



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

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Selectmen Meeting 2/25/2020
Unapproved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Pete McGinnity, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley; members of the public

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

Approvals:

- Noted that the payroll manifests and accounts payable manifests had been signed.
- Minutes from several meetings were reviewed and acted on as follows:
 - Pete moved to approved the minutes of February 10, 2020 work meeting with one change, inserting the word “return” in the sentence of the final paragraph. Seconded by Louise, three votes to approve the minutes of the 2/10 work meeting as amended.
 - Minutes of the Feb 10, 2020 Budget Hearing were reviewed next. Motion from Pete, second from Charlie, to accept the minutes as written. 3 votes to accept the budget hearing minutes of 2/10/2020 as written.
 - Minutes of the regular BOS meeting of Feb 10, 2020 were next to be reviewed. Pete moved, seconded by Charlie, to accept the minutes of the 2/10/2020 BOS meeting as written. 3 votes to accept as written.
- Town Clerk Deb Morrison was present to request advice from town counsel regarding a request to buy back deeded property. Selectmen agreed she should ask Atty Drescher to handle the matter.

New Business:

- Date for the next BOS meeting was discussed – scheduled for March 10, which is town and school election day. Agreement to reschedule the meeting for Monday, March 9 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.
- Bob Dilberger from Mason CC, with Tom Jones and Chris Wells from Piscataquog Land Conservancy, came forward to discuss the purchase of Lot B-4-2. Charlie Moser, selectman, recused himself from the conversation and left the room.
Bob said the Conservation Commission is seeking approval by the BOS to contribute a total of \$80,000 to PLC for their purchase of lot B-4-2, in exchange for an executory interest in the property in perpetuity. Chris and Tom shared some printed materials from PLC and explained the who, what and why of the conservancy and their interest in the property, other sources of funding, and the balance that would be needed to be raised. Pete thanked them for their presentation, and asked exactly what executory interest consisted of. Tom explained it would

mean that, along with LCHIP and ARM, the town would have the power to intervene if PLC does not manage the property as agreed upon, but no responsibility to actively participate in its management.

Financials for CC were discussed next; their current fund balances total \$118,000, and the remaining part of their agreed funding to PLC would be \$75,900, leaving a balance of \$42,100. Louise asked about projected revenue for CC for 2020 and forward – timber sale (contract in hand), rent for Old Ashby Rd residence, and warrant article for reimbursement from Forestry Commission were cited. No big projects planned on other properties, other than the culvert at the Quarry access road, which is already paid in part. Louise requested more complete accounting of revenue for CC, but agreed in principle with the request to move forward.

Pete motioned to allow the Mason Conservation Commission to contribute a total of \$80,000 to Piscataquog Land Conservancy in exchange for executory interest in Lot B-4-2, with the condition that CC will provide the requested accounting of interest streams and anticipated expenses within a week. Second from Louise, both voting to approve the contribution.

There was a short break while the conservation groups wrapped up and departed, and Selectman Moser rejoined the meeting.

- The town had received an email inquiring about target shooting on town properties. Selectmen agreed they had concerns of public safety, noise and remediation and would like to work with the police chief on that question. Conversation segued into use of the sand pit for police trainings, the development of a lead remediation program for that area, and noise concerns for nearby residents.
- Carol Messer of Starch Mill Rd came forward to present a plan to use town CC properties for an organized trail ride. She shared some written materials including properties they would like to ride through, use of sand pit or ballfield for parking ride out spot, and insurance information. She expects a maximum of 50 horses, the sponsoring groups to be responsible for clean up, checking in and out, road crossings, etc. Selectmen said to use the upper parking area of the ballfield for parking, and road crossings would require checking in with PD to decide if a detail would be required, CC would need to give approval and address concerns about damage to trails, etc, and to know the exact routes to be used. Bob Larochelle of CC was also present, said they are meeting with Carol at the next CC meeting, and could work out the specifics together.

Old Business:

- Update on Town Hall Restoration Committee – last meeting went well, elected officers, got a new fundraising effort underway for sale of tote bags at town meeting and election days. They are looking at information about the roofwork, waiting to get engineering study done and get bids for drainage work this spring.
- Access to deeds/plans from HCRD via new software, Laredo – problem lies in printing any records filed before 10/1/2019, as there is now a \$2/page charge for printing. New deeds and plans are streamed to the BOS office for assessor use, and are printable without charge. Bob Larochelle, map maker and CC chair, was advised to submit for any reimbursements he required.
- Mann House Wifi update – IT updates done by Microtime now enable a second wifi access to be used by boards and committees. Each committee chair will be notified of the network name and password, and the existing network wifi will have a password change.

Informational Items/Communication:

Public Forum:

- Garth Fletcher suggested the Town Hall committee think energy conservation when they get to that phase of the renovations.
- Selectmen belatedly received invitations to and Eagle Scout ceremony for a Mason resident, discussed town meeting recognition for his achievement, and going forward personally addressed mail received at Mann House is to be opened.
- Bob Larochelle had the completed wetlands permit application to DES for the quarry culvert; Louise signed as property owner on behalf of the town.

Non-Public:

- Motion made by Louise, second from Pete, to enter non-public session by reason of RSA 91-A:3, II(c), adversely affecting the reputation of a person other than a member of the board. Roll call vote unanimous, entered non-public session at 9:11 PM.
- Return to public session at 9:30 PM.

Adjournment:

Work meeting date set for Friday, March 6 at 9:00 AM to complete revisions to Personnel Handbook.

There being no further business, Pete motioned to adjourn, second from Louise. Three votes to adjourn at 9:49 PM.

Next regular meeting will be Monday March 9, 2020 at the Mann House at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant