

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of August 26, 2019
FINAL MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Heitz; Kevin St. James, Vice-Chair; Donald Briggs, Jr., Phillip Coombs, Richard Wilson, Selectmen.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:

6:30 PM: Discussion of PFA contamination issues with State elected officials

Local state representatives Ken Weyler, Mark Pearson and David Welch, along with State Senator Jon Morgan, and later Councilman Russell Prescott were present to hold a discussion on the issue of PFA and PFOA compound contamination in drinking water. Mr. Weyler referred to a large report that he said an EPA study was based on and said it is based on rodent studies, not human. He said that because of this, no conclusions could be drawn. He also said that no conclusions could be drawn as there were no backup studies to reproduce the results found.

Representative Weyler described the characteristics of the poly-fleuro compounds, saying they take a long time to break down and are present even in polar bears. He said until they come up with a good system to take care of them it makes no sense to pour millions into filtration systems. He said not many people have shown ill effects and that people's blood should be tested.

Chairman Heitz said that part of the concern for the Town is how the new rules for drinking water standards were adopted. He said it seemed they were put in place by one committee with no input, and wanted to know if the decision could be challenged. Representative Weyler said the decision was made by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) and gave some anecdotes on the committee, saying if they don't like a rule they can change it with no input or public hearing.

Senator Morgan said that JLCAR is made up of five representatives and five senators, and that in order for them to make a rule it has to be presented to them by another State agency. Chairman Heitz asked if they are obligated to take public input, and Senator Morgan said that the Department of Environmental Services, where this rule was first formulated, had meetings where public comment and input were invited, but once a rule goes to JLCAR no further public comment is required. He said it is the departments that make rules, not JLCAR.

Selectman Coombs said that the Town is in a predicament, after being told that contamination found at the fire station well could not be due to anything but Fire Fighter Foam (FFF) and trying to do the right thing by working with the DES to remediate the problem. Chairman Heitz said that the State performed the initial testing and placed the first carbon filtration systems, but now the Town is considered responsible going forward. He said that Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire, who has been coordinating the testing

and remediation efforts, anticipates that this year alone with the new standards, the Town will have to spend \$40,000 in filtration systems. He estimated that this could grow to half a million dollars over ten years. Mr. Heitz said that Kingston is not alone, that a lot of towns are being accused and held accountable for this problem.

Senator Morgan asked when the state placed the systems, and Chairman Heitz recapped the events, starting with the Town offering residents water from the fire station well during the drought in 2017. The water needed to be tested at that time, which led to finding the PFOA compounds and to the widening circle of testing and remediation the Town is now facing. He explained that whenever a well is found to have the chemicals present, other wells within a 1,000- foot radius need to be tested. Chairman Heitz said that initially, there were four wells in excess of the then-standard of 70 parts per trillion. When the surrounding wells were tested, some were found to be contaminated and some not, including one right next door to the fire station. He said the assumption was that the fire station was to blame for all contamination found in the area, but based on the uneven findings he is not so sure. He said it is looking like it could be individual septic systems that are a source, as people put things down the drain that contain these compounds, such as carpet cleaner. Selectman St. James added that now that the standards are lowering, more wells will be considered above the safe limit and the Town will have to continue going out to test in the 1,000-foot radius in each instance.

Senator Morgan said that this is a problem in every state and every county. He described the situation in East Kingston, where a septic company had been disposing of waste on agricultural fields for decades and is now bankrupt after trying to work with the state to keep up with remediation efforts for the PFAs found. He said the pervasiveness of the problem is one reason New Hampshire is on the leading edge, and also because the state has some of the highest cancer rates in the country, especially pediatric cancers. Mr. Morgan said his own father died from pancreatic cancer, so this hits close to home. He said that to be clear, he is not saying his father's cancer came from PFA contamination, but that it should be taken very seriously. Areas such as the Coakley landfill and Merrimack are hot spots, and various health issues have been connected to the presence of PFA/PFOA chemicals in drinking water. He cited low infant birth rates, cancers, especially of the kidney, and thyroid issues, among others. He said he agreed with Representative Weyler that the studies are not complete, but the matter is being studied aggressively all over the country.

Senator Morgan also mentioned that New Hampshire is one of the first states to launch a lawsuit against the manufacturers of PFAS and PFOAS, which could result in significant income to the state. Selectman Coombs commented that this could be a long time in the future, but Senator Morgan said that there have already been some large settlements that did not take too long.

Selectman Coombs said that he understands the health concerns, but that for Kingston this is a large logistical issue, facing \$40,000 in costs that are not budgeted. Selectman St. James said this is basically an unfunded mandate. Senator Morgan said that he felt this meeting is a positive step, and that the Town has a dedicated team of

representatives. He said he understands the situation and concerns better, and looks forward to working together on this.

Representative Weyler said that implementation of the new rules can be delayed, as this was a sudden thing and towns need to have time to find ways to fund the remediation. In the meantime, it can be put in the State budget.

Representative Pearson said he was chair for two years on a committee studying childhood cancers and said he wanted more facts and some reason why 70 parts per trillion was no longer a good number. He wondered if lives would be saved. He also said that there are a lot of nasty-sounding chemicals that have no correlation to health effects, and that it costs a lot of money to eliminate a chemical that has no negative outcome. He said a member of the commission is Clark Freise of DES, and he had asked Mr. Freise to send some of the studies for him to look at. He said he wants to have a better look at it, but in his mind it did not show causative effect.

Councilor Prescott said that mistakes have been made and a delay on implementation of new standards makes sense. He said the studies may be on to something but are not there yet. Mr. Pearson said that he agreed that the DES had not made their case yet, and he felt a delay was justified.

There was further discussion of how to determine where contamination is coming from. There was also a discussion of types and costs of filtration systems; a \$400 under-sink system that Senator Morgan described as using in his own home would not be acceptable to the state; the requirement being to treat all water coming into the house. This type of system costs \$4,000. Selectman Coombs said that the costs will necessarily be passed on to the taxpayers, and that many already are struggling to afford to live in Kingston. It was noted that costs include not only the systems, but maintenance and testing. Councilman Prescott said he has talked with Clark Freise, and he is very concerned about anyone labeled as a generator. He mentioned that he had a lot of interaction with the situation in East Kingston, and that the property owner there did what was asked, purchased systems which were then not approved, took money out of his retirement fund and finally went bankrupt, having no money to do what was asked.

In conclusion, the Selectmen said they are at the very least asking for a delay in implementation of the new standards and paying for any new systems. Representative Weyler said that they are co-sponsoring a bill for just that, and that talking to other towns to get their sponsorship would be helpful. There was also the suggestion that a fund for extreme cases should be considered, which could be refunded by a future lawsuit.

Chairman Heitz thanked the representatives for coming in and said it has been very informative.

7:30 PM: PUBLIC HEARING - Vintage Bazaar, Event proposed for October 5 & 6, 2019

Devon Chouinard was present to address those present and answer questions about the Vintage Bazaar, of which she is a co-founder and organizer. She said this will be her

25th show, and that they are held up to 4 times per year in various places in New England. She described the event as an antique and craft show with live music and food. She said that there will be no alcohol at this event, which is proposed for the Plains and expected to bring in up to 2,000 people per day.

Ms. Chouinard went through the planning she has done, including requests for parking at the schools and the State Park, and reviewing parking, safety, emergency planning, porta-potties and trash removal with Town department heads. She said she will have a staff of at least 16 to assist with parking, the goal being getting cars off the street as fast as possible. A clean-up crew comes in Sunday evening.

Chairman Heitz read into the record a letter of support for the event received from, and then opened the floor to the public for comment.

Tamara Frost of 149 Main Street said that she appreciated that the Selectmen thought of the residents and held this hearing. She said she feels the Plains is a treasure to share and feel a sense of community, and thanked the Board for the work they do for the town.

Dan Doyle of 156 Main Street asked if there would be an admission charge. Ms. Chouinard said there would be, but that free passes will be available for the surrounding abutters. Mr. Doyle said he supports the event, and wishes something was going on every weekend, but that in the past trash has been left behind on neighboring front lawns. Ms. Chouinard said that she has a full-time person picking up trash during and after the festival and is a stickler about leaving the area as she found it.

Lynn Merrill, whose business is on Main Street, read a prepared statement about the history of the Plains. She said that in the 90's it was not mowed, to save money, which left the grass in poor condition. She said that since Rich St. Hilaire came on board as Road Agent, much hard work has been done and the bandstand has been refurbished, making the Plains a place to be proud of.

Ms. Merrill said that the two major events this summer were something of an inconvenience but the fun compensated for that. She said events are fine but maybe if not too frequent. She then said that the summer events benefited local organizations, and that the Selectmen have a responsibility to limit use of the Plains. She questioned whether this event would set a precedent for all commercial people to use the Plains. She said she does not see a lot of need for outside use that does not benefit the community, and that if a lot of commercial use is allowed she is afraid that all the work Mr. St. Hilaire has done will be for nothing.

Lynn Coolen of Bartlett Street said she has been a vendor at many of the bazaars, and that Ms. Chouinard is extremely detail oriented and organized. She described the event as a very wonderful family friendly fall festival. She added that she feels the Selectmen are keeping matters under control by what they are doing tonight, holding a public hearing.

Chairman Heitz said the board is very concerned about commercial uses that charge fees, and scrutinize the applications very closely. He said that this event is similar to a craft fair that was held for years on the Plains, and in the past there have been farmers' markets as well. He said that while this is a commercial venture, he does not think it has a commercial feel.

Selectman Coombs said that he thinks the town needs to get used to these types of events, noting that volunteerism is down and there was even a lack of volunteers for Kingston Days. He said he sees this as a similar event, a showcase for the Plains that all residents can enjoy, with no cost to the town or need to find volunteers. He said he feels it is worth seeing how it does and then reassess from there. He added that this looks like a solid, fun event.

Selectman Wilson said he supported this event when it was brought to the board two weeks ago, and that he has since heard many positive comments from the public. He added that he recognizes the fact that there is no good policy in place for use of the Plains, and this will be addressed.

Selectman St. James said he appreciated the residents coming out. He said he is concerned about the Plains, but wants to see it used. He said the town wants to promote its small businesses, and this type of event brings people to town, which he considers a win-win situation.

MOTION: by Selectman Wilson, to approve the application of the Vintage Bazaar to use the Plains on October 5th and 6th.

SECOND: by Selectman St. James

All in favor.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 8:05.

Rick Russman: Solar energy - update on HB 365

Mr. Russman addressed the Selectmen with a request that they send a letter of support to the State representatives for override of the Governor's veto of House Bill 365. He said that a solar project is one of the few economic opportunities for the landfill (and the House Bill, by raising the net metering limit to 5MW, makes the project viable).

Mr. Russman said that by leasing the land and collecting taxes on it, the Town would be making lemonade out of lemons. He said that one representative had said solar power will cause electric rates to go up, but he disagreed, saying that competition is good and that prices will go down. He said many companies are interested in doing a project in Kingston, and it is an opportunity for the town to cash in.

Chairman Heitz asked why the Governor vetoed the bill. Mr. Russman said that the bill was passed after his last veto, on a death penalty bill, was overridden, and said this was not about the bill but about his role as Governor, and said he did not want any Republicans to vote for it. Mr. Russman said that politics got involved, but he did not

want to get into that as it does not affect Kingston. He said the use of the landfill is what affects Kingston.

Selectman St. James said that he personally would love to see solar on the landfill as well as on County property. However, he said the Governor vetoed the bill because New Hampshire already pays the highest rates for electricity in the country, and forcing the power companies to buy solar power at wholesale would put a cost on the companies and hurt business. Selectman St. James said this is more than politics and he can't support the letter.

Mr. Russman said that power generated by the solar panels that is not used goes back on the power grid, and the utility companies buy it back at retail, not wholesale. He said there would not be so many people in favor of it if that were the case. He gave a list of towns in support of the bill.

Chairman Heitz read the letter, which Mr. Russman had written and the Administrative Assistant had put on Town letterhead for the Selectmen to sign.

MOTION: by Selectman Wilson to sign the letter in support of overriding the veto of House Bill 365.

SECOND: by Selectman Briggs

In discussion, Selectman St. James said he does not believe solar power will not raise electric rates, that he feels Mr. Russman's statement was inaccurate. Selectman Coombs said that he would have to read up on the topic and know more before he will be comfortable signing the letter.

Selectman Briggs said he thinks a solar project would be great for the Town, and that the landfill is a great location for it. He is in favor of signing the letter of support. He added that he brought someone to town a few years ago, who was interested in doing a solar project but did not because of the limit to 1 Megawatt. Also, at that time, all power generated had to be used onsite.

Selectman Wilson said he is also in favor and agreed it is a great place for solar panels. He added that he knows Mr. Russman and hopes he would steer the board in the right direction.

Selectman St. James said that no one is throwing the baby out with the bathwater, that the Governor is sending the bill back to fix flaws. He said he thinks the legislature should be allowed to do their job and fix the flaws.

Mr. Russman said that the bill originally passed by a large bipartisan majority, and that he did not think that many people were duped. He said he agrees that the utility rates are high in the state, but that competition is good for New Hampshire and the economy. He said that more capacity available will not increase rates and compared this to having a gas station on every corner.

Selectman Heitz said that he feels that at least given current technology, he does not see any other potential use of the landfill other than solar power. He said that it has the ability to benefit the community. He said there is always talk about getting good business into town, and businesses are always a stress on services. He said this is like a large business that generates revenue with no customers or traffic. Based on that, he said he thought it would be beneficial to the Town to at least have the opportunity to look at putting a solar field at the landfill.

In favor: Briggs, Wilson, Heitz.

As a point of order, it was questioned who is signing this letter, just the Chair or all the Selectmen.

Final vote was three in favor, two (**St. James, Coombs**) **against**, to sign the letter as individuals.

Resident request to unmerge lots at Map U12, Lot 48

Lisa Kopoulos of 5 Parsons Way introduced herself and her daughter, Rhea Wyatt, saying she has sent a letter requesting that her parcels of land be unmerged, for the sole purpose of having her daughter be able to build a house on the property. She said she had done a tremendous amount of research and looked at deeds going back to the original subdivision owned by Ruth Ellis that consisted of 57 parcels. Ms. Kopoulos said that at one time that land became an approved subdivision. At that time, she said her property at 5 Parson's Way and the one behind her became part of that subdivision.

Ms. Kopoulos said that at some point in time the zoning changed in Town to say that if you were a single owner of more than one parcel, and if the second parcel did not meet the new Zoning requirements, the Town merged them involuntarily. RSA 674:39aa was adopted to allow landowners to request the involuntarily merged lots to be unmerged. Ms. Kopoulos said that she could find no record of a voluntary merger, that she spoke to the previous owner, who said that no one merged the property. She added that the burden of proof is now on the town. At this time she is requesting the parcels be unmerged so that her daughter can build a house.

Ms. Kopoulos said that she scheduled a test pit with Peter Landry, but this was put off because the Health Officer wanted more evidence that the property was merged involuntarily. Ms. Wyatt said that that is when they wrote the letter, as they have been unable to find any more information on the merger.

Chairman Heitz asked how long Ms. Kopoulos has owned the property (30 years) and how many tax bills she receives, making the point that she has only been taxed for one lot. She said however, that her deed and all the previous deeds show two separate lots with the boundaries listed.

Selectman St. James asked about the size of the lots, and Ms. Kopoulos said that the total acreage for the two parcels is 1.2 acres. She said that her house is on the smaller of the two original parcels, 14 and 15. Asked if the separated lots would support septic and well, she said that is what they are trying to find out. She clarified that on the old map and deeds the house would be on Clark Road, which is now Parson's Way.

Selectman Wilson said that this would be trying to make a non-conforming lot into two non-conforming lots. Ms. Kopoulos said that a similar request was granted for properties on Toppan Road.

Selectman St. James said this sets a dangerous precedent, forming non-conforming lots, as the lots are already sharing radiuses for where wells and septic systems can go. He said he is concerned about what will happen down the road.

Ms. Kopoulos then said that the Town should have posted a notice during the years that RSA 674:39aa allowed for property owners to come forward to unmerge lots that were merged involuntarily. She said she found the notice in the 2015 Town report online, but did not find any others. Selectman Briggs said that if the Town was not complying with the statute, he would make a motion to allow the unmerging.

There was no second for this motion, but a continued discussion on where the well and septic currently are placed, and if the Town had complied with the statute that the notice should be posted in the Town Report from 2011 through 2015. It was pointed out that the well was placed on one lot and the house is on the other. Selectman Coombs and Chairman Heitz both read a note on the septic plan that reads, "lots are combined as one lot of record prior to 1967". Selectman Wilson said wells are sometimes on a neighboring property, and that even if the Board agrees to allow the lots to be unmerged, the owner would still have to go through the process for placing a septic system. He pointed out to Ms. Kopoulos that she risks ending up with two taxable lots, one unbuildable.

MOTION: by Selectman Briggs, to allow the two original tracts on Lot 48 to be unmerged if the septic system can be approved.

SECOND: by Selectman Wilson

In discussion, Selectman Coombs asked if the matter of the merging had been fully researched, and said he felt he could use more information. The course of action going forward was discussed, and whether it would need to go to the Planning Board.

Planning Board Chair Glenn Coppelman was asked about this and said that he did not think this was a Planning Board matter if the lots were involuntarily merged.

In favor: Wilson, Heitz, Briggs. Opposed: St. James. Abstain: Coombs; Motion passed.

Fire Station Building Committee updates

Mark Furlong, Chair of the Fire Station Building Committee, and Fire Chief Bill Seaman were present. Mr. Furlong said that the project is gaining momentum and the committee felt it was important to keep the Board up to date. He said the lot line adjustment on the property was approved, which was one of the last things needed prior to the October 7 closing.

Mr. Furlong said that they had met with SMP Architects in Concord to discuss the concept of the building, and they were pleased with the input from the committee. He said that the process of selecting a construction manager is moving along; a Request for Proposals has been sent out. These proposals are due next week and interviews will

follow. Mr. Furlong invited the Selectmen to join them at a September 9th meeting, starting at noon at the Fire House. This meeting will be open to the public except for deliberation on the applications received. They need to act on getting the construction firm up to speed and be able to create a warrant article.

Mr. Furlong explained the fees for the construction manager would be split into three parts: work done to take the project up to the vote, then work required to support taking next steps before the building is started, and finally the major fee will be the percentage of cost to take the project to completion.

Mr. Furlong said that there is one more vacancy on the committee, now that Chief Seaman is leaving. He added that as it is difficult for Selectman St. James to attend the meetings, maybe the Board would consider naming an alternate. He also said that they are losing their recording secretary, and invited any member of the public to consider stepping in to help. Mr. Furlong also said that an idea is to schedule a work session half way into the time frame, to include the Selectmen, the Historic District Commission, and any other boards that wish to have input.

It was decided that Selectman Briggs will attend the Building Committee meetings when Selectman St. James cannot.

Bresnahan Storage Facility project, tree removal issues

Charlie Zilch of SEC Engineering and Joe Bresnahan were present, along with Attorney Joe McKittrick of Hampton. Attorney McKittrick gave a brief overview of the current problems; he said that Mr. Bresnahan was notified verbally of the Town's decision to withhold permits until there is a plan to remediate over-cutting of trees on the property, but was not notified in writing. He said that the problem for Mr. Bresnahan now is that construction is scheduled, materials have been delivered and the crew is on standby. Atty. McKittrick said that he is here to make sure issues are resolved and construction can continue.

Mr. Bresnahan said that the company he hired started cutting trees on April 2. On July 10 he had a meeting with Town Engineer Dennis Quintal about areas that had been over-cut. He was told it would be okay if he brought in wood chips and planted trees. On July 12 he said Mr. Quintal verbally accepted this was done. He said that on August 6 Mr. Quintal made another site visit and wrote another report, but that he still has not gotten a copy of it. On August 9 he was issued a permit for the house on the property. He said he paid the impact fees for the project on August 14. Mr. Bresnahan said that the first he knew of this latest problem was when Mr. Zilch called him on August 16. He said that he was not invited to the next Planning Board meeting; on the 23rd he was notified that no more permits were to be issued. He said he had to call his suppliers to say there was a problem with the permit, but the buildings were already being delivered.

There was a lengthy discussion of the areas of trees in question. Selectman Briggs pointed out has nothing to do with the trees along 125, which was a separate incident in which trees were weakened by clearing of neighboring trees, and that the State and Unifil have flagged the weakened trees for removal. The newer problem is that large

areas of trees were cleared that were not meant to be cut, according to the site plan. Mr. Zilch said that one of the first tasks after the preconstruction meeting was to flag out the boundaries of the site. He said the woodcutter was showed the limited clearing area which was delineated with flags. He said that he thought the cutter would stop at the flags, but he did not, so now there was no way to visually verify the cutting limit, and it was exceeded.

Discussion continued on various details and how the large cleared area escaped notice. Mr. Bresnahan said he relied on what he thought was going on. Attorney McKittrick agreed with the Board that Mr. Bresnahan is responsible for the actions of his subcontractors. Selectman Coombs said that the plans for remediation are to fill in the areas with 6' replacement trees. Asked by Selectman St. James what Mr. Bresnahan proposed as a solution at this time, Mr. Bresnahan said that he would like permission to put up the five buildings he has underway, with the understanding that he will not receive a Certificate of Occupancy until the Town is satisfied with progress on the restoration plan that is now being agreed upon.

Selectman Wilson said that the bottom line is that there will be a plan to replace the trees, and once there is a price on that work, it will be seen if the balance of the bond will cover it. Planning Board Chairman Glenn Coppleman was included in the discussion, and said that as mature growth trees were removed, in order to make this right it would be appropriate to require more than the minimum standard for replacement tree size.

MOTION: by Selectman Wilson to issue the building permits, but hold the occupancy permits, and based on what is learned at the Board's next meeting about the tree planting cost, decide whether the bond will need to be increased.

Selectman Coombs asked that the motion read that the Town will issue building permits on the current five buildings, only Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project.

SECOND: by Selectman Briggs.

During discussion it was noted that some gas permits still need to be paid for as well, and that the Board will not do a site walk, but leave that to the Town Engineer.

In favor: Briggs, Coombs, St. James, Wilson. Abstain: Heitz. Motion passes.

Selectman Coombs apologized to Mr. Bresnahan for the communication errors, and said that he did not want to shut down the job but a lot of residents were very unhappy.

PUBLIC COMMENT I: Evelyn Nathan, Conservation Commission Chair, said she went on the initial site walk and Mr. Zilch assured her that people would not be able to see the buildings from Route 125. She said that two or three days later the site was clear cut. She said she was worried about the vernal pools, and wondered how to stop this from happening. Selectman Coombs said that the Town does not have the resources to watch what is going on, but has to take builders at their word.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jack's Towing, Business Occupancy permit

It was decided that Selectman Briggs will check with Town Planner Glenn Greenwood to see if he has any updates on this situation, then go to see that this matter (operating without a Business Occupancy permit) is rectified.

Request for refund of Vehicle Registration fee

Selectman Coombs said that after having a conversation with the Town Clerk, he did not see any way to allow a refund without setting a bad precedent. The prior decision of the Board, to deny the refund request, stands.

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Selectman Wilson reported on a **Conservation Commission** discussion about the Warrant Article that is written every year for control of milfoil in the ponds. He said the group that sponsors the article would like this funding to be added to the Town's budget, and any unused balance to go into the trust fund in case needed. Selectman St. James said that the Finance Officer should be consulted on whether this can be done.

Selectman St. James said that the **Budget Committee** needs new appointees and an organizational meeting, which he is trying to push to happen in September.

A memo from the **Planning Board** was read, informing the Board that Dan Parks was proposing a temporary curb cut onto Route 125. Selectman Coombs also reported that John's Truck and Auto was not heard on August 20 as it had not been properly noticed, but will be on the next possible meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE, APPLICATIONS, PURCHASE ORDERS

- A letter from a resident asking for a "No Dumping" sign was read. It was decided that posting a sign would be ineffective, but the matter will be referred to the police department for monitoring.
- A report from Danna Truslow on the All American Assisted Living well was reviewed.
- The appointment of a Forest Fire Warden was tabled until an interim Chief is chosen.
- An email from Robert Lefevre requesting support from the Board in a court case against John Ingalls had been received by Selectman Briggs. The Board agreed it would not be appropriate for the Town to get involved in a civil matter.
- Two appointments to the Museum Committee and one to the Budget Committee were set aside pending meeting the applicants. It was also agreed that the Budget Committee needs to meet to agree on their appointments before they come to this Board.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: by Selectman Coombs to approve the meeting minutes of August 12, 2019 with two corrections: the date in the heading, and the motion and second on the decision to hold a Public Hearing on Vintage Bazaar (Coombs, Briggs).

SECOND: by Selectman St. James.

In favor: Heitz, St. James, Coombs, Briggs, Wilson

MOTION: by Selectman Coombs to approve the non-public meeting minutes of August 12, 2019 with the correction of removing George Korn's name from the roll call vote.

SECOND: by Selectman Briggs.

In favor: Heitz, St. James, Coombs, Briggs, Wilson

Non-Public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Heitz, **SECOND** of Selectman Briggs, it was voted by roll call to adjourn to Non-Public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II (b): Personnel

In Favor: Heitz, Briggs, Coombs, St. James, Wilson; Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 10:10 PM.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Coombs, **SECOND** of Selectman Briggs, it was voted by roll call to return to public session at 11:05 PM.

In Favor: Heitz, Briggs, Coombs, St. James, Wilson; Motion passed.

MOTION: by Selectman Heitz to seal the non-public meeting minutes for an unspecified length of time, as the divulgence of the information would render an action ineffective.

SECOND: by Selectman Briggs.

In Favor: Heitz, Briggs, Coombs, St. James, Wilson; Motion passed.

Discussed in Non-Public Session:

Fire Department personnel.

Adjournment:

MOTION: by Selectman Coombs to adjourn at 11:12 PM.

SECOND: by Selectman Briggs.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ayer
Administrative Assistant