

**Dunbarton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2020**

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Board members present:

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

Town Officials and others present:

Line Comeau, Town Administrator
Jennifer King, Recording Secretary
Don Larsen, Cemetery Committee

Members of the public present:

Lee Martel

Lee 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 Bob Martel, seconded by Dave Nault, to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 5, 2020 (7:00 p.m.) as amended.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (3-0).

Mike Kaminski said that they had a great election day. He thanks the town officials and volunteers for their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Martel congratulated Dave Nault on his reelection to the BoS. He inquired about the needed work on the bandstand. **Line Comeau** said the money for that work has been allocated, and she will give the person a call to see what their schedule where they are at on their schedule. Mr. Martel noted that the sooner that is completed, the better, as they do use it for Arts on the Common and there are some broken electrical outlets that need to be fixed.

Don Larsen said that they will be meeting to remove the wreaths from all 3 cemeteries this Saturday March 14 at 10 a.m. They will be picking up red-tipped floral markers and wreath stands. It should take an hour at the most, depending on the number of volunteers they have.

AGENDA ITEMS

Dave Nault is recusing himself from votes on current items until he is sworn in on Friday, March 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Accept Donation

Motion: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept fundraising in the amount of \$987.00 per RSA 31:95-b III (b) from Don Larsen, for the cemetery trustees. These funds were raised from the raffling off of old cemetery signs and an old granite town bound post.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0).

Motion: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to give authority to the cemetery trustees to expend the fundraising money just voted upon on their current projects.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0).

Motion: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept a donation per of \$20 for Wreaths Across Dunbarton.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0).

Appoint Welfare Director

Mike Kaminski shared that at Town Meeting, they voted to allow the BoS to hire/appoint the town welfare director. The vote was basically a housekeeping measure, as this had been approved several years ago but never documented.

Motion: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to appoint Jeannie Zmigrodski as interim Welfare Director to fulfill the vacant term until March 1, 2021.

Discussion: none.

Vote: (2-0).

Town Pound Update

Dave Nault stated that there has been a lot of work was done to repair the walls that had fallen down at the town pound. They also removed a lot of rocks and it looks much nicer overall. They also planed down the edge of the door so that it will function properly. **Dave Nault** asked Lee Martel if he would touch up the edge of the door that was planed with some white paint.

Continuation of Food Vendor Request

The BoS reviewed a request received from a food truck operator to conduct business in the parking lot of the town offices one day per week.

Bob Martel said he does not feel that this is a good idea because of how busy this area gets. **Mike Kaminski** feels that if they open it up for one vendor, then others are going to want to do the same. He mentioned that they could possibly allow the food truck vendor to come in for certain town events but would leave that decision up to the event organizers. **Don Larsen** expressed concern because the food is a major part of their income for Arts on the Common, and on Old Home Day, they have the low-priced fare. It would depend on if what they sell would be

in direct competition with what they usually sell at the events. However, he is willing to speak with them.

TOWN BUSINESS

Mailbox Items

Mike Kaminski shared the following correspondence received since the last meeting:

- Donna White's jury duty has been suspended due to Covid-19 developments.
- Leave request for town employee (approved).
- There is a potential problem with the paint used on the library (**exterior staircase**) last year. Possible warranty item.
- Communication from George Holt. They would like to have someone from the Conservation Commission to come in to discuss.
- A sealed bid has been received for the town truck. They will hold onto it for review at a future meeting, hoping to receive a few more in the meantime.
- Information on redistricting after the census (This was regarding a warrant article that was unanimously approved by the voters). This is an apolitical process that they want to make sure is completed fairly.
- Citizen complaint about lack of police availability in the evening. The police chief is investigating their concerns.
- Letter of appreciation from Dave and Carol Crooker. Thanked Line Comeau and Donna White for the help they gave them through the process and for their high-quality professionalism.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Martel asked about action item list on the back of the agenda, in particular, the peddler's ordinance. He asked if it is still a current issue. **Line Comeau** said it was something that the police chief decided not to pursue, but then had indicated that he changed his mind. They will delete the list items that are crossed out to make it a bit more concise.

Don Larsen thanks Line Comeau and her staff for their help in selling raffle tickets.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

Dave Nault asked Line Comeau to send out an email to all departments to remind them to be vigilant in keeping their surface areas clean. Line said that they have ordered a cleaner that would be more effective (alcohol or peroxide-based)

He also asked if she would have time to prepare the RFP for the town hall. Line will add it to her agenda. Dave said if she can't get to it for another week or two, it is not a problem.

Bob Martel mentioned a conversation regarding renegotiation of the police chief's contract, and he does not feel that they should take action on this at this time. **Mike Kaminski** said that no one currently on the BoS that was part of the original negotiation process. They are over 2/3 of the way through the contract, and there is no revision clause included in the contract. **Dave Nault** suggested they get a legal opinion regarding the proper way to do this. **Bob Martel** said there is no renegotiation clause. He feels it will be very problematic to try and reopen it this late.

- The BoS was in consensus to not reopen contract negotiations.

Line Comeau asked the BoS for input regarding their summer schedule. **Dave Nault** would like to start back full time in October, making sure to meet the Thursday before the September election. **Mike Kaminski** asked Line Comeau to obtain a list of committee appointments from the Town Clerk which ones they would like to serve on.

Mike Kaminski mentioned that there is a meter at the transfer station that displays the energy being produced by their new solar panel system, particularly on a sunny day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski, to adjourn the meeting.
The BoS adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

Mike Kaminski, Chair

Dave Nault, Selectman

Bob Martel, Selectman