

May 28, 2019

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 5:30 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Jerry D. Smith and Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Members of Council. Absent: Michael J. Buysse, Councilman. Also present: Caleb Cook, Scott Smith, Highway Superintendent, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and handed the floor over to Caleb Cook, who was present to give a presentation on the bottle sorting house that he is replacing at the Transfer Station as his Senior Project.

Caleb said his plans for the style of the bottle house has changed, he said the design has been changed to be eight feet wide and to attach it to the end of the storage building there now. He said this would make it easier for clearing snow away in the winter. He said it would still have 3 compartments for sorting.

Mr. Wilson said this new design would also allow increased storage space. He said he has told Caleb the Town can help when he is ready to dispose of the old bottle house. He also said that Caleb has found funding for this project.

Resolution No. 143 – 19

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board give authorization to Caleb Cook to move forward with his new design. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

Mr. Wilson asked Caleb to co-ordinate with the organization currently collecting the bottles with the timing of the disposal of the old bottle house and the construction of the new one.

Mr. Wilson shared letters of interest with the Board from individuals wishing to be appointed to the Steering Committee for the Master Planning. He said he had 10 letters of interest saying the hard part was going to be how to pick 4.

Mr. Biesemeyer said a system that has been used in the past is for each member to read the letters and make a selection of 4.

The Board had read all the letters and each member selected their 4 applicants, the successful applicants were:

- Jim Bernard
- Carolyn Peterson
- Kristy Farrell
- John Hudson

The runner up and alternate will be Fritz Sabbow.

Mr. Wilson said he will confirm these appointments with the 4 successful applicants.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen pointed out that some of the other applicants had areas they were interested in and could serve on certain committees within the Steering Committee.

Mr. Wilson said he would work on picking a date for the initial meeting.

Mr. Wilson said that Ms. Cheetham-Palen and Mr. Biesemeyer had shown interest in being the Town Board Members on the Committee; Everyone was in agreement to these appointments.

Mr. Wilson said that Ryan Hall had an equipment request to discuss.

Mr. Hall said that he is interested in purchasing a new mower for the cemetery, he said they are currently using residential mowers that frequently break down. He said he has gotten 3 quotes on commercial grade mowers on state contract, the lowest being a Ferris Mower from Samples Lawn and Garden at \$5,075 state contract.

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Mr. Wilson said Mr. Hall would get together with Ms. Whitney to check on the Cemetery's operating statement to see if there was enough money for this purchase in this year's budget.

Resolution No. 144 – 19

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that if the funds are available in the 2019 Cemetery Budget, authorization be given for Mr. Hall to purchase a commercial grade mower at state contract. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen asked what the outcome of the Fairview Cemetery Way maintenance issue had been.

Mr. Hall said that Eric Wells told him that the residents that live there have decided that if the Town was not going to take care of the road they have decided to close the loop and put up private road signs.

Scott Smith said he has talked to Bruce Reed and said that grading that section once a year, as done in the past, is not a problem, but he isn't going to start plowing it.

Ms. Estes pointed out that this being a cemetery, the plowing in the past has been done by the general fund employees.

Mr. Wilson said he has told the residents that he wants them to make an official request in writing to Scott Smith for the Town to take over that section of the road. He said he wants them to follow the law.

Resolution No. 145 – 19

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 5:55 PM.

Resolution No. 146 – 19

Ms. Cheetham-Palen offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board reconvene into regular session. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

The Town Board reconvened into regular session at 6:08 PM.

Resolution No. 147 – 19

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the following bills be accepted for payment. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 341 to 356, totaling \$16,459.94, as follows;

General Fund Vouchers	\$9,764.66
Highway Fund Vouchers	402.60
Library Fund Vouchers	53.87
Water District #1 Vouchers	337.59
Water District #2 Vouchers	1,157.98
Salt Shed Capital Fund Vouchers	4,743.24

Resolution No. 148 – 19

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that with all business having been transacted, this meeting be adjourned. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Absent
Mr. Smith:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
May 31, 2019

Joseph P. Wilson, Supervisor  
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman  
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman  
Jerry D. Smith, Councilman  
Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Councilwoman