Dunbarton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 18, 2021

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Board members present:

Dave Nault, Chair Mike Kaminski, Selectman Bob Martel, Selectman

Town Officials and others present:

Line Comeau, Town Administrator

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 Mike Kaminski seconded by Bob Martel to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2021 as amended.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (3-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Martel stated that he is continuing to have a problem with the drainage/road pitch issue that is causing water to run from the road into his driveway, which is currently causing an ice hazard. **Dave Nault** said that they will revisit the issue in the spring when conditions allow.

TOWN BUSINESS

Town Report Update

The Town Report is completed and will be dedicated at the next meeting. **Mike Kaminski** gave kudos to Line Comeau for taking the initiative to make the correction to the front picture.

Kimball Pond Road Property Update

Dave Nault stated that the BoS had been in consensus at a prior meeting to accept a bid proposal for asbestos remediation prior to demolition of the building at 41 Kimball Pond Road. The remediation work is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, February 25th & 26th. They received an emergency permit from the state for this work.

DRAFT, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND REVISION

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel, to accept the bid proposal for asbestos remediation from Dec-Tam, in the amount of \$2,700 (\$300 of which was to obtain the permit through NH DES).

Discussion: none.

Vote: (3-0)

Mike Kaminski stated that they did reach out to two companies regarding this work, but only received a complete response from one.

Election Update

The primary election will be held on April 20th, 2021.

A special election for state representative will be held on June 8, 2021.

Mike Kaminski noted that anyone that would like to run should advise the Town Clerk by next week to be included on the ballot.

Follow-up on Videorecording Question

Bob Martel provided some information he researched regarding the legality of video recording devices in or around public buildings. It is permissible to video-record in public places unless the party recording is interfering with or hindering the business of other members of the public or employees. This was in response to a question posed by a town employee. **Mike Kaminski** stated that Sgt. Chris Remillard has reinforced and supported this message. The department head has been notified and provided with the information to share with the employee. Line Comeau has shared the information with the other department heads as well.

Mailbox Items

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

• Transfer station update: Supervisor Woody Bowne has requested a wage review for a few of his employees, as well as himself. Dave Nault stated that it is something they will be looking at in the near future, and they will be making sure their wage scale is in keeping with nearby comparable towns.

Bob Martel said that he feels that these requests should be brought to their attention during the budget process and not once they have already created a proposed budget.

Dave Nault agreed, adding that they have made a lot of changes and tried to create new incentives for employee retention just over the past year. He would like to step back and reassess the full scope of what they are currently offering employees, and what may need to change.

Mike Kaminski does not want to come across as "shooting the messenger" or discourage department heads from approaching the Board. He noted that this is something they were planning on taking a look at in the near future anyway, but it will be reviewed in a thorough knowledge-based manner.

DRAFT, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND REVISION

• Letter from Sgt. Chris Remillard regarding the video recording question addressed above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

Mike Kaminski gave kudos to Line Comeau for her work in advertising the Accounting Secretary position and getting several applicants for them to review. He looks forward to assisting her in getting this position filled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

	Respectfully Submitted,
	Jennifer King, Recording Secretary
David Nault, Chair	
Michael Kaminski, Selectman	
Robert Martel Selectman	