

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes July 02, 2019

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Robert Mantegari, Chair  
Andrew Artimovich  
Ken Christiansen  
William Faria  
Phyllis Thompson

Mantegari called the meeting to order. The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Please see last page to view report.

Christiansen made a motion, 2nd by Faria to approve the public minutes of 06/25/2019 as written. All were in favor.

Kip Kaiser, Building Inspector, had the following permits to be signed this week:

- Eric Turer, 33 Peabody Drive, 60 am charging unit: signed by Board
- Samantha Rosa, 43 Northrup Drive, above ground pool: signed by Board
- Adam Rauwerdink, 5 Wendell Drive, re-roof: signed by Board
- 3 Ponds LLC,, 1 Sunset Lane, plumbing permit for new dwelling: signed by Board
- 3 Ponds LLC,, 2 Sunset Lane, plumbing permit for new dwelling: signed by Board
- 3 Ponds LLC, 13 Three Ponds Drive, plumbing permit for clubhouse: signed by Board.

Kaiser said he met with Troy Olofson, 421 Middle Road, and Olofson is going to locate the bounds and make them visible on the right side of the property. The loam pile has been moved and the mulch piles will be moved to comply with the setbacks within 10 days. The area on each side of the building will allow for passage up to 10 feet from the property line. Kaiser has a follow up site visit scheduled for 7/11.

Kaiser received a complaint for 137 Deer Hill Road in reference to health and fire hazards. He did a drive by and observed there may be a violation of article 500.004.003. Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faria to send a certified letter requesting the property owner schedule a meeting with Kaiser to review the zoning requirements. All were in favor.

Andrew Gray, recreation director, was present to propose using recreational impact fees to purchase a non-CDL 14 passenger van. The vehicle is a 2011 Ford E-450 with about 47K miles on it. They would use it for bi-monthly senior and teen trips, summer camp trips, ski club, special use trips and events (i.e. UNH hockey). The seller is looking for \$25K but will accept \$22K. Gray said impact fees are going to expire and would like to utilize the funds before that. Artimovich questioned that. Clement said the town has 7 years to expend impact fees from the date collected or they need to be returned to the developer. There is about \$21K that needs to be spent by the end of the year. Artimovich asked if a school bus endorsement was required. Gray said he did not think so but will research and verify. Artimovich asked who was going to drive the vehicle. Gray said town employees or volunteers that have been background checked will be allowed to drive the vehicle. Artimovich said we should adopt a formal policy. Christiansen made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thompson to expend \$22K out of recreation impact fees to purchase a 14 passenger van contingent on verifying the license requirements to operate it. All were in favor.

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Christiansen asked Chief Arcieri, PD Chief, about the status of the Humvees. Arcieri said they were posted for sale as a sealed bid on NHMA. They are scheduled to be opened on 7/8/19. Artimovich suggested Arcieri check with Chief LePage (E. Kingston PD Chief) as they also had Humvees for sale.

Arcieri said Ken Gauthier, Brentwood PD Officer, would like to purchase a .22 rifle for \$150. The weapon is no longer in service. Gauthier priced out comparable weapons ranging from \$125-\$308. Artimovich said he had an issue selling weapons to a private citizen, but if more than one person in the police department wants it then that is fine. Arcieri said there is a process to clear the weapon and get a motion to destroy in order to sell the weapon to a dealer if the board was not agreeable to this. Christiansen said the offer seemed fair. Christiansen made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to sell the weapon to Gauthier for \$150.

Arcieri said the NHRA race is this weekend. All details and patrols are staffed. Arcieri said she and Officer Abele are covering the town on 7/4/19.

The background checks for a potential full time and part time candidate is looking good. Arcieri said they need to be completed quickly to get the name on the list for the part time academy in August.

Arcieri recognized several employees:

- Officer Jeremy Worcester for an arrest of a male subject for possession of cocaine and heroin upon a motor vehicle stop. Officer Worcester generated his own probable cause for the stop by observing suspicious activity at a suspected drug house. Through the efforts of Officer Worcester, Officer Abele, and the Rockingham County Drug Task Force, three individuals were arrested and charged with 3 counts of Possession of a Narcotic Drug (Fentanyl) over 5 grams with intent to distribute. In closing, this investigation was initiated by the Brentwood Police Department and yielded a total seizure of just under a kilogram of fentanyl and/or heroin which was kept out of the Rockingham County and Brentwood communities.
- Officer Kevin Kneeland for his arrest upon an arrest warrant and affidavit for a female subject for 2 counts of criminal mischief. This female subject accessed the residence of her ex-husband and destroyed some of the belongings and slashed the tire of his girlfriend who had spent the night at the residence. For fear and concern for her safety, she locked herself in a bathroom until the ex-wife left the residence. The ex-girlfriend filed a temporary protective order.
- Sgt. Dan Wicks for his investigative work on a crash that involved serious personal injury and suspected alcohol impairment. Assisted by Officer Gauthier, the crash was investigated thoroughly and the male subject was interviewed and read felony level ALS. Blood was secured and Sgt. Wicks wrote and obtained a search warrant for the blood with the results coming back a .20 BAC. Furthermore, several witnesses were interviewed and statements secured. These witness statements included very incriminating statements from the driver. This a solid case for prosecution.
- Sgt. Wicks and Officer Bob Gagnon for their efforts and going above and beyond, for finding shelter for a homeless woman. Several efforts were made to locate various homeless shelters, however, First Pilgrim Church stepped up to the challenge and providing temporary housing until the elderly woman left the state.
- Officers Jeremy Worcester and Kevin Kneeland, and Sgt. Wicks for the investigation of a theft of services from the New England Dragway involving two adult males and one juvenile male.
- Officer Ken Gauthier for his recent arrest for a fugitive from justice for 3 felony burglary and burglary with a weapon charges out of Florida. This resulted from a motor vehicle stop on Route 125 at 0800 hours on May 18, 2019. Florida will be coming for this individual.
- Officer Ken Gauthier for his IEA of a 16 year old distraught and emotionally disturbed male juvenile. Officer Gauthier attempted to talk the juvenile into going to the hospital with his mother, however, with the assistance

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of Fremont P.D. had to physically take the juvenile into custody and transport him to the Exeter Hospital for evaluation.

- K-9 Officer George Abele and Officer Jeremy Worcester for their efforts in locating a female subject who fled into the woods after a vehicle pursuit initiated by Epping P.D. At the time, the unknown female was a suspect in several shoplifting incidences in various Epping businesses. On May 21, 2019, a report had been called into Epping P.D. alleging that the unknown female subject was concealing items in her purse at the Ulta Beauty store. Epping P.D. located the female and the vehicle she was driving and attempted to stop her. Southbound on Route 125, the female refused to stop and reached approximated speeds of 100mph and passing southbound traffic in the breakdown lane and northbound lane of travel. Epping terminated the pursuit. I observed her traveling at a high rate of speed and passing southbound traffic in the northbound lane. I attempted to stop the vehicle but terminated the pursuit based upon the danger she presented to the public. The vehicle was discovered by Kingston P.D. and she attempted to flee again. She caused another vehicle to go off the road and an occupant suffered personal injury. She eventually crashed off the road and fled on foot. K-9 Officer Abele and Dax, assisted by Officer Jeremy Worcester conducted a track of the female. She was eventually discovered by K-9 Officer Abele and Dax in a swampy area and subsequently taken into custody. She suffered minor injuries and was transported to the Exeter Hospital. She was placed under arrest by Epping P.D. for shoplifting, Reckless Conduct with a dangerous weapon (felony), Reckless Operation, Disobeying a Police Officer, and Operating after revocation (subsequent offense). We will be charging her with Reckless Conduct with a dangerous weapon, Disobeying a Police Officer, and Operating after Revocation (subsequent offense). She has charges pending out of Kingston P.D. as well.
- Sgt. Wicks and Officer Kneeland for responding and investigating a report of domestic violence, assault at Unit 12, 424 Route 125. A 12 hour BOLO was initiated with no success in locating and apprehending the male subject perpetrator identified as Matthew Michaud. Officer Kneeland drafted an arrest warrant and affidavit for simple assault and criminal mischief on the male subject. Milford P.D. arrested the subject on Officer Kneeland's warrant.
- Officer Josh Turner for his tireless and committed efforts for bringing the 5th Officer Stephen Arkell Road race to another successful conclusion. This takes an enormous commitment and we are very thankful for Josh's efforts. Over the last five years Officer Turner and Heather Arkell have raised over \$250,000 to be utilized for scholarships for Exeter High School seniors who have exhibited the same desire and work ethic concerning community service as Officer Stephen Arkell.
- Detective Marc Turner for his work on the lengthy child pornography investigation conducted with the assistance of the NH ICAC unit. Recently, I had a conversation with the ICE agent who took the case over for federal prosecution. This subject is expected to serve up to five years of federal time.
- Administrative Assistant Christine Belanger who has stepped up to assume more responsibilities as we transition to different roles and responsibilities.
- Officer Ken Gauthier for training and certifying the new recruits for firearms qualification.
- Officer Chris Rothwell for training and certifying the new recruits for Taser.
- This past weekend K-9 Officer George Abele & Dax participated in the United States Police Canine Association's Region #4 trials. Thirty K-9 teams from all the New England States and New York represented in this highly competitive event hosted by the Portsmouth Police Department. K-9 Officer Abele and Dax performed remarkably well; Taking first place in the novice criminal protection category. Most importantly our team came in first in the entire novice division!

The Brentwood Police wish thank K-9 Officer Abele and Dax for their hard work and dedication to our profession. Please join us in congratulating this dynamic duo for this great performance!

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Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to sign a property tax payment agreement for 60 Middle Road. The terms were agreed to at a previous meeting. All were in favor.

Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faria for Mantegari to sign the radio grant application that was discussed last week. All were in favor.

At 6:43 pm a motion was made by Mantegari, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faria to go into nonpublic sessions per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) for personnel and promotion. Mantegari– aye, Artimovich – aye, Christiansen – aye, Faria – aye, and Thompson – aye. The motion carries.

At 7:27 pm a motion was made by Mantegari, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Mantegari– aye, Artimovich – aye, Christiansen –aye, Faria – aye, and Thompson – aye. The motion carries.

Christiansen asked where the minutes were to the budget committee subcommittee. Clement said they are on the budget committee’s page of the website.

Artimovich announced that Officer Wicks, Abele, Gauthier, Turner, Rothwell, Worcester and Administrative Assistant, Christine Belanger, will receive an increase of \$1.00 per hour in their rate of pay for going above and beyond and assisting the chief through this transition time.

Faria said the conference table wheels are in and hopes to have the table to Advanced Custom Cabinets to finish it by the end of the week.

Faria said he has some changes for the handbook and will submit them to Clement. The handbook will be discussed at the 7/16 meeting.

Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Clement

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WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT				
<b>DATE:</b>		<b>7/2/2019</b>		
<b>Citizens General Fund:</b>				
	Previous Balance:	744,409.26		
	Deposits:	1,307,182.03		
	Payroll:	25,380.39	DD: \$21,413.07	CK: \$3,967.32
	FICA:	6,572.60		
	to Impact Fees	-		
	A/P: Regular	\$255,389.20	Swasey: \$185,000	
	Non-A/P	22,000.00		
	void checks			
	From MMA			
	To Rec	-		
	TO MMA	1,725,000.00		
	Account Balance:	17,249.10		
	Interest Earned YTD:	22.64		
	CD's	3,000,000.00		
<b>MMA:</b>	Unrestricted Balance	2,688,065.24		
	Total Invested Funds:	5,688,065.24		
	Interest Earned YTD:	21,981.61		