

Minutes
Town of Bowdoinham
Select Board Meeting
April 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 present were Peter Lewis, David Engler, Judy Gray, Jeremy Cluchey. Tom Walling joined the meeting at approximately 5:45. Staff present were Thomas Woodin and Finance Advisory Committee Chair Martin Szyndlowski.

2. Amendments to the Agenda

3. Approve Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes:

1. March 24, 2020

B. Warrants & Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Warrant # 64 & #65

2. Sagadahoc sheriff's Incident Report for March

3. Registrar of Voters report

After about a 15 minute delay clarifying the meeting links for the public on social media, the substance of the meeting began. On Motion of Engler and seconded by Gray. The Board approved the Consent Calendar 4-0. Tom Walling joined the meeting after the vote took place.

4. Action Items

5. Discussion Items

A. Budget presentation to the Selectmen Chairman of the Finance Advisory Committee. **(FAC Chair recommended budget that had been approved by the Committee, BOS took no vote on the budget. Town Manager introduced debt refinancing options that the BOS agreed would be discussed at the next meeting)**

B. Tax due date deadline **(After some discussion, due date remained May 1, 2020)**

C. LCI update on impact of corona virus on timelines. **(Email update had been forwarded to the BOS prior to the meeting. Installation timetable is being impacted by COVID19 social distancing requirements)**

D. Recycling Barn **(BOS asked that Bryan Benson attend the next meeting)**

E. Town meeting timeline (State primary is July 14, 2020)

On Motion of Lewis and seconded by Engler. The Board approved the date change to July 14, 2020 for the Town Meeting 5-0

6. Town Manager's Report **(Was discussed in refinancing options above in Discussions A)**

7. Select Board Member's Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Engler, suggested reviewing the camera footage may be helpful in identifying skate park vandals. Park was not closed due to vandalism. It was due to COVID19 health precautions. Review of the camera footage did not produce anything conclusive.

8. Announce Future Select Board Meetings

- A. April 28th Regular Meeting
- B. May 12th Regular Meeting

9. Comments from Select Board Members

Engler asked when are we talking about capital planning?

Lewis stated that he will schedule capital expense planning zoom mtg.

Woodin recommended that we discuss previously foreclosed on properties at the next meeting. Some of it is as old as 10 years ago. Town Attorney Leah Rachin will attend to answer questions. (Discuss options and liabilities)

Walling suggested improved links for zoom meetings.

10. Comments from the public

Seth Berry suggested that this is a good year to tuck away money into reserves if possible in anticipation of likely State revenue shortfalls. He was pleased to hear preliminary county and school budgets have relatively small increases at this time. He provided some educational links below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/130OkVlaB3iuuoE0uiKYW5CGHvpfztwAdHbRM/MYA0apQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Sagadahoc area resources related to COVID-19 needs

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-3WhZMMuYIVlet7h1RmBbnkAeb1fxVITtMZFCmR4KKM/edit?usp=sharing>

Linda Jariz asked what was the Waldo Committee action looking for?

Their request will be discussed at the 4.28.20 meeting.

She also mentioned that the food pantry has had a spike in homes needing help due to COVID19..

11. Executive session

12. Adjourn

Adjournment was at 7:09 p.m.

Select Board

Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

Peter Lewis, Chair

David Engler, Vice-Chair

Jeremy Cluchey

Judith Gray

Thomas Walling