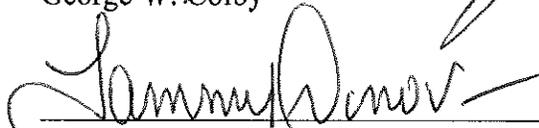


Karen L. Gilles, Vice-Chairman



George W. Colby

Joseph S. Davis



Tammy L. Donovan