Those present: Omer C. Ahern, Jr., Palmer Koelb, Francis Muzzey, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Matt Barnard, Donna King, Corey Cormiea, George Morrill, Andrew Lasser, residents

Called to Order: Francis Muzzey, Chair Person, called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

Matt Barnard presented an amended septic design for an auxiliary dwelling. Motion to accept and sign the amended design was made by F. Muzzey, seconded by O.Ahern. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

Motion to approve public meeting minutes from 11/12/19 was made by O.Ahern, seconded by F.Muzzey. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

Motion to approve non-public meeting minutes from 11/12/19 was made by O.Ahern, seconded by P.Koelb. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

Motion to approve public meeting minutes from 1/16/20 was made by O.Ahern, seconded by P.Koelb. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

Motion to approve non-public meeting minutes from 1/16/20 was made by O.Ahern, seconded by P.Koelb. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

Motion to approve emergency meeting minutes from 1/16/20 was made by O.Ahern, seconded by P.Koelb. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

At 5:28pm, F.Muzzey made a motion to go into a non-public session to discuss an employee pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted, seconded by O.Ahern. F.Muzzy voted “yes”, O.Ahern voted “yes”, P.Koelb voted “yes”. All three voted in the affirmative, and motion carried.

Re-entered into public meeting at 5:53pm.

F.Muzzey made a motion in the non-public session to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Seconded by P.Koelb. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.
Motion to approve and sign abatement request for Boucher was made by O.Ahern, seconded by P.Koelb. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

Motion to accept and sign the boundary map for the U.S.Census Bureau was made by O.Ahern, seconded by P.Koelb. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

Letter from Grafton County regarding the Stata case was reviewed and briefly discussed. L.Franz to complete required forms with assistance from Chief Trott.

Notification from Grafton County regarding additional taxes was reviewed and briefly discussed.

F.Muzzey read a letter from Councilor Michael Cryans, member of the Executive Council.

J.Ames inquired about going forward with engineering of bridges. Could possibly lose funding if we don’t show some progressive movement. P.Manson estimates each bridge engineering to cost between $50,000-$75,000. Suggested that a warrant article be written for this engineering, that will show that we are moving forward. Next step is to set up a meeting with Paul Hatch to discuss procedure. Meeting should include Select Board, J.Ames, W.Trott, P.Manson, L.Franz. P.Manson will forward email to L.Franz regarding Requisition for Qualification.

L.Franz spoke briefly about becoming Interim Administrative Assistant and asks for the public’s patience over the next couple of months.

L.Franz to post notices and update town website regarding the upcoming budget meeting on February 10th at 5:00pm at the school.

P.Manson expressed concern about repairs needed for the International truck. He will get an estimate.

P.Manson expressed disappointment that expenses for bridge engineering came out of his 2019 budget. Funding came from Capital Reserve. Francis explained the process.

P.Manson informed the Select Board that the State of New Hampshire requires towns to have a “Winter Weather Policy” (RSA) in place to eliminate liability in case of an accident on town roads. To be addressed at a later date.

P.Manson inquired about hiring someone to plow snow. Select Board agreed to advertise for position. Advertisements to be placed in PennySaver, Record Enterprise, The Bridge Weekly, Face Book page, and town web site. Must include the statement “Select Board reserves the right to reject any and all applications”.

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Donna King previously proposed job sharing for the Administrative Assistant’s position to F. Muzzey and P. Koelb. She submitted her application. Select Board informed her that they are working on a job description and will advise in the future after the Town Meeting.

Motion made by O. Ahern to make an amendment to the 3/19/19 Select Board meeting minutes per request of a resident as follows: A resident made a Point of Order objecting to all the employees, residents and outgoing Selectmen discussing who should be chair of the incoming Board of Selectmen. The employees, because none of them were residents, and it is a conflict of interest. The residents and outgoing Selectmen, because it is unprecedented. Discussion of who the Chair of the Board of Selectmen is always done by the new board with public present and observing the process as it’s done. F. Muzzey seconded. F. Muzzey voted “yes”, O. Ahern voted “yes”, and P. Koelb abstained. Motion carried 2-0.

George Morrill and Corey Cormeia informed that the Ambulance Service is working on a presentation to the Select Board to explain cost increase for 2020, $40,850 based on number of residents.

P. Koelb suggested a picture of the Town Hall and a short history, both provided by him be put on the front cover of the 2019 Annual Town Report. He received a favorable response.

F. Muzzey discussed various 2020 Warrant Articles. A draft copy may be obtained from the office for your review. Further discussion at budget meeting.

P. Koelb made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm. O. Ahern seconded, three voted “yes”. Meeting adjourned.

F. Muzzey made a motion to end non-public session at 5:50pm. Seconded by O. Ahern. Three voted “yes” and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Linda Franz
Interim Administrative Assistant

Francis Muzzey, Chairperson
Omer C. Ahern, Jr. Board Member
Palmer Koelb Board Member