

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall**



Present: Ed Boscher, Gail Gramarossa, Jen D. Turner, Brenda Q. Aldrich, Nicholas O'Connor

Call to Order: Chairman Boscher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Sign Documents :

- a) Warrant #2013 was signed for \$2,286,845.46 bringing the fiscal year to date total to \$17,377,196.08.
- b) Routine documents
- c) Approval of Minutes: Mr. O'Connor moved the Board accept the minutes of September 7, 2019. Motion seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Motion passes 5 – 0. Ms. Turner moved to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular session and executive session. Motion seconded by Ms. Gramarossa. Motion passes 4 – yes, 1 – abstain (O'Connor).

3) Additions to the Agenda:

4) Appearances Before the Board:

- 7:05 p.m. Pole Hearing #2020-1, Continuance – Maple Street and State Street: Ms. Turner read the public hearing notice. Mandy Patenaude from National Grid was present for the hearing. This is a massDOT road improvement project that requires National Grid and Verizon to relocate some poles and install some new anchor poles.

Jim Kehrer from National Grid commented that it is a State project consisting of road widening, side-walk improvements which requires the necessary relocation of poles

Carol Mierzewski of 35 Maple Street asked to clarify the legend on the map to see if the pole is going to be in her front porch or if it is even going to be moved at all. Her question is in regards to pole #8. Mr. Kehrer confirmed that pole is not being moved at all. She also questioned pole #9 which will be moved back 6 ft. towards her house. It will be within the street limits – it will not be on private property.

Julia Duprey of 55 Maple Street also had questions as that pole is also being moved 6 ft. She wanted confirmation that it would not be on her property. Mr. Kehrer commented that it would not be. It will be within the legal right of way limits of that road. It will be closer to her house but not on her property.

Jim Kehrer questioned if there was anyone from the State present for the hearing as it is their project. It was confirmed there was not anyone from the State present.

Mr. Boscher questioned Mr. Brougham as to the Town's options as the resident feels the pole is going to be in her property. He questioned if the Board should continue the hearing and wait to hear back from the State. Mr. Brougham stated the Board could continue the hearing and ask someone from massDOT or National Grid to meet with the homeowner to clarify where the property line is and report at which time the Board can vote to close the hearing and if appropriate grant the petition.

Mr. Kehrer commented that once massDOT approves the project they typically go out and stake the location of each pole. It is not Verizon or National Grid that does it. Ms. Patenaude added that massDOT goes by strict design. The State highway normally has quite a bit of take so even beyond the sidewalk on the grassy area that could still be State property that they can use. In many cases, people think they own right up to the street line and that is not correct.

Mr. O'Connor questioned if the Board should be approving a pole that isn't staked yet. Mr. Brougham confirmed the address of Ms. Duprey as being 55 Maple Street. He indicated that the map of the project shows the pole being relocated well within the right of way – its pole #13. He further commented that it's probably the pole that provides power to her house.

Mr. Boscher questioned what Ms. Duprey would like to see happen. She didn't know enough to be able to ask the right questions. Mr. Brougham questioned if she would like to have someone meet with her at her location to get a better understanding of what is happening. Mr. Brougham recommended the Board continue the hearing for two weeks in order for someone to meet with the homeowner. It will have to be someone from massDOT.

Mr. O'Connor moved the Board continue the pole hearing until October 7th at 7:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Ms. Turner. Motion passes 5 – 0.

5) Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Boscher asked the Board to take the agenda out of order and move Item J to the top of the agenda. The Board agreed.

- a. Discuss Full-Time Veterans' Agent vs. Veterans' District: Mr. Boscher reminded everyone that Ray Janke, Veterans' Agent is retiring and because he's done such a good job, we have to look at other types of methods of how to approach that position. After the opening was announced the town received letters from two different communities about joining forces for a veterans' agent district. The Board heard Mr. Janke say he was very opposed to the town becoming part of a district. He's had discussions with the town administrator regarding the concept of a veterans' agent district.

Ms. Aldrich – Before the conversation goes any further she vehemently feels it would be a bad mistake for the town to become part of a district. Her personal experience with the town of Pelham, which is part of a district, was awful. She came to Mr. Janke for his help with her mother-in-law. Mr. Boscher totally understands but it's the Board's responsibility to consider all options. She commented it would be such a disservice to our veterans in town if we moved to a district.

Mr. Brougham presented information as to how we came to having our own veterans' agent rather than joining a district. There was a citizen's petition for the annual town meeting in 2005 to change from a part-time veterans' agent to a full-time one. The petition passed overwhelmingly. The Selectmen at the time then formed a committee to study whether the town should have its own veterans' agent or join a district. The committee reported that in their opinion a full-time agent was in the best interest of the town. We also had the opportunity to join a district but on the recommendation of the committee, the Board of Selectmen moved forward to create a full-time veterans' agent position. The position eventually became 40 hours at which time the town hired Mr. Janke. He has confirmed his retirement with the town.

The position was advertised and very quickly, the town administrator received a letter from the City of Northampton offering Belchertown to join their veterans' district, which includes many of the hill towns. Several days later, a similar letter was received from the town manager in Palmer offering Belchertown to join a district with Palmer. He currently feels we are doing the best service possible for our veterans' here in town but didn't feel he should ignore those offers to join a district.

Mr. Boscher moved the town continue with a separate and distinct Belchertown Veterans' Agent and forego the veterans' agent district process. Motion seconded by Ms. Aldrich. Mr. O'Connor felt this was a good discussion as transparency is a good thing but in his opinion, it would be a step backwards to join a district. There is a large veteran population here in town. Our veterans' agent is getting the maximum money allowed back to the town and it wouldn't be right to go backwards. Ms. Gramarossa agreed. She appreciates the offers from neighboring towns but we have the best option for Belchertown now. Ms. Aldrich reiterated that with her mother-in-law they went to her district veterans' agent and did not receive the help as they are stretched so thin. Mr. Boscher thanked Mr. Janke again for all his hard work and hopes to find someone as dedicated. Mr. Boscher called for a vote. Motion passes 5- 0.

- b. Endorse DHCD Letter: Ms. Gramarossa presented the details to the Board. It is a great opportunity to look at requesting funding to help with the necessary improvements to Sportshaven Mobile Home Park. Ms. Gramarossa moved the Board endorse the DHCD letter for funding in the area of one million dollars. Ms. Aldrich amended the motion to have only the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

endorse the DHCD letter. Mr. O'Connor seconded by amended motion. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- c. Accept Resignation from Meals Driver: The Board accepted the resignation of Laura Latter as the Meals on Wheels Driver. Her last day will be September 26, 2019. A letter will be sent to Ms. Latter thanking her for her service to the town.
- d. Appointment of Senior Center Aide: Per the recommendation of Jessica Langlois, Executive Director of the Council on Aging, Ms. Gramarossa moved the Board appoint Laurie Moriarty to the position of Senior Center Aide, effective immediately pending the CORI outcome. Motion seconded by Ms. Turner. Motion passes 5 – 0.
- e. Appointment of Highway Division Foreman: Mr. Boscher presented the details to the Board. Steve Williams, Director of Public Works has sent a letter recommending Roland Chagnon be appointed as the DPW Highway Foreman, effective immediately. Mr. Boscher felt like this was a promotion and asked the town administrator for additional information. He questioned why the employee was getting a promotion. Mr. Brougham explained that recently the DPW Highway Foreman retired and Mr. Chagnon would be filling this vacancy. Following protocol we did an internal posting, several employees applied for that position, and Mr. Chagnon was determined to be the most qualified for it. He explained Mr. Chagnon's qualifications and feels he could move into a higher-level supervisory position in the future.

Mr. Boscher feels that for promotions as opposed to appointments it would be helpful to have more background on the employee. Mr. Boscher moved the Board appoint Roland Chagnon as the Highway Division Foreman, effective immediately. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0.

- f. Appointment of Members to Veterans' Agent Search Committee: Mr. Boscher presented the details. Six letters of interest were received including one from Mr. Janke. Mr. Boscher questioned how Mr. Janke would feel if it were a five-member search committee with Mr. Janke being a part of it but informally. Mr. Janke was okay with that decision. He can offer his insight into the job and any clarification that may be needed. Mr. Boscher also would like Mr. Janke to be available the nights of the interviews to help ask the correct questions.

Mr. O'Connor feels it is critical to have an odd number of individuals on the search committee. He also feels Mr. Janke should be a consultant to the committee

Mr. Boscher moved to appoint the following individuals to the Veterans' Agent Search Committee - Kathy Wood, Vincent Viglione, Janet Jourdain, Keith Poulin, and Edward Okseniak; Ray Janke as ex-officio with terms to expire at final report. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passes 5 – 0. Mr. Brougham will also work with the committee.

- g. Review Planning Board's Application for Special Permit/Accessory Apartment – Ryzic, Map 229, Lot 3.01, Old Bay Road: Ms. Turner presented the details to the Board. The board received an application for the approval of an accessory apartment at an existing residence. It is a tiny home on wheels.

Mr. Boscher has looked at the application and indicated it falls outside normal variance requests. Homes on wheels are considered mobile homes with a different set of guidelines.

Mr. O'Connor commented this is not an accessory apartment. Mr. Brougham commented that we received the special permit application from the Planning Board looking for comments and the next one is from the Zoning Board of Appeals looking for a variance. After reviewing the special request from the planning board, he started looking at the ZBA request and realized they were submitted by the same applicant. The accessory apartment is in fact a tiny home on wheels, and does not really fit the definition of an attached accessory apartment. The ZBA application is seeking a setback for a wetland for a home that has not been built. This is the home that they are seeking the permit for the accessory apartment. It is puzzling and very concerning.

Ms. Gramarossa mentioned if you are talking about proximity to wetlands then the Conservation Commission needs to be involved. If it actually qualifies as a mobile home then the Board of Health needs to be involved. The planning board public hearing will be on October 8th but it sounds like other multiple parts of government need to be involved.

Ms. Aldrich mentioned that Hadley has banned these tiny homes because of sewer hook-ups. Mr. O'Connor commented this is a little different as the tiny house in Hadley was actually a structure not on wheels.

Mr. O'Connor doesn't think that the planning board can move forward without the ZBA reviewing their application. Comments back to the planning board should indicate the Board is very concerned about this.

Mr. Boscher commented the Board should send a letter back to the Planning Board indicating there isn't anything to approve. The Board is very concerned about the house on wheels and questioned if they are going to categorize it properly. Conservation and the Board of Health also need to be consulted. Mr. Brougham commented it is a very wet site that is compromised because of beavers. He explained the regulations for an accessory apartment. The town administrator will send a letter to both the planning board and zoning board of appeals expressing their concerns.

- h. Review Zoning Board of Appeal's Application for Variance – Ryznic, Map 229, Lot 3.01, Old Bay Road: See above discussion item. The town administrator will send a letter expressing the concerns of the Board of Selectmen.
- i. Review Zoning Board of Appeal's Application for Special Permit Application – Ernest, Pelham Road: Mr. Brougham presented the details to the Board. The applicant is seeking permission to build a duplex in an area where there are other duplexes. The site has town water and town sewer. He feels it is a good use of the available lot. He would ask the ZBA to pay attention to any abutter concerns.

Ms. Gramarossa appreciates that it is ADA complaint.

The Board supports the application with the condition that abutter concerns are addressed.

- j. Implementation of Kronos Time and Attendance Program: Present for this discussion was Brian Cameron, School Superintendent and Jill Panto, Town Accountant. Ms. Panto briefed the Board about the program. Ms. Panto provided an overview to the Board of how the paper payroll system currently works. She reported that in FY20 funds were put in the budget to purchase a system to streamline the payroll process. Mr. Boscher asked for confirmation that the 900+ employees payroll is all done by paper. He was told it is.

Ms. Panton reported that they are on the discovery phase with Kronos. The software will interact with the school department's software that they currently use as well as MUNIS which is used by the town and the school department. She is looking for a little direction in policy and procedure clarification as to what the Board's preference is. She explained how the hourly employees are writing their hours on a time slip, the supervisor approves it and then is turned into her office. We can continue where the employee logs into the Kronos system that will flow to their supervisor and will then go to her office. The other option is to have the employee log into the system each day that will automatically plug them in for their time on each day. The supervisors will have the ability to adjust time if needed.

Mr. O'Connor is familiar with the Kronos system. He questioned if any workers have clocks that they will be using. DPW will be using them as they already have them. He commented that with having the clocks they don't have to actually log into the Kronos system. The clocks will electronically send the time out. He further explained that hourly employees go in every day and put their time in and out while salaried employees only go in to put their time that they are off. Mr. Boscher questioned if the system that Ms. Panto is proposing can do the same thing. He was told that it could.

Ms. Panto's questioned if the hourly employees are going to go in at the end of the week and record their time, or will they go in on a daily basis logging their time in and out. Ms. Gramarossa questioned if employees can log in remotely if they have to be off site at the beginning of a day. She was told they could. Mr. O'Connor questioned if it would just be a punch in at the beginning and then the end of the day. Ms. Panto also reported there is also lunch's taken so there will be a lot of punch in/out. Ms. Gramarossa questioned if any department heads had a preference.

Mr. Boscher asked Superintendent Cameron if he had any questions or concerns. He has many questions on the school side event though Jill and Kim have been great about answering questions. They are process questions – does it talk to their current systems, which they were told it does. He is all for getting rid of the paper

– he is just trying to figure out the details. The school hourly employees do a time sheet every day and leave it in the office. Every two weeks the principal reviews them, signs off on them and sends them up to payroll.

Mr. Boscher questioned how long it would take to answer the school's questions. Ms. Panto responded that it is her understanding the two systems will interface. She thinks it will be simpler for the supervisor to have it electronically. Teachers would only report personal time taken, as they are salaried. Hourly employees for the school would include paraprofessionals, food service, maintenance, secretaries. Ms. Gramarossa questioned if it was the hope that the policy is across the board for the schools and the town side. She was told it is. Superintendent Cameron said that technically some employees don't get holiday pay but because they are annualized, it looks like they do so they can't have holiday on the time slip. He also noted that it is in negotiation on the school side.

Mr. O'Connor feels we need to have a discussion with the vendor to answer some of these questions. Ms. Panto reported that Kronos would accommodate whichever process the town wants to go with. She feels the Board of Selectmen needs to be the one to say we want people to sign in and out every day for accountability or that we want people to provide their time electronically in the same way they were but electronically. Ms. Aldrich feels it should be done daily, as it's fresh in everyone's mind. Mr. O'Connor was in agreement with his only concern being the lunchtime.

Superintendent Cameron commented that not every school department personnel have a computer. Employees will likely not want to use their personal devices to log in and out. He did agree it would be easier to go electronically instead of using paper but as not every paraprofessional or food service person has access so would a bank of computers be necessary for those types of employees. Mr. Boscher advocates for trying it out for a little while and see what kind of feedback is given from the employees. Mr. O'Connor responded that trying it one-way and coming back to make changes might affect the way the software is set up. It was confirmed for Ms. Gramarossa that Kronos would be involved with the training.

Ben Adamson, data administrator for the school department, looked at these solutions several years ago and one potential downside to trying and changing their decision is that there is a significant amount of hardware that needs to be purchased. Their employees would prefer the clocks to clock in and out as opposed to their workstation. He thinks it would be easier to start with electronic time sheets and time clocks later. In addition, time clocks have not been budgeted for in this year's budget.

Mr. O'Connor feels there are two things to look at; one being what is the policy going to look like – it needs to be dictated on what is available as a tool for it. A discussion will be needed around personal devices, access to kiosks or time clocks

as there needs to be a way for the employees to record their time and he does not believe they will use their personal devices.

Ms. Panto commented that she's hearing the Board's preference is to fill in their time sheet vs logging in. Mr. O'Connor's preference is to clock in but they are not available so it's not an option. She corrected him saying she means logging in and not clocking in. He does think employees should record their time daily and not every two weeks.

Ms. Panto confirmed there would be no real time in regards to time at this point. She questioned salaried and annualized employees if the Board is okay with the standard preset, 40 hour or whatever the employee's hours are and then they will plug in their exceptions.

The timing for implementation is around March 1, 2020 with tweaks happening in the next few months following that. Hopefully everything is up and running with no trouble July 1, 2020.

The town administrator reminded everyone that Jill and her staff as well as Lisa Banner and her staff are currently managing 700 or more payroll accounts. They don't always receive material in a timely manner and sometimes there are omissions and errors that create extra work. It was the primary reason for moving forward with updating how we do payroll. He feels that ultimately, a policy needs to be created and he does not have the authority to create policy as it is up to the Board of Selectmen. Our labor attorney advised that if written time sheets are currently being submitted and are being asked to do electronic time it is not subject to collective bargaining. If they were previously not asked to provide any kind of time sheet or submittal, it would be different. The only time it would be different is if there was anything in any collective bargaining unit agreement. Mr. O'Connor reiterated the town administrator's remarks to make sure he understood what town counsel had reported to the town.

Ms. Panto reported that hourly employees who work at a desk can log in and DPW workers will clock in. She will have to work with the school department regarding their employees and how they will be accountable for their time. A tool will need to be provided for the employees who do not have computer access or where there is no time clock available.

The Board can't set a policy tonight but they have given the town accountant a direction to go in. Mr. Boscher again commented hours she be done daily and not every two weeks.

- k. Set Public Hearing Date for Change of Ownership Interest and Change of Manager – Village Package Store, Federal Street: Mr. Boscher reported a public hearing date needs to be set for the change of ownership and a change of manager. The Board agreed to a public hearing date of October 21, 2019.
- l. Miscellaneous Matters:

- 6) **Town Administrator's Report:** He spent most of the weekend on the town common for the Fair. He did comment that the teamwork between the public safety departments, the Fair Committee, the water department and the DPW is phenomenal.
- 7) **Review of Weekly Mail:** Mr. Boscher questioned the piece of mail about the trees falling down on Metacomet Street. It looks like they are causing some damage. He asked the town administrator to have the director of public works look a little closer at the situation. Mr. Brougham replied that the letter has been sent to the tree warden. Mr. Boscher thinks if the tree is as bad as the letter makes it sound, it should come down sooner rather than later.

He also mentioned the letter about the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons. It was discussed at a town meeting and will need to be added to a selectmen's agenda. It can possibly go on the agenda for October 7th.

8) **Individual Board Members' Reports:**

Ms. Aldrich: Thanked everyone for their work with the Fair. She felt this year's parade had the biggest crowd. The town looks great this morning – clean-up was fantastic.

She has a couple of meetings coming up. She and the town administrator met with the firefighter's union and that is going well. They will meet with them again this week.

Ms. Gramarossa: She echoed her thanks to the Fair Committee. She gave a special shout out to the folks who do the exhibit hall. She thanked all the adults who submitted their baked goods that she got to judge.

Thursday night is the Solarize Mass project. Northeast Solar is the installer and it will be the night to meet the installer. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at Lawrence Memorial Hall. There will most likely be additional meet the installer meetings in the future.

Belchertown and several other communities are looking at some funding from the Department of Public Health under the Healthy Aging Grant. It looks like there will be another grant in January with the Tufts foundation.

Mr. O'Connor: The new fire truck was delivered this weekend. He saw it Friday night. It is pretty impressive.

He thanked our legislators who marched in the parade this year.

He met with the new recreation committee last Wednesday. The recreation director and conservation administrator have worked together to stake out the disc golf course. Pathfinder is going to come out and do the clearing work. They want to do it in the winter, as it is easier to do it then.

A person from the Recreation Department was appointed to the Friends of the Recreation Committee. Chris Shea is taking on that role. Steve Corbin will be the recreation committee representative on the Community Preservation Committee.

He received a letter from Lori Allen at the Family Center that he read to the Board. It was an update on the ongoing activities at the Family Center. Ms. Aldrich commented that this summer there was a family in town struggling, and Lori Allen from the Family Center took up a collection. She was overwhelmed by the love and support the community showed this family. This is what the family center is there for.

Ms. Turner: The Cultural Council grant cycle is open. It closes on October 15th. The Belchertown Cultural Council received increased funding this year from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Funding went from \$6,500 to \$8,600. The Cultural Council is available to help fill out the grant paperwork.

She has had questions about the paving of Carriage Drive. The town was waiting for a review on the intersection. Final paving will be done in a month but the road won't be open until town meeting. Mr. Brougham commented the base coat of bituminous is down but the top coat is not down pending some adjustments. Mr. O'Connor commented we couldn't open Carriage Drive until town meeting votes on it. Mr. Brougham replied that the town is holding off opening it intentionally with the concerns about the intersection of Carriage Drive and Jackson Street. Ms. Aldrich has spoken with Steve Williams about it and he told her that Tighe and Bond is doing a review on that intersection.

Mr. O'Connor questioned if there is paving going on at the upper part of Jackson Street. Mr. Brougham is not aware of any paving going on for Jackson Street. It could be on the list for paving but he is not aware of it.

Ms. Turner also had a meeting with Claire O'Neill from Mass Development and the town planner to discuss the new charge for Economic Development about economic development. Ms. O'Neill brought up grant opportunities for Main Street districts that are coming up at the end of October. Ms. Turner is thinking about parking around the common and entrances to the community. They are going to try to set up some meetings with Quaboag Valley CDC and PVPC and some other kind of things.

Mr. Boscher: He thanked the town administrator and the fire chief for getting him the emergency preparedness plan that was last updated in 2011. He will be reviewing it with the town administrator and the fire chief.

He has started to put together the skeleton draft for the succession plan. He will be reaching out to Ms. Turner shortly so that they can come before the Board with a draft.

He met with the finance committee at this Board's direction. The Board's initial proposal will not fly with that group. That committee is asking why the selectmen are looking to take a more active role in the budget process and what is wrong with the

way it is currently done. He asked for the Board's thoughts as to what they are looking to accomplish.

Ms. Aldrich feels the point has been made that the Board under the guidance of the town administrator and the town accountant see what the needs are for the town on a daily basis. They see the capital needs and daily needs, which is why she feels the Board needs to take more interest in what they see and not debate whether they need a new police car or radio. Mr. O'Connor agreed. The Board is elected to represent the taxpayers in town while the finance committee is appointed. They are supervisory and should have some financial background. He does feel the board and the finance committee has done a lot of great work over the past three years. He feels it is less about a finance committee issue and more about a board of selectmen issue. This board is much more engaged on what is going on in town. It ultimately is the board of selectmen's responsibility but it has been deferred to the finance committee. He gets many questions about appearances of conflict across the board. Those appearances can be damaging to the process and feels the board needs to be careful of that. If a spouse or family member is, getting a salary from the town the finance committee member or whomever should recuse himself or herself from that discussion. The Board of Selectmen should be doing more – they are the representatives of the town.

Ms. Aldrich commented that each board member has liaison duties and attend those meetings every month so they see the needs of all the departments. The board knows the backgrounds and when the budget is presented to the finance committee, that committee does not have the background. Mr. O'Connor agreed. They are not plugged in the same way the board members are. He was very uncomfortable around some of the conversations last year with the school budget as to why certain teachers were needed or why a counselor was needed.

Ms. Gramarossa would appreciate more clarity and more discussion about who is playing what role. She agreed that we rely on department heads on when they propose their budgets. She does want the advice of the finance committee and agreed that the board needs to be conscious of any conflict of interest. She wants to go forward with the budget next year knowing what everyone's role is in the process. Mr. O'Connor commented that the primary responsibility of the finance committee is to advise town meeting.

Mr. Boscher will meet with the finance committee and discuss the board's comments with them. He also informed the board that the finance committee had commented that typically these budget meetings are held on a Tuesday night. Now that the board is moving to weekly meetings, he thinks this is a big drain on time of the board members and it might cause some conflict. He feels it will require compromise on both sides. He also has concerns that if department heads come to a selectmen's Monday night meeting are they going to go to a finance committee meeting on a Tuesday evening. Mr. O'Connor is happy to have some compromises with the finance committee but at the end of the day, the buck stops with the board of selectmen. Mr. Boscher will raise the concerns that the board of selectmen has with the finance

committee. He will see about having a meeting with the finance committee and board of selectmen to discuss the situation.

***Mr. Brougham commented that the town meeting authorized the town to purchase a new fire truck. It was delivered on Friday. The DPW truck has also been delivered. Several less significant items have already been in use. We were lucky to receive some green communities' money for the boiler at the high school. The bond money will be directed to another heating system. We are nearly complete drawing down that bond money. The new senior center van is outstanding. Friends of the council on aging delivered \$37,000 of money that they raised as a down payment. The van has been ordered.

It is the opinion of Mr. Boscher that the finance committee should be able to ask whatever question they want. He will work on schedule a date with them to meet.

The town fair was amazing as usual.

9) **Questions from the Press:** Mr. Hill from *The Sentinel* questioned the spelling of names on the Veterans' Agent Search Committee. The information was provided to him.

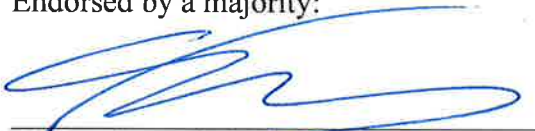
10) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

Board approved/endorsed: 10/28/19

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Endorsed by a majority:



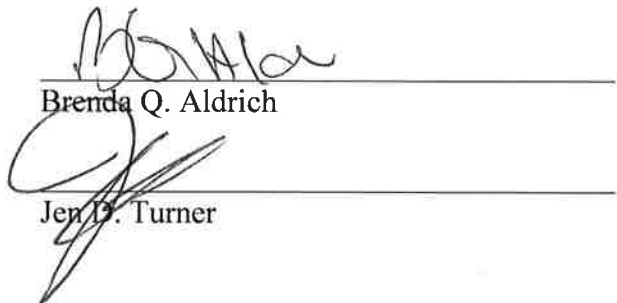
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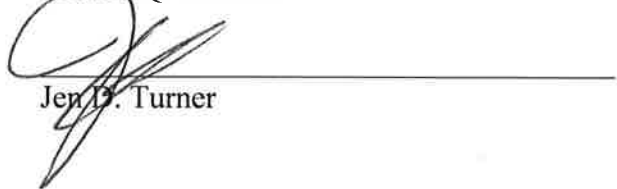
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