



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

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Selectmen Meeting 5/12/2020
Approved Minutes

Present: By roll call – Kathy Wile, AA; Selectmen Pete McGinnity, Louise Lavoie and Charlie Moser; Brenda Wiley Bookkeeper; Fire Chief Fred Greenwood and the FD admin Kerri Griffith; members of the public Liz Fletcher, Garth Fletcher, Jack McGrath and Deb Horan.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order 7:35 PM by Chair Charlie Moser. He began the meeting by reading the procedures for electronically held meetings pursuant to the Governor’s executive order 2020-04. That document is attached to these minutes. The meeting had been posted on the town website, and on the bulletin boards at both the Mann House and Town Hall.

Approvals:

- Noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests had been reviewed and signed prior to the meeting by all selectmen. Also noted that the journal entries had not been signed; they will be signed at/prior to the next meeting on 5/26
- Minutes of the April 28, 2020 meeting had been reviewed by all selectmen. Pete motioned to accept as written. Second from Louise. Votes to approve the minutes of 4/28/2020 as written as follow: Charlie aye, Pete aye, Louise aye. Minutes accepted as written.
- Tax warrant had been prepared, reviewed and approved by signature.
- Application for veteran’s credit had been reviewed and documentation approved by assessor. Approved by selectmen by signature.
- An intent to cut timber had been submitted. This was approved by selectmen.

New Business:

- Mason Energy Commission business has been postponed until the next BOS meeting on May 26, 2020.
- Liz Fletcher represented the Conservation Commission regarding the deed review for the Abbott Hill Rd Property. Consensus after discussion was that Liz and the CC will ask Atty Quinn to review and approve the language, costs to be covered by the CC funds.
- Jack McGrath and Deb Horan shared concerns over the potential use of the Class VI portion of Reed Rd running past their house to the state line for access for construction in Ashby. He outlined the conversations he had had with the individual, and he was concerned the individual would begin work on the road without town permission. Charlie agreed that any improvements to be made to the road at the individual’s cost would need to go through the

selectmen's office. He further advised Jack to call if the Mason PD if the individual began work on the road, and not to take any personal action. Jack and Deb then left the meeting.

- First responder stipend program was discussed with Chief Greenwood to clarify eligibility. Chief said that Kerri would be emailing their revised list later in the evening. Fred and Kerri left the meeting. It was further discussed regarding eligibility for retirement pay for FT PD employees, and Pete's understanding is that it does not count towards retirement.
- Discussion about re-opening the Mann House was the next topic. Louise said her understanding of the Stay at Home 2.0 orders still mandated social distancing and small groups, which could not be managed within the Mann House. Pete said he had discussed it with the town clerk, who is happy with the way things are right now and schedules appointments as needed, all else being done through mail or drop box. He also discussed it with Denise in the library, who said they are eager to resume services in some fashion. After discussion, it was decided that curbside service with returns solely through the drop box would be an appropriate start.

The building plan would be revisited at the end of the month.

- Brenda mentioned that the auditors were scheduled for the last week of May. She will contact them to see if it can be done remotely or reschedule it.

Old Business:

- Townsend Rd property complaint continued on the agenda – Charlie said there had been both progress made and a compliment and appreciation from an abutter noting the progress.
- Noted that the motion for a non-public meeting held at 9:00 with a department head regarding employment and compensation was made at 9:02 AM, and concluded at 9:33 AM. No motion to seal those minutes.

Further noted that a second non-public meeting was held with a different department head at 6:33 Pm, regarding employee compensation as well. That meeting ended at 7:29 PM. Charlie motioned to seal the minutes, second from Pete. Roll call vote to seal the minutes as follows: Charlie aye, Louise aye, Pete aye. Three votes to seal the minutes.

Dave had been asked by MES principal Kristen Kivela to have a truck or two in the parade to celebrate. Pete asked that personnel costs be estimated; Dave said it should be no longer than 2 hours.

Informational Items/Communication:

Public Forum:

- The Fletchers thanked the board for keeping on working and keeping things going in town.
- Kathy asked to confirm a time for the conversation with Bill Drescher and Todd Haywood. She will notice everyone involved.

Non-Public:

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Pete motioned to adjourn, second from Louise. Roll call vote to adjourn as follows – Charlie aye, Pete aye, Louise aye. Three votes to adjourn at 8:32 PM. The meeting was closed by Charlie online.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday May 26, 2020 via Zoom at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant