

**Dunbarton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2021**

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Board members present:

Dave Nault, Chair
Bob Martel, Selectman

Town Officials and others present:

Line Comeau, Town Administrator
Linda Landry, Town Clerk
Fred Mullen, Moderator Pro-Tem
John Trottier, Zoning Board Chair
Woody Bowne, Transfer Station Supervisor

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

Dave Nault called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Dave Nault to approve the 6:30 p.m. nonpublic meeting minutes of May 13, 2021.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to approve the 6:38 p.m. nonpublic meeting minutes of May 13, 2021.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Dave Nault to approve the 6:45 p.m. nonpublic meeting minutes of May 13, 2021.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 13, 2021 as amended.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Dave Nault to approve the special nonpublic meeting minutes (10:50 a.m.) nonpublic meeting minutes of May 19, 2021.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Dave Nault, to approve the special nonpublic meeting minutes (11:19 a.m.) May 19, 2021.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TOWN BUSINESS

Accept Donation

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel, to accept per RSA 31:95-b III (b) a donation from the Bow Memorial School Council in the amount of (\$240) to be used at the discretion of the Welfare Director.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Accept Unanticipated Revenue

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel, to accept per RSA 31:95-b III (b) unanticipated revenue in the amount of (\$1,500) from the sale of a cremains garden bench to use for improvements in the cemetery.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Accept Grant

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel, to accept a grant from NH Fish & Game in the amount of (\$2,700) for additional OHRV Enforcement for May-September, 2021.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Special Election Update

Fred Mullen was recently sworn in as Town Moderator pro-tem for the upcoming June 8 special election by Town Moderator Rene Ouellet. Mr. Mullen will be swearing in John Trottier as the Assistant Moderator. Mr. Mullen asked the BoS what their thoughts were on requiring masks at the upcoming special election in light of the expiration of the statewide mask mandate. **Dave Nault** said that they will suggest mask usage for unvaccinated people, but they will not require mask-wearing. They will still request that people adhere to social distancing, and they will have the plexiglass barriers and hand sanitizer available. **Bob Martel** suggested

that they post signage stating that they would appreciate mask usage for people who have not yet received their vaccination. Discussion occurred regarding set up and preparation for the special election.

Linda Landry updated the BoS on election preparations. She stated that she has sent out 29 absentee ballots, and so far 20 have been returned. They are running short on ballot clerks. Discussion continued regarding polling place setup.

Election Notice Discussion

Dave Nault asked about the posting the Notice of Election in public places. **Linda Landry** confirmed that it has been posted at the polling place, **Line Comeau confirmed that it had been posted** on the marquee in front of the town offices, online and on their bulletin board at the town office.

Committee Appointments

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to appoint Mark Lang to the Old Home Day committee term ending March 2022.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to appoint Janet Casey to the Town Hall Restoration Committee, term ending March 2022.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to appoint Nora LaMarque to the Town Hall Restoration Committee, term ending March 2022.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to appoint Cindy Lou Pinard to the Town Hall Restoration Committee, term ending March 2022.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Hiring Action

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel, to hire Albert J. Phillips as the Transfer Station Assistant Manager at a rate of \$18.22 per hour (step level 1).

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0)

Dave Nault noted that Dawn Darrah was also hired as the part-time cleaning person for the town offices.

Transfer Station Update

Woody Bowne stated that their mechanic has been on site addressing equipment repairs and maintenance. Their large trash compactor will be shut down for a week for much-needed repairs. He is waiting to hear from handyman Greg Miller on installing vents in one of the trailers, as well as some other structural repairs.

There are currently some issues with the **stone** pad underneath the container they purchased for **the election** storage, so **he will reach out to Jeff Crosby to see if they can get it repaired**. **Woody also said he wanted to give the Board a heads up that he** is looking into the option of **the** implementation of ‘Pay as you Throw’ program in the future, in light of increased waste disposal costs. **Dave Nault stated that he was not sure that he was for this because of the property taxes that are already paid for by the residents**. **Woody replied that he would still like to gather information and bring it before the Board for a future discussion.**

Discussion occurred regarding staffing and Woody’s overtime hours.

Facemask Discussion

The BoS was in consensus to remove the mask requirement from inside the town offices. They will continue to recommend masks for unvaccinated persons, and still request that social distancing guidelines are adhered to.

Mailbox Items

Dave Nault reviewed the following pieces of correspondence received since the last meeting:

- Email from Police Sgt. Chris Remillard stating that the Fire Department and Police Department completed a joint department training in “Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety” by the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI).
- Request for vacation time from **a Town Employee**.
- Email from forester Brian Johnsen regarding tree trimming on an abutting property to common land (lot E3-02-52) off of Tucker Hill Road.
- FYI email regarding overtime budget for Patrick Bowne is overspent (response from Mr. Bowne included).
- The BoS signed off on two employee rate of pay form for new hires Albert “AJ” Phillips (transfer station) and Dawn Darrah (town offices).
- Email request from HomeCare.org (Organization affiliated with Community Outreach) requesting a link to the town website to assist

and/or guide older adults to resources for independent senior living and aging in place. **Dave Nault** has concerns that this is something that the organization would charge people for. If this is not the case, he does not have a problem with placing a link on the site. Line Comeau is also concerned about the **number** of other link requests they could start getting once they put **one** organizations' link up on their site.

- Email request from coordinator from Best Value Schools requesting a link on the town website to assist adults and/or students find the top-ranking schools by state/NH.
- The BoS signed to reaffirm the town's sign ordinance that was created in 1966.
- **Monthly report** from the town clerk stating that her office has taken in \$69,428 this month so far.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Mullen asked why the storage container is being kept at the transfer station. Dave Nault explained that it was the best place they came up with to keep it in terms of space.

Fred Mullen noted that the podium they use for town meetings has historical significance, adding that it was originally made for Ronald Reagan when he ran for president. He would like to add it to the container for storage.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer King, Recording
Secretary

David Nault, Chair

Robert Martel, Selectman