



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

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Selectmen Meeting 1/14/2020
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley; joined by members of the public, Kathy Chapman, Bob Dillberger, Bob Larochelle, and Liz and Garth Fletcher.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chair Louise Lavoie.

Approvals:

- Noted that the payroll manifests and accounts payable manifests had been signed.
- Minutes from several meetings were reviewed. Charlie moved to approved the minutes of December 23, 2019 regular meeting, the minutes of January 2, 2020 AM work meeting, the minutes of the January 2, 2020 PM work meeting, and the minutes of the January 7, 2020 budget work meeting as written. Second from Pete; three votes to accept minutes of the above meetings as written.
- Three sets of appointment papers were ready for signature. One for a member of the Town Hall Restoration Committee, one for an alternate Conservation Committee member, and one for a full member for Conservation Commission. All three were signed by selectmen.

New Business:

- There was a proposed contract for the monitoring of the highway garage alarm system, which is pending installation. Reviewed and need clarification on correct address, monthly amount, contract term and start date. Kathy will follow up and get that information and revised contract.
- There was an amendment to the proposal for work on Russell Rd submitted in July, 2019 which showed an additional \$3300 to be included in the cost. Road restoration numbers were reviewed in addition to the contract with Right Angle Engineering, confirming that the warrant article this year would ask for \$61,000 to complete the Russell Rd project. Pete motioned, second from Charlie, to accept the amendment to the contract with Right Angle Engineering, 3 votes to accept the contract. It was signed by all selectmen and will go to the Road Agent for final signature.
- There was a report from the Town's Forester regarding a report of cut on parcel L-21. The Town's forester disagreed with the value of the cut assigned by the logger, and recommended a higher valuation. Kathy will confirm with DRA that this report proceeds to be billed by the assessor at the town's assigned value.

Old Business:

- Kathy Chapman, representing the Energy Commission, had copies of the report prepared by Carl Edin along with a cover letter from an email she exchanged with him earlier today. She reviewed the proposal from Eversource, and concerns, conditions, payment and agreement terms were all discussed with help from the Fletchers. Discussion concluded that MEC would get an intent to participate from Eversource to present to BOS for approval.
- Calcium contract with Innovative Surface Solutions had been revised by selectman Moser, and reviewed by the other selectmen. It (the revised contract) was agreed to in principle, and will be sent back to Innovative for their approval and adoption, to be signed upon its return.
- Wolf Rock Construction submitted a copy of their hired plow contract with the state as a template for a town contract. The template will be reviewed and revised by selectmen.
- Matt O'Donnell from USGS had reached out via email regarding the proposed name of Turtle Brook for a tributary of Mason Brook. Opposition had been received from 2 conservation people in Townsend MA, who both had concerns about potential poaching, and USGS wanted to know if the Town wanted to go forward with the proposed name or reconsider. Charlie will contact the resident that proposed the name for his input.

Informational Items/Communication:

- Updated version of 2020 proposed budget had been printed for selectmen.
- Letter received from a Class VI road resident requesting the town plow her section of road and driveway. It was agreed she must have misinterpreted the selectmen's letter of 12/19, and asked Kathy to respond and clarify the intent of the original letter.
- Town report dedication was briefly revisited; it was agreed to think more on it, but all were in general agreement to highlight improvements in infrastructure recently completed or underway. Louise and Pete agreed to collaborate and work more on it.

Public Forum:

- Bob Dillberger came forward representing the Conservation Commission. He explained that CC was asking for permission to work with the town attorney regarding an interpretation of RSA's relating to the CC contributing funds to another organization for preservation purposes of a Mason parcel. Permission granted with the understanding that any attorney fees would be covered by Conservation funds.

Non-Public:

- Motion to move to non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) made by Pete, second from Charlie. Roll call vote to enter non-public session showed 3 votes to enter non-public session at 8:58 PM.
- Return to public session at 9:59 PM, Motion from Charlie to seal the minutes, second from Pete. Three votes to seal the minutes to avoid affecting adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Louise motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Three votes to adjourn at 10:00 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday January 28, 2020 at the Mann House at 7:30 PM.

Work meeting scheduled for budget purposes for Tuesday Jan 21, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant