

**Dunbarton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2022**

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Board members present:

Mike Kaminski, Chair
Dave Nault, Selectman
Justin Nault, Selectman (attending via telephone)

Town Officials present:

Line Comeau, Town Administrator
Linda Landry, Town Clerk
Don Larsen, Garden Club

Members of the Public present:

Robert “Bob” Kaminsky

Robert Martel recorded the meeting for the benefit of citizens that were unable to attend (Linda Nickerson uploads the videos to YouTube).

Mike Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to approve the regular minutes of July 7, 2022 (7:00 p.m.) as amended.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0-1) J. Nault abstained

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to approve the nonpublic minutes of July 7, 2022 (8:45 p.m.) as amended.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0-1) J. Nault abstained

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to approve the regular minutes of July 7, 2022 (8:16 p.m.) as written.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0-1) J. Nault abstained

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TOWN BUSINESS

Tucker Hill Road Traffic

Bob Kaminsky approached the BoS to express concerns about the truck traffic that has recently been rerouted down Tucker Hill Road. He noticed it earlier this spring, and while it had calmed down for a short period, the traffic has increased again. His concerns are:

1. Safety of neighborhood/pedestrian/bike traffic.
2. Noise concerns/quality of life
3. Structural integrity of the road. He has walked the road and has noticed changes in the roadway that are concerning to him as a homeowner and as a taxpayer.

Line Comeau said she did reach out to the Road Agent and the Building/Planning Dept to find out what a taxpayer's rights are in this situation. There is a fairly large bridge in Weare that is under repair. This may account for some of the increased traffic they are experiencing on Tucker Hill Road.

Dave Nault noted that the homebuilding taking place in the area is another reason for the increased traffic. There used to be a "No through trucks" sign on that road, that they had to take down. Unfortunately, some of these things they have to live with, and they are limited in what they can do as a Select Board.

Mike Kaminski said there are other roads in town experiencing increased traffic as well. While they can put more patrols in place to discourage speeders, they cannot restrict trucks from traveling those roads.

Justin Nault noted that some of the traffic may be from their own town trucks doing some of their maintenance and culvert repair work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Martel said that a lot of the roads in town that are considered state roads are also residential, and unfortunately the trucks speed down those roads as well. They have found a shortcut by taking Tucker Hill Road.

Don Larsen said a lot of them are likely trying to save fuel by taking that shortcut as well.

Discussion occurred regarding putting up a "Slow/Children" sign in the area to at least try and regulate the speed of the increased traffic. The BoS will follow up with the Road Agent on this suggestion.

Garden Club Update

Don Larsen said they have finished their landscaping of the Town Common area. He also shared plans to engrave the rock there. They have a solar spotlight to illuminate it as well.

For Old Home Day, they are going to have a pie baking contest. **Don Larsen** requested permission to use the meeting room as a gathering/judging place. After they are judged, they will take them to the food tent where they will serve the pie and the ice cream.

The BoS was in consensus to allow the Old Home Day Committee to use the meeting room for that purpose.

Don Larsen showed the BoS a copy of the direct mail postcard they will be sending out regarding Old Home Day. They have 5 double-sided banners they will be placing around town. **Mike Kaminski** asked Don to coordinate with Town Administrator Comeau to put the information on the town website. **Don Larsen** shared that they have had some new additions to their committee which has been a huge help as well. He also gave an update on the entertainment they are expecting as well as the progress of the talent show.

Linda Landry offered a reminder that all new committee members need to be appointed by the Board and should go through the Town Clerk. They wouldn't turn anyone away, but it is important that they are appointed the proper way for liability reasons.

Fee Schedules

The BoS reviewed the fee schedules for the various town departments and decided upon the following suggestions for increases:

Transfer Station

Demolition wood, plywood, pressure treated, windows, etc.:

From \$1.75/cu.ft. to \$2.00/cu. ft.

Shingles, sheetrock & mixed loads, porcelain sinks:

From \$2.25/cu. ft. to \$2.50/cu. ft

Appliances: from \$13.00 to \$15.00

Tires: Commercial Truck Tires from \$12.00 to \$20.00

Bulky Waste: Furniture: \$4.00 to \$7.00

Furniture with interior mechanical pieces: \$7 to \$12

Extra-large items (tubs, pianos, etc.): \$20 to \$25

Electronics:

All TV's change to \$15 each

Microwaves, fax machines, printers, scanners, copiers, monitors,

CPU's or laptops: from \$5.00 to \$7.00 each.

Building Department

Solar Permit: from \$70.00 to \$80.00.
Application Fee: from \$20.00 to \$30.00

Town Clerk

Increase of Municipal Agent Fee from \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Police Department

Detail fees:

Introducing a new special detail for Meadowbrook in Gilford:
\$55/hr. for the officer and a \$15.00/hr. administrative fee. Gilford pay rate is \$70 per hour to the town. It works out to \$5 per hour more for the officer than when they work a normal detail.

Increases for regular special details:

Officer: increase of \$2 to \$50/hour

Cruiser: increase of \$2 to \$20/hour

Administrative fee remaining at \$15/hour

Separate request from Police department.

Chief Remillard asked the Board to approve a Special Detail Rate for Meadowbrook. These service rates are set by the Gilford Police Department for the officer rates only. Their set rate for this detail is \$70.00 (excludes the use of a town vehicle). Chief would recommend the officer receive the rate of \$55.00 per hour with the remaining \$15.00 used to cover the administrative fee that is currently in place, with this pay structure only applying to these specific details at Meadowbrook. The consensus of the Board is to go with the set rate for outside details as presented by Chief Remillard.

Town Office

Copies of Documents:

Site Plan Review Regulations from \$3.00 to \$10.00

Subdivision Regulations from \$5.00 to \$10.00

Address List: from \$20.00 to \$25.00

Reduction of resident copier usage from \$0.50 per copy over 20 to \$0.25 per copy over 20.

Mailbox Items

Mike Kaminski reviewed the items of correspondence received since the last meeting:

- Expenditures for the construction project at the Library/Town Hall. They have received a request for payment for expenditures on the construction project. It has been approved by the architect. The BoS was in consensus to make the 2nd payment on the construction contract.
- Hope Arce will be leaving the Town Clerk's office to accept the full-charge bookkeeping position in the Town Administrator's office. **Line**

Comeau mentioned the possibility of Hope being able to help out in the Town Clerk's office during the transition. **Linda Landry** said that she will keep that as a possibility, but she is trying to investigate other avenues. She wants to make sure that Hope is able to devote the time needed to learn her new position. She has posted the **Deputy** position on the town website.

- **Motion** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Dave Nault that they hire Hope Arce as the part-time full-charge bookkeeper in the Town Administrator's office starting at a Step 1 pay level \$19.73 per hour, effective August 1.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0-1) J. Nault abstained

- Email from Police Chief Remillard notifying the BoS that he is likely to be exceeding his fuel budget in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Martel shared data **he collected** regarding wage increases and employment obtained through the Dept. of Labor. The average wage increase nationwide is 5.2%. Inflation is 8.6%.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: (2-0-1) J. Nault abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

Signed:

Michael Kaminski, Chair

David Nault, Selectman

DRAFT, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND REVISION

Justin Nault, Selectman