

MINUTES
Town of Bowdoinham
Select Board Meeting
January 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call the Meeting to Order & Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order and quorum established by Select Board Chair Peter Lewis at 5:30 p.m. Select Board members Peter Lewis, David Engler, Jeremy Cluchey, Judy Gray were present. Staff present included Town Manager Tom Woodin. Select Board member Tom Walling was absent.

2. Amendments to the Agenda – None

3. Approve Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes

1. November 12, 2019 (amended)
2. December 10, 2019 (with requested amendments)

B. Warrants and Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Warrant # 46 for \$ 384,521.66

C. Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department Report

On Motion of Engler/Gray the Board voted 3-0 to approve the Consent Calendar with the minutes of December 10, 2019 amended as discussed. Select Board member Jeremy Cluchey abstained.

4. Action Items

- A. Sign "Sweet Fern Lane" road approval form that was voted on and approved at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

The Board signed the road approval form for "Sweet Fern Lane" which was previously approved at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

- B. Adopt 2019/2020 General Assistance Appendices A-D & H

On motion of Engler/Cluchey the Board voted 4-0 to adopt 2019/2020 General Assistance Appendices A-D & H.

5. Discussion Items

- A. Yvette Meunier and Nick Watley of Topsham Solar Advocates discussed possible solar power usage in the town of Bowdoinham.
- B. Bryan Benson of the Recycling Barn and Erica Bayley of Casella discussed the increase in recycling rates.
- C. A building committee has been recommended by the Select Board for the proposed Town Office renovation project.

6. Town Manager's Report – The Manager stated that Peter Hall, the Town auditor, would like to attend the next Select Board meeting for a presentation on the June 30, 2019 audit.

Rob Duplisea, an assessor the Manager has worked with in the past, has agreed to attend the next Select Board meeting to do an assessing workshop.

7. Select Board Member's Request for Agenda Items for future meetings –
8. Announce Future Select Board Meetings
 - A. January 28th – Regular Meeting
 - B. February 11th – Regular Meeting
9. Comments from Select Board Members – Board member Jeremy Cluchey thanked the friends from Topsham Solar Advocates for their presentation.
10. Comments from the Public – A resident asked when solar power would start being used in Bowdoinham. Board Chair Peter Lewis stated that the Town is just in the beginning stages of looking into the use of solar power.
11. Executive Session(s)
 - A. Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1, Chapter 13, §405 (6) (F) for discussion of a Poverty Abatement request. This discussion is private and protected by State Statutes.

The Board convened in Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. A. Title 1, Chapter 13, §405 (6) (F) for a discussion of a Poverty Abatement request at 7:00 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

1. Any Action as a result of Executive Session –

No decision was made regarding personnel

The Select Board voted 4-0 to deny the poverty abatement request.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:21 p.m.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

Peter Lewis, Chair

David Engler, Vice-Chair

Jeremy Cluchey

Judith Gray

Absent

Thomas Walling

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Bate, Admin. Assistant