

**Town of Greenville
Board of Selectmen
Minutes – June 26, 2019**

Call to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 46 Main Street, Greenville at 3:30 p.m. Present: Chairperson Carla Mary, Selectmen Doug Reardon and Margaret Bickford, and Town Administrator Tara Sousa.

Meet with Rick Miller Re: Solar Exemption Warrant Article

The Selectmen met with Rick Miller, of Dunster Hill Road, regarding his interest in obtaining solar panels for his home, and a request that the Board consider putting forward a warrant article next year to exempt some or all of the assessed value of solar panels. Mr. Miller had submitted the applicable statutes, as well as examples of exemptions adopted by other NH communities, which the Selectmen reviewed. Mr. Miller discussed wanting to consider all factors in deciding whether to install solar at his home, such as cost and return on investment, and that the anticipated increase in assessed value was a concern. The Town Administrator provided data regarding the current town wide assessment of solar panels, which is limited to 5 properties generating \$2,712 in property tax revenue. She explained different methods for this type of exemption, such as total assessed value, or a maximum exempt value such as \$20K or \$25K. She recommended, if pursued at all, a maximum value exemption, which would allow for some tax revenue on larger residential or potential future commercial arrays. Chairperson Mary expressed that an exemption could encourage solar and be a good thing for the Town. Selectman Reardon discussed that with existing federal tax rebates, he was unsure if he would support a local exemption. Chairperson Mary and Selectwoman Bickford expressed their support for some level of exemption, and discussed the possibility of a public hearing to get feedback on the type and amount of exemption. The Board agreed they would revisit the matter when warrant articles were being drafted for the 2020 Town Meeting.

Old Business:

3rd of July Vendor/Parade Documents

The Town Administrator asked that the Selectmen officially accept the 3rd of July vendor/parade documents reviewed at the last meeting, noting particular public concern over the prohibition of candy being thrown from floats/vehicles. Chairperson Mary stated that the change was due to safety concerns.

Motion by Selectman Reardon, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to accept the 3rd of July Parade Rules and Vendor Application as presented.

Motion carried with 3 in favor, none opposed.

Bernard Leblanc, of Pleasant Street, expressed agreement with the change, noting “scary” moments over the years with children running out toward vehicles to get the candy.

Response Re: Redevelopment of Pleasant Street Park

The Selectmen reviewed a response from Town Attorney Biron Bedard regarding Building Inspector Scott Tenney’s analysis of the use (conforming or non-conforming) of the former Pleasant Street Park, wherein Atty. Bedard explains that, due to previous zoning changes, any existing manufactured housing park can only be a non-conforming use. Per Section 3.4 of the Zoning Ordinance, non-conforming uses discontinued for more than one year may not be resumed. Though placement of a single mobile appears

to be allowed by zoning, he questioned the issuance of the permit absent an analysis of the proper preservation of the non-conforming use. The Selectmen assured Mr. Leblanc that this information had been forwarded to Mr. Tenney, and no additional permits would be issued until the matter was addressed by the ZBA, if the owner of the property in question chose to appeal the administrative decision or seek a variance.

Mr. Leblanc asked the Selectmen if they would like him to do the finish on the conference table, which they agreed they would. The Selectmen thanked him for his beautiful restoration work. Chairperson Mary suggested that they obtain an engraved plate to acknowledge his gift of service to the Town.

New Business:

3rd of July Fireworks Permit

The Town Administrator informed the Board of an issue with the issuance of the 3rd of July fireworks permit, due to the larger shells to be utilized by our new vendor. The Selectmen reviewed an email from Rob Jacobs at JPI Pyrotechnics, that explained despite efforts to allay the concerns of the Fire Inspector, it was determined the best course of action was to close the Pool House, including the rest rooms, for the duration of the event. Mr. Jacobs offered to absorb the cost of porta-potties via a reduction of JPI's contract fee. The Selectmen agreed this was a satisfactory resolution. Mr. Jacobs' email also explained an opportunity to have a child be chosen to start the fireworks with the press of a button. The Selectmen agreed that a free raffle could be done at the event to determine a winner of this honor. Specifics of the layout of the parking lot and field area were discussed.

Audit Management Letter for Review and Signature

The Selectmen reviewed the audit management letter for submission to Roberts & Greene, which finalizes the 2018 audit. The Selectmen signed the letter.

Deeding Delays

The Selectmen reviewed an email from Attorney Bedard, which discussed his delay in recording tax deeds which had been forwarded by the Tax Collector. Due to the need for eviction proceedings, he felt a cleaner process would be to roll back the tax deeding (in the Avitar tax collection software), and pursue deeding when the 2018 liens are completed. The Selectmen agreed to roll back the deeding process from earlier this year. Chairperson Mary wanted the Tax Collector to provide a deed list as soon as possible.

Avitar Abatement Response: Baer (Map 6 Lot 13)

The Selectmen reviewed Evan Roberge's response to an abatement filed by Sandi Jean Baer for 5 Hubbard Hill Road (Map 6 Lot 13).

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to accept Avitar's abatement recommendation to approve a reduction of the 2018 assessed value from \$202,700 to \$164,600.
Motion carried with 3 in favor, none opposed.

Letter from Senator Levesque Re: State Budget

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Senator Melanie Levesque regarding the State's biennium budget, indicating if the State Senate's budget is approved by the Governor, Greenville will see unrestricted revenue redistribution and additional education funding of \$618,191 over the 2020-2021 biennium.

Non-public Pursuant to 91-a:3,II(c)

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to enter non-public session pursuant to 91-a:3,II(c) at 4:23 p.m.

Motion carried by roll call vote, with 3 in favor, none opposed. C. Mary, yes; D. Reardon, yes; M. Bickford, yes.

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed a letter from Fire Chief Charles Buttrick requesting that the Selectmen reconsider the driving privileges of a volunteer fire-fighter.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to allow fire department driving privileges for the requested department member upon satisfactory review of the past two years of his driving record.

Motion carried with 3 in favor, none opposed.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to reenter public session at 4:27 p.m.

Motion carried by roll call vote, with 3 in favor, none opposed. C. Mary, yes; D. Reardon, yes; M. Bickford, yes.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to enter non-public session pursuant to 91-a:3,II(c) at 4:27 p.m.

Motion carried by roll call vote, with 3 in favor, none opposed. C. Mary, yes; D. Reardon, yes; M. Bickford, yes.

The Town Administrator notified the Selectmen of the payoff of a resident's tax payment arrangement. The Selectmen agree to forgo calculation of any additional fees or interest, as abatement of a portion of interest is a standard part of other executed tax payment arrangements.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to reenter public session at 4:29 p.m.

Motion carried by roll call vote, with 3 in favor, none opposed. C. Mary, yes; D. Reardon, yes; M. Bickford, yes.

The Selectmen met with Scott Tenney to review the previously discussed response by Town Counsel regarding the former Pleasant Street Park. Mr. Tenney noted he had been forwarded that communication by the Town Administrator, and concurred that given Atty Bedard's analysis, he would not issue any additional permits, and would notify the owner of that determination. Mr. Tenney updated the Board on recent Planning Board meetings.

Signature Folder

The Selectmen:


- Reviewed, discussed, and approved the minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved check manifests for accounts payable and payroll.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Raffle Permits: Town, Beautification.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Purchase Orders: Fire Departments.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved/denied Tax Exemptions.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Pay Rate: Boulerville.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved W/S Abatement: Firehouse Realty Trust.

Motion by Chairperson Mary, 2nd by Selectman Reardon, to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m.
Motion carried with 3 in favor, none opposed.

Submitted by: Tara Sousa/Town Administrator

Approved by:

Carla C. Mary/Chairperson



Douglas A. Reardon/Selectman



Margaret Bickford/Selectwoman