

**Dunbarton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2021**

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, October 7, 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
Don Larsen
Peter Jasilewicz
Robert Leonard
Fred Mullen

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 (6:30 p.m.) nonpublic meeting minutes of September 30, 2021 as written.

Discussion: none.

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

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 30, 2021 as amended.

Discussion: none.

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

Motion: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel, to approve the (7:54 p.m.) nonpublic meeting minutes of September 30, 2021 as written.

Discussion: none.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TOWN BUSINESS

HP Fairfield Invoice

The BoS reviewed the outstanding invoice for the installation of the tommy gate on the transfer station truck. The problem they have with the transaction is that they ended up with a demo model installed so it was not brand new, and there were some older parts used during installation that are already rusted. **Dave Nault** also noted that they had been told at first that they did not owe anything further prior to receiving this invoice. The BoS will write a letter to the company with the help of the Transfer Station Manager detailing the problem/discrepancies.

Speed Bump Discussion

A discussion from the September 30 meeting regarding speed bumps on Gary Road was continued. **Mike Kaminski** said that he has been in contact with the Police Department who has let him know that they are completely against the installation of speed bumps on town-maintained roadways because it opens it up for all neighborhoods to do the same, and it is something that can get out of control. They will increase their patrols in the area in an effort to alleviate the problem and requested that concerned residents give them certain times during the day when the problems tend to occur.

Lee Martel asked if they will actually be issuing tickets. **Mike Kaminski** replied that the police department does make an effort to educate residents about the dangers of speeding in during a stop and bring about awareness before they begin issuing tickets. **Lee Martel** stated that he feels they give too many warnings because he sees the same people speeding through different areas of town. **Dave Nault** feels that they walk a pretty fine line with this in trying to follow the wishes of the BoS in terms of educating the public, but repeat offenders are ticketed. **Bob Martel** echoed Lee's sentiments, adding that there are circumstances that warrant educating, but there should be some offenses that automatically warrant tougher penalties. **Mike Kaminski** said that he will revisit the topic with the police department and pass along the concerns of the Selectmen and to get a better idea of their philosophy when it comes to issuing traffic tickets/citations.

Lee Martel asked about installing stop signs instead of speed bumps. **Mike Kaminski** said that in order to make changes to the speed limit, they need to do a traffic study. He isn't sure if it is the same for stop signs, but he will pass that along to Sgt. Remillard.

Fred Mullen suggested signs telling people that their speed is monitored by radar.

Resident **Bob Leonard** lives on Holiday Shore Drive. He asked what it would take in order to get a traffic study done in the area. He noted the park area with the questionable speed limit sign that was discussed last week and feels that 30 mph along that section of road is much too fast. He would like to see the limit reduced in that particular area to 20 mph. **Mike Kaminski** said he will bring this to Sgt. Remillard's attention. **Dave Nault** cautioned against making a lot of speed limit changes as that is something else that would set a precedent. **Mike Kaminski** agrees but feels that in this particular area it was warranted. Discussion occurred regarding the sorts of traffic that come through the area. He would really like to see some speed tables put in. He is willing to be a contact person for the police department to tell them his concerns about the area.

Set Overlay Amount

Line Comeau asked the BoS to set the overlay amount so that she can complete the MS-535. After some discussion, the BoS was in consensus to set the overlay at \$30,000. Line said that a \$25,000 overlay would mean a tax rate impact of \$0.06.

Wreaths Across Dunbarton

Don Larsen presented the BoS with the type of flags, poles and mounts that he proposes using for his project of installing 58 flags on poles across town. He is working with the telephone company to coordinate the installation. They will put the flags up for the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day, each for two weeks at a time. He is working to get everything in order to obtain permission from Eversource. The phone company will do the initial mounting for the first holiday, but they will have to look at hiring some labor to perform future installations and removal. **Bob Martel** suggested they ask Litchfield how they handle it in their town. **Don Larsen** said that he is looking to see if the town would be willing to contribute to funding the labor portion. **Dave Nault** would like Don to get a more solid figure for this and look to include it in their recreation budget. **Fred Mullen** suggested that Don communicate with Unitil as well, as they do own some of the poles in East Dunbarton.

Transfer Station Services

Dave Nault noted the locally rising cases of COVID-19 and suggested that they return to their policy at the transfer station of not having a staff member assisting with the unloading of peoples' vehicles. He is concerned about keeping their employees healthy through this latest increase in cases.

Mailbox Items

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

- Request from Donna White, Planning Board Administrator, for something in writing on town letterhead stating that the town will accept the maintenance responsibility when the new roadway is completed for the new development "Countryside Estate Subdivision." (The application for alteration of terrain requires a letter from the town.). Mike Kaminski noted that this is really a formality. Dave Nault signed approval on behalf of the BoS.
- The Planning Board met for a workshop last evening. They have a recommendation to the Selectmen to accept the proposed road bond as presented from Robert Pike, principal owner of Countryside Homes, LLC. The bond was reviewed by the town attorney and the town's contracted road engineer. Both parties agreed that the form and substance are acceptable.
 - **Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve the road bond in the amount of \$2,285,000.
 - **Discussion:** none.
 - **Vote:** (3-0).

- Approve repairs around the transfer station as shown in the photos provided by the handyman Gregg Miller. Estimate is \$350+. Mike Kaminski would like to implement some sort of cap to the quote.

Motion: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to approve the repair estimate for the transfer station repairs provided by Gregg Miller for \$400.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (3-0).

- Request from town employee to send a letter to the Social Security office on her behalf acknowledging that the extra hours she worked were due to Covid-19.
- Update from Central NH Regional Planning Commission on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Mike Kaminski added a side note that Sgt. Remillard will be coordinate with CNHRP to update their project in the 10-year plan process.
- Public hearing set for October 14th to accept a gift other than money. From Troy Hammond and Michael Elms, a 2020 MotoTractor (an off-road trail bike) to be donated to the Dunbarton Fire Department. The gift is valued at \$8,949.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

Line Comeau said that she received communication from HealthTrust that health insurance rates will be going down 8.1%, and that dental will decrease by 1.5%. There is no change to Long Term Disability, but Short-Term Disability will increase by \$0.06. Also received email regarding a surplus from the previous year. They won't have numbers until next week.

Mike Kaminski has been getting quotes on trash hauling. He did contact their current hauler for a quote but is having a hard time getting a response from him. He is also looking at Waste Management out of Bedford, so he asked Line Comeau for her assistance with obtaining some data.

Bob Martel thanked Line for making the change with the Historical Society by putting their Facebook link on the website.

NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to enter into nonpublic session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to address a department complaint.

By roll-call vote: Kaminski-yes. Nault-yes. Martel-yes.

The BoS took a 2-minute recess at 7:58 p.m. before entering non-public session to allow the room to clear.

The BoS entered nonpublic session at 8:00 p.m.

The BoS reentered public session at 8:55 p.m.

Dave Nault asked Line Comeau to ask Transfer Station Manager Woody Bowne to attend the next meeting to discuss the exit interview they just conducted.

Motion: by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to enter into nonpublic session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at the request of Michael Kaminski.

By roll-call vote: Nault-yes. Kaminski-yes. Martel-yes.

The BoS entered nonpublic session at 8:56 p.m.

The BoS reentered public session at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: none.

Vote: (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

Signed:

Dave Nault, Board Chair

Michael Kaminski, Selectman

Robert Martel, Selectman