



**Office of Board of Selectmen
Town of Mason**

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Selectmen Meeting 7/09/2019
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Charles Moser, Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity; Brenda Wiley; Darrell Scott; Rob Doyle; members of the public.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Louise Lavoie.

Approvals:

- Noted that the payroll manifests and accounts payable manifest had been signed.
- Minutes of the June 25, 2019 general meeting were reviewed. Motion by Pete accept the minutes as written, second from Louise. 2 votes to accept the minutes of 6/25/2019 general meeting as written. Charlie abstained as he had not attended the meeting.
- PA-48 exemption application had been approved and recommended by the assessor, reviewed and signed by all 3 selectmen.
- Application for current use and PA-48 was presented, but it was noted the assessors had not signed the document. Selectmen cannot do anything with it until signed by assessor. Brenda will notify Todd of missing signature.
- Application for Reimbursement for State Forest Land was signed by all selectmen. Brenda noted we usually receive about \$270 from this.
- Deb Morrison presented appointment papers and selectmen signed

New Business:

- Ron Dube had sent a request for letter of recommendation from selectmen in his pursuit of naming the brook that runs through his property Turtle Brook. Discussion was held regarding where the brook starts (Cascades off Valley Road) and where it runs into (Mason Brook), who owns most of the land surrounding it (Gerry Anderson) and that 6 species of turtles (out of 7 NH species) live in the brook. Louise will discuss with Ron Dube what he needs before writing the letter.
- Darrell Scott came forward to discuss his insurance company's requirements to go forward with his climbing wall business. The structure is mostly completed in his back yard. Selectmen questioned him regarding: no building permit; does it need inspecting periodically; what about parking, how many people, lighting, hours of

- operation, toilet facilities. Charlie said it is “a structure within town ordinance”. It doesn’t require a variance, but does require a Special Exception from ZBA. There are many questions to be satisfied (Article 8, Section 2) Selectmen agreed he needs to go to Zoning Board. They advised him the ZBA could require a Site Plan, engineered drawings showing all abutters, location of all buildings, proposed parking. ZBA will discuss sanitation requirements. ZBA may send him to Planning Board that could waive some things on the check list of requirements.
- Rob Doyle complaint regarding property on Townsend Road. Single residence property appears to have become multi family dwelling. There are multiple registered and unregistered vehicles, probably more than the town limits. Heavy equipment is running until midnight and beyond. There is an auto body and an auto mechanics business being conducted on property. Charlie stated that an auto repair business requires a Special Exception. There is concern that ground water is contaminated because of the auto fluids and possible chemical storage for the business. Neighbors have seen oil/gas in local waterways. Louise suggested DES be notified to test for contamination. Pete reminded the neighbor(s) can take personal action anytime through the legal system. Charlie will draft a letter to property owner. Neighbor thanked the selectmen for listening.

Old Business:

- Selectmen tabled the Russell and Abbott Hill/Starch Mill intersection engineering proposals. Brenda will run budget vs actual for road expenditures to date for future meeting.
- Going forward with the lighting audit summary, Louise thought there was not enough data in the EMC report and questioned why the new highway garage would be included. She stated there is not enough information in the report for what EMC would have us spend dollars on. And it makes no sense for the highway garage to be in it as the building project was delayed to allow the electrician to requote for committee’s recommendation. The committee would like further information that is available on the Eversource website. Pete says Kathy believes it would take her about an hour to get that online info. Selectmen agreed to have Kathy spend a maximum of 1 hour on it. ONLY Kathy would have access to the town’s account on line. Selectmen are concerned the report doesn’t say what we get; i.e., savings of xx\$ based on “what” at \$9700 cost. The potential of maybe getting credits isn’t a given. It could be 23 years to catch up to costs and we have to be realistic about what we spend and what we can save. Pete and Charlie voiced concerns over the light quality variations for various options. They said these could improve incrementally over time.
- Agenda item for Welfare Policy. Charlie proposed postponing the discussion as all board members had not read the information sent out yet. Some points from the handouts were mentioned. If a town has no Welfare Director per RSA, the Board of Selectmen are the Welfare Director. They have to appoint a Welfare Administrator. The Administrator must be available 5 days a week; it could be 4

days and the 5th day is designated to someone else. Pete stated we are required by law to have an intake person. He suggested we need to increase the budget and leave it. The law states the town can not have a limit on the budget \$. We would have to pull from another line item if necessary. Pete researched 7 other towns welfare policies which gives us a good foundation to base our policy on. Charlie praised Pete, saying he did a good thing pulling this all up.

- Request from Planning Board for more \$\$ to support the Master Plan Visionary Process. Road agent needs to be notified that Scripps Lane & Coyne Lane are designated Scenic Roads from the 1970's. He will need permission to do anything on them. Louise will update the Scenic Roads. We need to publicize it. Regarding the Master Plan, discussion covered how much can we do by committees, will warrant articles be necessary, due diligence at subcommittee level, revised Rules of Procedure, can we continue some things, hold off on expense \$ until we have a better idea where the \$ would go but realize Budget Season is approaching. NRPC paid for the traffic update.

Public Forum:

- Harry Spear said people are parking and blocking Sand Pit Road & Coyne Road, which are Class 6 roads. The Police Chief should be notified to put warning stickers on them.
- The Forestry Committee needs a copy of deed for Valentine property. Kathy to get deed to Harry.
- Barbara DeVore asked that Charlie point out in the letter to DES that this affects a water source for 2 towns. Bob Bergeron said that is important.
- Rob Doyle asked what the traffic counters were for. Louise explained we are trying to understand traffic, use of roads and to prioritize dirt roads and different materials for mud season.
- Starch Mill Road count was down 11%. All counters were down from the last time it was measured.

Non-Public:

Adjourned:

There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Pete. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday July 23, 2019 at the Mann House at 7:30 PM.

There will be a work meeting with Road Agent Dave Morrison on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 4:00 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Wiley
Subbing for Administrative Assistant