

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
March 12, 2018  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

5:30 pm – Chairman Barry called the meeting to order

**Present:** Stephen Barry, Chairman; Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman; Andrew Robertson and Fred McGarry.

**Absent:** Jeff Shute, Selectmen.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Chairman Barry asks all to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag

**Public Hearing – Marston Farm Land Donation**

Chairman Barry stated that he was going to recess the Selectmen's Meeting and open the public hearing by reading the posting for the public hearing.

"The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in accordance with RSA 31:95-B on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

This hearing shall be held for the purpose of accepting public input regarding the acceptance of unanticipated donations of over \$10,000.00 to the Town of Deerfield.

The hearing concerns the donation of 128 acres of Marston Farm for designation as a town forest.

The hearing shall be held in the downstairs conference room at the George B. White Building, 8 Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH."

Chairman Barry welcomed all and stated that there was some information on the easel. There were also members of the Conservation Commission there to answer any questions, hopefully that the public might have so we will open the hearing to the public for any comments.

**Jeannie Menard – Mountain Road**

Good evening. Ms. Menard stated that she just had a question that she was hoping for clarification on. She was sure that it is in the material and that she apologized for not reading the material all the way through.

She understands that there are two parcels and that the family may be retaining ownership of part and the town would be the holder of easement of the second part and her question was which is which? She was specifically interested in knowing which has the high value agricultural soils and who is going to be monitoring on these two aspects of easement?

Selectman Robertson stated that he could respond to Ms. Menard's question. There are two parcels; 128 acres is donated land from Ms. Beye and 38 acres he believed would have the development rights purchased on it.

With that said, he couldn't speak to which of the parcels, the 38 acres or the 128 acres, has the high value agricultural land. He stated he was thinking that Ms. Hartnett might be able to help answer this.

Ms. Hartnett introduced herself and stated that she was on the Conservation Commission. She stated that she would answer Ms. Menard's question but also wanted to add that Holly Tomilson is present representing her sister, Gile Beye, who is the owner of the property, Marston Farm, which has been in the family since 1766.

Ms. Hartnett stated that there was material available that anyone was welcome to read. Ms. Hartnett explained the project to the members of the public hearing.

The goal of the Conservation Commission is to make the 128 acres a town forest with this gift of 128 acres which is what the public hearing is about tonight. The Conservation Commission has been working with Ms. Beye to use her gift of acreage to help fund the protection of these very developable 38 acres. Ms. Hartnett asked if this answered Ms. Menard's question.

Ms. Menard asked about access to the forest.

Ms. Hartnett stated that there is currently a 50-foot right-of-way that exists from the days of 1980's of the Land Conservation Investment Program. However, part of the negotiation of the Conservation Commission and both Ms. Beye and the Labrie's, that there is a landing on the 38 acres that was used previously for logging which is a very good place for parking. Al Jaeger and others are going to work on making a trail connector up into the 128 acres. They will not disturb any other land for parking and access as these are already existing. They will use an existing woods road for access into the future town forest from the south.

Ms. Hartnett also stated that it can also be accessed right now as it is currently part of the Great Brook Trail from Harvey Road. The first mentioned access allows a secondary access in this area.

#### **Ms. Cady – Old Centre Road**

Ms. Cady stated that many years ago when Alan O'Neal was on the Board, he did a mapping and said that 39% of the town was not taxed. She also stated that she then called current use in Concord and 67% of the town was in current use which is about a hundred to a hundred and fifty dollars per acre at the most.

Ms. Cady asked if the Conservation Commission and Selectmen have figured out what amount of taxes are now being thrown on the remainder of property owners to pay.

Selectman Robertson stated that no, the Board has not done any distinct calculation. He believed that the bulk of this property was in current use prior to this gifting so it would not be a significant hit.

Ms. Hartnett stated that she almost added some information to this background. She was not sure that she heard the presumption in that question but she thought that she heard the presumption that this is going to end up as costing the town money and asked if that is what she heard.

Ms. Cady stated no and Ms. Hartnett asked if Ms. Cady could explain what she was asking again.

Ms. Cady stated that what she would like to know is what the plan in this town is for how much land the town will own, taken off the tax rolls. How much in current use actually is taxed at \$100.00-\$150.00 an acre and thus how much is then left to the property taxpayers to pay. I've never heard anybody, either the Conservation Commission or the Selectmen, figure that out.

One of the things that I do know as a real estate broker is, that we have made a buildable lot in Deerfield so expensive, most of our children cannot buy one to live in the town.

Ms. Hartnett stated that she agreed with Ms. Cady totally and that's a separate issue for the Planning Board, different hat. She did say that this land, thanks to the Marston/Pendleton/Beye Management, these 128 acres has a long-term forestry management plan and we expect it to be revenue positive for the town from timber harvest because of the excellent, excellent forestry planning and logging strategies employed by the people who've owned it for a long time. It's a very good timber lot and it's being managed for a long-term value not for short-term gain. The town will benefit from that continued timber revenues.

Chairman Barry asked if there was any further public comment and whether or not the Selectmen should accept donations of over \$10,000.00 to the Town of Deerfield.

Ms. Menard stated that she was in favor of the acceptance of this gift and as Ms. Hartnett has stated, she thought that the long-term planning of the forestry value and all the other values that it contributes is worthy.

Ms. Menard continued that from a different real estate perspective, the last couple of years, we've had a nice spike in growth of new housing starts in town and when we have a nice conservation project to kind of offset and balance that, she thought that this was the way to go. We're pretty fortunate to be able to do both and so she would be in favor of accepting this gift.

#### **Suzanne Steele – Harvey Road**

She stated that she agreed with Ms. Menard because she lives on Harvey Road and does have access to the Great Brook Trail and it's a wonderful gem of our town and just having more land that is being managed and cared for that creates with continued rural beauty that our is all about, I'm all for.

#### **Joanne Bradbury**

She stated that she concurs with Ms. Menard and Ms. Steele. She stated that she thought that this was a wonderful opportunity for the town and she would encourage the Select Board to accept the gift and I also would request that the Chairman ask for a show of hands of the people who are in support of the gift.

#### **Al Jaeger – Perry Road**

He stated that he would like to point out that if these 36 acres, which is in current use, were put into house lots instead, then it would probably cost the town more money than it would if this land stays in agricultural or forestry use. Agriculture and forestry pay taxes. They don't pay as much taxes as housing does but housing costs the town a great deal more than forestry or agriculture in the terms of services like fire trucks, schooling and so on.

Chairman Barry asked for a show of hands of everyone who is in favor of accepting these gifts and then asked for any further comments.

(Selectman Shute arrived at public hearing and meeting at this time)

#### **Maureen Quinn – Nottingham Road**

She stated that she just wanted to add to this that if the town were to accept this donation, that would be, she thought, in alignment with the town's master plan and as she understood it, to have a town where it's very clear that we value conserving the land and striking as Ms. Menard stated, the nice balance that we have here in town of homes as well as beautiful land for the people living in those homes to enjoy.

Chairman Barry asked one more time for any other comments. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board of Selectmen's meeting. He asked what the Board's thoughts.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to accept the donation of the Marston Farm project as outlined by the Conservation Commission here this evening.

**Second:** Vice Chairman Pitman

**Discussion:** Selectman Robertson stated that as he has said when this was first presented to the Board, he thought that this was a great opportunity because of the way that it plugs into the existing Great Brook corridor and other conservation land that the town has in the area. Culturally and historically, this is, or very near, the site of the Langford Garrison which was Deerfield's first garrison, one of the earliest garrisons in southeastern New Hampshire once you get past the seacoast. He thought given the way this is funded with almost a three to one match offset on the expense that there's absolutely no reason at all why the Board shouldn't happily accept this project.

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 1 – Motion Carries**

Chairman Barry thanked everyone.

Ms. Hartnett stated that the Conservation Commission would like to thank the Select Board for partnering with them on this and thank everyone for attending.

#### **Police Department – Gary Duquette**

Chief Duquette stated that he guessed he was here for an update to which Chairman Barry stated to update the Board with anything that the Chief thought that the Select Board would like to know about.

Chief Duquette stated as the Board knew, the Police Department filled its last vacant position finally after some time now which brings the department back up to our full complement which we haven't been at in a long time. The officer is currently going through the field training program, has been accepted into the next police academy which starts April 30<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 17<sup>th</sup>. Sometime next fall we'll have him out there doing his thing once he's all certified and finishes off the field training program.

Chief Duquette also wanted to take this opportunity to talk about this next item. There's been a lot of community interest generated about the last school shooting that happened in Florida. He's had a lot of people come into the office to see him. He knew that the school's been dealing with it quite a bit and so obviously the conversation is centered around the safety concerns at the school.

He just wanted to let people know we've been and not just me, the police department, have been working with the school for quite some time now. The police department and Denny Greig as well as the fire department and rescue, spent several months in 2017 working on a new Emergency Operations Plan for the school which was finished in August of 2017.

This year, himself and Denny Greig have been to the school several times focusing on following up on that plan which is basically getting some training done for those folks over at the school which will center around the whole active shooter scenario.

School safety is a huge priority for the police department as well as it is obviously the school. There has been a lot of communication between each group and follow-up.

Chief Duquette also stated that Homeland Security is coming in to do a security assessment of the physical structure itself. He knew that Ms. Greig was working with the school on a grant to get surveillance system cameras in there that's going to be much more comprehensive than what they have in there now.

He also stated that he had a lot of people asking about the D.A.R.E. Program which went away because the officer that was teaching that is no longer employed by the town. Chief Duquette stated that he has an officer signed up but there is only one training this year which will be two weeks in the fall. By the next school year, we're going to implement the D.A.R.E. Program again and get another officer in there.

Chief Duquette also stated that his officers have been going over on informal visits, eating lunch with them, playing basketball just to have a presence in the school. The officers are trying to get into the school and get involved as much as they can.

Chief Duquette stated that traffic enforcement is probably a little more noticeable in town and maybe there has even been complaints although he hasn't gotten any yet.

The biggest complaint that the department gets in town is speeding like it is in most little towns so the officers have gotten a little more aggressive on that. It has really cut down on complaints. He was getting two or three a week from different people in different areas in town. He stated that he hasn't heard from anybody in about a month.

Out of 1200 traffic stops from last year, he thought that the department wrote 100 tickets so the ratio is geared more towards just a little voluntary compliance and writing warnings. We're not hammering people with ticket while they're out there. They are just being a little more proactive and slowing people down.

Chairman Barry asked if the Board had any questions for Chief Duquette

Selectman Robertson thought that there were a couple of technology items rolling along and I know one of them was the cruisers and he wanted to know if that was complete at this point and does the department have the new electronics?

Chief Duquette answered that yes, they had purchased new mobile data terminals and new in-car camera systems. They are all installed. The MDT's are actually (the computers) are down in dispatch right now getting all the necessary upgrades to link into their system which is probably the longest part of the whole process because they have one person down there for the whole county.

Everything is in and so far, everything is working really well. It's nice stuff, the cameras are nice. Every traffic stop we do is recorded. He has had some that he has reviewed that even just going into a house on a domestic or something that even

though the camera is not in there, the microphone is picking up the whole conversation and therefore have all that for evidentiary purposes as well as for critiquing and training and things of that sort.

Selectman Robertson stated that the second part of that was, did we get a new server to which Chief Duquette stated that yes, they did and it is very instrumental for storage as the space on the current server is pretty much full. He stated that he knew that the IT person was working on. It's not in place and running yet but the Chief knew that he was working on it.

Chairman Barry thanked Chief Duquette for being there and to make sure that if the Board could assist him in any way that they are there.

Selectman Robertson stated that if the Board could be of service regarding the server, he didn't know how long they'd had it but it seems like it has been here a while.

Mr. Harrington stated that the IT person has run into some technical glitches with it but he was working on it weekly.

#### **Trustees of the Trust Fund, MS-9, MS-10 – Jim Sullivan**

Mr. Sullivan introduced himself as one of the trustees and pointed out others in the audience, John Reagan and Glenn Young.

One of the items that is structurally part of the duties is that the Trustees are to give you the copy of the MS-9 and MS-10 and to give the Board a report of the year.

Mr. Sullivan was going to talk through three or four points.

The funds did generate an amount of income, a \$14,000.00 net from a \$22,000 earned gross. The Trustees paid \$8,000.00ish to Cambridge for the management of those funds. They provide custodial care of all the Capital Reserve funds and charge no fee for that fiduciary responsibility. This is one of the benefits of engaging Cambridge, which is the continuity that they bring to all of the sequence of years and staffing and the duties performed by the trustees. The trustees have somebody that performs that as a constant so that's a benefit to the town.

The major benefit this past year was what we all experienced in the equity market and the gain in our 401(K). The charitable side of the trust picked up a good deal of value in unrealized capital gains but like all of us, it's a snapshot. In January/February we lost some of that. But overall we had a pretty good year in strengthening the base of the funds which will help us on the cemetery side and provides a considerable benefit to some of the charitable members such as the Historical Society which is the lion's share of that part of the fund and their ability to consider a museum construction or creation has been reasonably well served this part couple of years so they are back into looking at the idea of doing that again.

The cemeteries reimbursement, even above the \$10,000.00 that was set aside in the expenses to be reimbursed still was considerable and we had to dip into the retained income held by the cemetery funds. We are still going to have to do that in calendar year 2018 because the coverage that was built into this of five of not asking the funds for reimbursement won't kick in until 2019 because they still have to reimburse for 2017 expenses and we're still going to have the same problem, the expenses are going to be considerably higher than the income that the cemetery funds generated so they will be dipping into their retained income. There will then be a five-year period where we're going to ask Cambridge to invest the money differently within the constraints of what the state allows us to own as investment instruments.

We're going to ask them to take that cemetery money and try to generate much more of an income growth rather than an equity growth. Cemeteries are in that part of the fund that enjoyed an equity growth but we can't touch that equity.

By asking Cambridge to invest or to position the funds for income, that's available for reimbursement to the town so that will give us a five-year period where we hope to generate a reasonably better income stream for the cemeteries and maybe bring that into line. We'll have to see.

We are in a position where the expenses are going to outstrip income even though we are going to have this five years of recovery.

Mr. Sullivan stated that if the Board had any questions, he would be happy to try to answer them.

Chairman Barry asked the Board if they had any questions.

Vice Chairman Pitman thanked the three members of the Trustee of the Trust Funds for all that they have been doing and Chairman Barry added that it was greatly appreciated.

### **Regular Business**

#### **Review of Outstanding Minutes from 2/26/2018**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman Shute

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

#### **Review of the Public Hearing Minutes of November 28, 2017**

Selectman Robertson asked if it could be held off for one more week as he knew that he had done a lot of talking and the minutes seems a little disjointed.

Chairman Barry stated that it would be no problem.

#### **Accounts Payable Manifest - \$26,263.55**

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman McGarry

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

#### **Payroll Manifest - \$65,362.92 (gross) \$51,426.19 (net)**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve

**Second:** Selectman McGarry

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

#### **Land Use Change Tax – Richard McCarrick, 231 Middle Road, a penalty due of \$250.00**

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to collect the penalty

**Second:** Selectman Shute

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

#### **Land Use Change Tax – Dana and Paula Merrill, 185 North Road, a penalty due of \$200.00**

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to collect the LUTC penalty

**Second:** Selectman McGarry

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries

#### **Veteran's Tax Credit - \$500.00 for the following people**

**Linda L. Boyden, 27 South Road**

**Nathaniel Archer, 228 Middle Road**

**Kevin Hennessey, 46 Old Centre Road**

**Robert Edward Laflambois, 129 Griffin Road**

**Joseph Murray, 250A North Road**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the \$500.00 Veteran's Tax Credit for all brought forward

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

**Tax Credit for Service Connected Total Disability - \$2,000.00 – Richard Kowalski, 203 Middle Road**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to approve the tax credit

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman Barry stated that he had two appointment forms for deputy forest fire wardens – one for Adam Gill and one for Dianne Kimball.

**Motion:** Selectman Robertson moves to ask to appoint both as deputy forest fire wardens

**Second:** Selectman Shute

**Discussion:** Vice Chairman Pitman asked if these were new appointees to which Chairman Barry stated that these were the same two that the Board has held off appointing. Vice Chairman Pitman asked if they were new to being deputy forest fire wardens.

Selectman Robertson stated that these two are new appointments.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked if they were replacing anyone.

Selectman Robertson stated that he believed that they are in addition to existing fire wardens that the town has and he thought that it was looked upon favorably by the fire department because forest fire wardens can issue burn permits among other things. Having more rather than less is good.

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman Barry stated that they were talking about road naming and getting a list.

We have three new roads in the past three years. One is Levi Hill Road, which it seems on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Board approved but the other two are Major John Simpson Way and Fieldstone Drive that have not come before the board.

Selectman Robertson stated that his only concern would be, again, emergency services. We had coded road names for emergency response and I don't know how "Way" and "Drive" fit into that. I know if it's a "Lane", it's pretty much restricted to the Pleasant Lake area to which Chairman Barry agreed was his understanding.

Selectman Robertson stated that he didn't recall off the top of his head whether we had any distinction between a "Road", "Way" or "Drive" with regard to 9-1-1 response.

Chairman Barry stated that he seemed to recall something like Selectman Robertson stated that "Lane" being at the lake but as far as that goes, I'm not sure but do we want to go further and contact these two developers about the two roads that we know of?

Selectman Robertson stated that he thought on the John Simpson one, I think the only outstanding thing that the Board would have is that we wanted private road signs to be "red" as opposed to "green". He believed that this sign was green. I think, because it's within a quarter mile of Lang Road where John Simpson farmed and lived and was originally buried, the historical nature of it is keeping with our requirements.

Chairman Barry asked if the Board just wanted to take that one and make a request that the sign be red rather than green? Chairman Barry asked if everyone was okay with the name of the road to which all replied yes.

Selectman McGarry stated that he believed that the Planning Board has made the request. He thought that Jane Boucher has been in contact with the developer and telling him that the sign is going to have to be red.

Chairman Barry asked about Fieldstone Drive.

Selectman Robertson stated that he couldn't remember if there were any restrictions on "Drive" or not.

Chairman Barry stated that the development and road is still owned by Tukcor Real Estate so if the Planning Board is presently handing out these forms instructing people to get approval from the Board of Selectmen for a road name, I think we may be okay. He asked if the Board agreed to which all did.

Selectman Robertson's only question he would have and stated that maybe Selectman McGarry could recall, are they expecting that the town will take over that road?

Selectman McGarry stated that in regards to Fieldstone, he thought that this was the intention that the town would be taking over the road.

Selectman Robertson stated that he thought that we should make sure that they have the form with the specifications on it before we accept the road. If it's a private road, we can let it slip a little more but if it's a road that we're going to own and his recollection is roads that are public that we're taking over as the town, need to be named "Road" not "Way", "Drive" to which all agreed.

Chairman Barry asked Selectman McGarry to look at this issue from the Planning Board side.

Selectman McGarry stated that the Planning Board has a meeting Wednesday night so he could check into this matter at that time.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked who would be in charge of converting the already existing lanes on the lake to "red" from "green"? He stated that there were five on Route 107 that he saw.

Chairman Barry stated that it would seem to him that the property owners because they're all private roads. If we could figure out which ones specifically to which Vice Chairman Pitman stated to just drive down Route 107 and you'll see it.

Chairman Barry thought that perhaps a letter from the Board of Selectmen would be in order.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked if they would have to go through the prison where the town gets their signs?

Selectman Robertson stated that we could just have it done to which Vice Chairman Pitman asked how the property owners would get a red sign?

Chairman Barry stated that he thought that the best way would be for the town to get the signs just to get it done.

Selectman Robertson added that we should probably send them a letter stating our decision and Chairman Barry added that the town would tell the property owner that the signs need to be red and the town is going to be taking care of it.

Vice Chairman Pitman stated that he thought that the town should and that way we would be setting a standard.

Chairman Barry stated that maybe Mark Young could identify the "non-red" signs on the lake and asked the Board if that made sense and if possible, have them changed.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Harrington stated that he had three items.

The request for bid for town mowing will be coming out soon and the thought was for this year is to include water hole mowing and cistern mowing along with the town-wide mowing since we've had a changeover. If the Board can agree with that, I can add that to the RFP.

The Highway RFP's for sand, salt and roadside mowing will also be coming out shortly. He's working with Mark Young on that currently. He wants to make some changes to the roadside mowing detail to put more of a time limit, start and stop so that we don't run into the issues that the town had last year.

Lastly, we had some recent sprinkler maintenance done over at the Town Hall by a local company rather than Simplex-Grinnell and hopefully resolve the problems once and for all. We had continued to get frequent warning and system alarms and found



out there was some components that may not have been installed quite properly which has been resolved. Hopefully that will rectify the situation for further use.

We are considering going with another company rather than re-signing with Simplex-Grinnell, a more local company out of Auburn.

Selectman Shute asked on the water holes, if they get mowed more often than the roadside to which Mr. Harrington stated that he wasn't sure what the frequency was on those. Selectman Shute wondered if they would have to adjust that on the bid.

Selectman Robertson stated that his recollection was that most of the waterholes were done by the prior fire chief on his personal time during the weekends so he thought that they would need to come up with a definite schedule that we want for those and there's probably nothing pre-existing because he just did them.

Mr. Harrington stated that he had no idea but maybe he could look back on some of his timesheets to see what the frequency was and can judge from there.

Vice Chairman Pitman asked if there was any way that it could be put out to bid but keep it separate. He stated that he did a little homework and there's twelve water holes, eleven cisterns and it's mowed more frequently.

Mr. Harrington stated that they certainly could do a separate bid to which Vice Chairman Pitman added that he thought that they should and not to combine it with cemeteries.

Mr. Harrington stated that the cemetery bid is different that the town mowing for the town buildings and it can certainly be done separately, it doesn't have to be combined.

Chairman Barry stated that he thought that putting it together with the town buildings, they have to be mowed just about every week and frequency on the cisterns and the water holes could be determined by the fire chief to which Selectman Robertson also agreed it should clearly be the fire chief.

Selectman Robertson stated that maybe the Board would want to inquire with the fire chief if he needs those to be put out to bid for mowing or if the fire department has some way to take care of them.

Mr. Harrington stated that he did have an initial discussion with the fire chief. He was in favor of adding it into the town mowing.

Chairman Barry asked Mr. Harrington if he could get more specifics as to the frequency that the fire chief would like to see that done.

Selectman McGarry thought that we could get a better price if fire holes were added along with all the rest of the town buildings to which Vice Chairman Pitman added that they just needed to get the specifications and he thought that only one person really knew the specs.

Mr. Harrington stated that he could ask the fire chief how frequently he wants them mowed. Part of the stipulation with the mowing is that the fire chief previously or the town building supervisor which was the fire chief would hold a mandatory bidders meeting and walk or drive around to all different locations so either that would be a trip to each water hole and cistern or a map or something like that.

Chairman Barry asked that Mr. Harrington work with the fire chief and when the RFP is complete to run it pass the Board and all Board members agreed.

Chairman Barry asked if there were any other questions for the town administrator.

Selectman Robertson stated that he had had a quick conversation with the road agent about a potential backhoe purchase and he didn't know if the road agent had talked with Mr. Harrington about it. Mr. Harrington stated that he had no information on that. Selectman Robertson added that maybe the information that Mr. Young was looking for didn't come through.

Mr. Harrington stated that he had heard that he was going to look at one but that he hadn't heard any more than that.

**Unfinished, New or Other Business:**

**Citizen's Comments:**

Eric Berglund – Nottingham Road

He stated that he was curious about the status of hiring, I understand we're trying to hire a financial person for the town, is that correct?

Chairman Barry stated at this time, no we are not looking to hire a financial person. We have contracted with an outside company for the services of a financial director, per se and have found the situation working very well so far. We have an outside vendor who comes in and does our financials.

Mr. Berglund asked if they have any other people that report to them to which Chairman Barry stated no.

Chairman Barry stated that the financial person reports directly to the town administrator.

Mr. Berglund stated that there are no other people reporting to that temporary person to which Chairman Barry stated no.

Mr. Berglund then asked who guides the accountant to which Chairman Barry answered, the town administrator.

Mr. Berglund asked if that was working okay to which Chairman Barry stated that it actually is working fantastically.

Chairman Barry stated that the Board would be going into a non-public session and when they came out that they may or may not take action.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to go into non-public sessions under RSA 91-A:3, II, c. Matters which are discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself unless such person requests an open meeting

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman Barry stated that he wanted to note for the record that no action was taken in the non-public sessions and would like to get a motion to seal the minutes

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to seal the minutes of the non-public session

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Chairman Barry stated that they would need coverage for voting and all discussed when they would be available.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Pitman moves to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

**Second:** Selectman Robertson

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm**

*The Minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dianne L. Kimball, Recording Secretary  
Pending approval by the Board of Selectmen*