

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Public Meeting Minutes-Approved
COVID-19 Meeting- GoToMeeting
July 1, 2020

Board Members present: Chairman Brad Harriman, Dave Senecal, Dave Bowers, Linda Murray and Paul O'Brien

Staff present: Town Manager Jim Pineo, Fire Chief Norman Skanzte, Police Chief Dean Rondeau and Recording Secretary Michele Chamberlain

Chairman Harriman opened the GoToMeeting at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Harriman read the following Preamble into the record:

MEETING PREAMBLE DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Good Evening, as Chairman of the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of town government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from this meeting.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their name please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

The Board Members gave a Roll call vote, Dave Senecal - present and alone in his office in his house, Linda Murray– present and alone in a room in her house, Brad Harriman – present and alone in a room in his house, Dave Bowers – present and alone in a room in his house and Paul O'Brien –present and alone in a room in his house.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II

Mr. Pineo stated a non-public session is not needed.

Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Harriman asked for approval from the Board of the June 17, 2020 GoToMeeting Minutes.

It was moved by Paul O'Brien and seconded by Dave Senecal to accept the minutes of June 17, 2020 as amended. Roll call vote Brad Harriman – yes, Linda Murray – yes, Dave Bowers – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, and Paul O'Brien - yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Public Hearing

NA

Public Input

Limited to 3 Minutes per resident, not to exceed 15 minutes in total

NA

Bulk Vote

A. Weekly Manifests

- i. June 19, 2020
- ii. June 26, 2020

B. Property Tax Refund/Abatement

Approvals

- i. 107 Springfield Point Rd. 2019# 5 Tax Map 266 Lot 5
- ii. 107 Lehner Street 2019#20 Tax Map 218 Lot 115

- iii. 139 Gov. Wentworth Hwy 2019#26 Tax Map 133 Lot 20-CW1

C. Intent to Cut Wood/Timber

Approvals

- i. 56 Suncrest Dr. Tax Map 41 Lot 5

D. Property Tax Credits/Exemptions

Approvals

- i. 58 Center Street Tax Map 217 Lot 25
ii. 188 Stoneham Rd Tax Map 155 Lot 2
iii. 8 Bayberry Ln Tax Map 177 Lot 10-8
iv. 625 South Main St Tax Map 260 Lot 54

Linda Murray stated Item D Property Tax Credit 8 Bayberry Lane will apply for the year of 2021 not 2020. She felt this should be noted in the minutes.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to approve the Bulk Vote Items A-D with the amendment above to 8 Bayberry Lane. Roll call vote Brad Harriman – yes, Linda Murray – yes, Dave Bowers – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, and Paul O’Brien - yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Board Resignation(s)

- i. John Byers-Wolfeboro Energy Committee- member

Chairman Harriman stated Mr. Byers submitted his resignation because he is moving. He is a full member.

Mr. Bowers asked that the Town Manager send a letter for the years that he has served.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Paul O’Brein to accept Mr. Byers resignation. Roll call vote Brad Harriman – yes, Linda Murray – yes, Dave Bowers – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, and Paul O’Brien - yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

New Business

A. Application for Permit for the display of display fireworks

Mr. Pineo stated this is a request for a fireworks display. This is coming to the Board as a result of some concerns relative to COVID-19. There could be a possibility of a large gathering if this event takes place. The Police Chief has some concerns. However, the permit is submitted in full. The Board can authorize the permit to move forward to the State with their signatures. Luke Freudenberg is here to speak on behalf of his client.

Chief Police stated he was uncertain to the purpose. The concerns are related to COVID-19. We have a lot of safety concerns with a private fireworks display that could attract a lot of people to Wolfeboro. We would not be in compliance with the rules and regulations being put forth by the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office. We would be contributing to an unsafe act. There are spikes all over the country with COVID-19. Yesterday we were informed that there are cases of the virus in our area nursing homes. The last thing we want to do is have a hot spot in the Lakes Region. We do not want this in Wolfeboro. If we do stuff like this then we will overwhelm our medical capabilities. He was recently told this event was not designed to be like this that it was going to be a private event. He felt if reasonable precautions were taken to protect the Town and that thousands of people were not coming to Wolfeboro to watch the display then it could be allowed with restrictions in place. He asked that Mr. Freudenberg explained the purpose of the event.

Luke Freudenberg stated this event was planned over a year ago. A local couple is getting married in Wolfeboro. The wedding was supposed to be at Brewster Academy. They have since downsized the wedding to a handful of guests to the Pickering House but they still want to move forward with their private display of fireworks on Wolfeboro Bay. Hell's Gate Fireworks out of Rummey has done the shoot for the Town on New Year's Eve will be doing this shoot. North East Dock & Barge owned by myself will be providing the equipment to provide the shoot for the couple for their wedding. This event was planned over a year ago. He certainly understands the concern with people gathering and he admits he posted something about a fireworks display on his page. He removed the post weeks ago but he does think there will be any issues. He and the applicant will be more than happy to work with the law enforcement. He was planning on asking for a few officers for Detail Work either through the Wolfeboro Police Department or the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. It is a 20 minute shoot as it states in the application that was done for the State Fire Marshall and the water event permit. It is for a private wedding and it should not invoke a lot of people to come see the display. He would like to be able to handle any concerns.

Chairman Harriman stated having the appropriate number of officers around Town would be helpful to monitor the event so it does not become a large gathering. It sounds like the applicant would be willing to except this as one of the conditions of the approval.

Mr. Freudenberg stated North East Dock & Barge is willing to take care of any expenses such as additional officers or resources. We are willing to do whatever it takes. The couple downsized the wedding from a couple hundred guests to 20 guests. It is all about safety and security. We would like to see the event take place so everyone can have a good time but he understands the Police Chief's concerns. He spoke with Mr. Pineo in the beginning of the week as well so he understands his concerns too. We are more than willing to get the additional support that the Chief would need to make this go as smoothly as possible. We will keep this as low profile as we can.

Mr. O'Brien thanked Mr. Freudenberg for the background information. He stated he saw the Facebook post a few months ago it was a little concerning. It stated even though the fireworks for 4th of July were cancelled there still will be a fireworks show. It also stated it would be a bigger show than any to date. The post was viewed by about 4,000 people. Mr.

O'Brien stated all share the same concerns and we do not want to mess with someone's wedding because it will be a bad memory. Mr. O'Brien stated he was asking the Police Department for a recommendation. How do we accommodate this without having a situation that we regret? Mr. Pineo? Mr. Wood? Chief Rondeau? What should we do?

Ms. Murray stated if there is a big gathering at the Town Docks how are we going to decide who can stay and who has to leave. Are we going to only let a certain amount of people in the area? We need to know what our policy is going to be so we can control the crowd. If we allow the fireworks then people will go down there.

Chief Rondeau stated he would like to see the married couple enjoy fireworks because it does not seem to be an unreasonable request. The problem is COVID-19 and the release of the information prior to the event. He suggested having 2 Detail Officers at Brewster so they could stop people from going onto Brewster Academy's field. We could have 2 Detail Officers at the Town Docks. We can stop people from going onto Brewster Academy because it is private property. Brewster Academy wants to keep their campus as sterile as possible. We can not stop people from going to the Town Docks. We could have more officers in the area to help since we received a grant to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We could patrol the area with a heavy Police presence to keep people apart and in their cars. We could enforce social distancing and the wearing of masks. These would be reasonable conditions. It is not a public event so we will not be advertising it. He is willing to sign the permit with these conditions. He stated he did not want to see an advertised large gathering inviting thousands of people into Wolfeboro. It would not be a good idea.

Ms. Murray stated our Emergency Management Director is here so she would like to hear his feelings.

Norman Skantze stated he would like to clarify a few things. The event that is seeking approval for is fireworks. In the Town of Wolfeboro we do not allow consumer fireworks by our Ordinance. We do not have any legislation that allows us to come up with conditions for display fireworks other than the signature of the Fire Chief and Police Chief. The Board of Selectmen can sign for the Police Chief which might be why this ended up here tonight. Mr. Freudenberg's criteria for having a display show has been approved by the State with the Town's joint approval. The thing that is missing is this is creating an event so maybe what should have happened or could happen in the future is that this is discussed as a temporary event permit. The applicant meets all the requirements for a firework display. It is the unintended gathering that is in question. The permit should be approved for the fireworks because there is no reason to deny it. He agreed with Chief Rondeau about all of the conditions needed to insure safety.

Mr. Senecal stated the event permit is getting a little out of hand. It seems like it is for any wedding that we have. We have regulations in place for weight limits on the Town Docks so this can be controlled easily on the amount of people that can be on the docks themselves. He had no issue with the request.

Chairman Harriman questioned Chief Rondeau about the number of Detail Officers that would be needed.

Chief Rondeau stated 2 Detail Officers at Brewster, 2 Detail Officers at the Town Docks and 2 additional officers Downtown. He would like his officers partnered up due to safety concerns. We would like enough personal to help facilitate the traffic flow. He thought 4 Detail Officers and 2 officers from the grant would be appropriate.

Mr. Freudenberg stated the applicant and himself did not want any expense for the Town of Wolfeboro to apply. If the Chief needs 6 officers then we will be happy to cover the cost for those officers for this event. It should not come out of the COVID-19 fund. We can take care of the cost and he would be happy to work with Chief Rondeau.

Mr. O'Brien stated the Fire Chief is correct and it sounds like Mr. Freudenberg and Chief Rondeau have been able to work out some of the details. We should move forward.

Ms. Murray stated she was comfortable with Chief Rondeau answering her questions and if he is comfortable signing the permit then she would support him in doing it. Chief Rondeau knows our concern is not about the fireworks display but the safety of citizens.

The Board agreed.

It was moved by Paul O'Brien and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the application for fireworks display to be held at a convenient time with the understanding that Chief Rondeau and the applicant work together to secure 6 police officers to be available for traffic and crowd protection. Roll call vote Brad Harriman – yes, Linda Murray – yes, Dave Bowers – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, and Paul O'Brien – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Ms. Murray questioned if the Board was going to sign or if the Chief of Police was signing.

Chief Rondeau stated he would be happy to sign it.

B. Josiah Brown Scholarship Awards

Mr. Pineo stated there were four applicants. We received a check earlier this spring from this account for over \$30,000.00 so we have ample funds available for these scholarships. We are still waiting for grades from Cameron Hopkins but we recommend that these scholarships be approved contingent upon Mr. Hopkins submitting his grades as required.

Ms. Murray questioned if they told the public the amount. Each applicant will receive \$2,500.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to award Mackenzie Chamberlain, Alexandra Hopkins, Lily Greene and Cameron Hopkins a Josiah Brown Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Cameron Hopkins award is contingent about

receiving his grades. Roll call vote Brad Harriman – yes, Linda Murray – yes, Dave Bowers – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, and Paul O'Brien - yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

C. Reopening Plan of Town Hall

Mr. Pineo stated we are planning a soft opening on July 6th. It will be for appointment only to all offices. We will be training a staff member who will be working on being a traffic person to ensure the flow of individuals and occupant level is reasonable. On the week of July 13th we will be opening the front doors of the building. When people come into the building they will be met by a greeter. The greeter will be there to direct people to the Town Clerk's office and the Tax Collector's office. The greeter will also maintain the occupant load and flow of people through the building. The building is not very conducive to social distancing. There will be markings on the floors on where people can stand. The greeter will also provide masks. The Town will be strongly encouraging the use of masks when people come into the building. The Tax Collector's office and the Town Clerk's office have had Plexiglass barriers installed but people can slide documents underneath to the clerks. The remaining offices will be opened by appointment and we will see how this works. We do not want to have public restrooms available yet. We are encouraging people to come with their documents already signed. We will have pens available but do not want the pens back so we ask that individuals take the pens with them when they leave. We will be setting up a single station upstairs in the Great Hall because some the documents that the Town Clerk needs people to sign take a while but social distancing will be maintained. If the Town experiences a spike in cases then the possibility of closing the building back down is very real. We have some high risk staff members and as the Town Manager it is critically important to keep our employees safe. We were one of the first communities to close down our Town Hall and we are one of the last communities to fully open our Town Hall and this was all in an effort to protect our citizens. The programs we have in place seem to be working well. The drop box in the back parking lot will continue to be monitored on an hourly basis and we continue to encourage people to utilize online methods.

Chairman Harriman stated the opening is very thorough and well thought out. He liked the steps to phasing in before they were back to normal.

Ms. Murray stated she was concerned with only strongly recommending wearing masks. The public needs to know if they come to Town Hall there is no guarantee that everyone will be wearing masks. There are some people that are older who have health issues and we need to make sure that it is clear. We are going to encourage people to wear masks but we are not mandating it or requiring people to wear masks. We are doing everything we can to encourage it but people need to know that this will not be a building when masks will be required. Her only concern is how the Board publicizes that the condition is only encouraging and not mandating masks.

Mr. Pineo stated the greeter will have masks available to hand out to individuals. He is hoping that a little peer pressure will go a long ways in getting people to wear masks when entering the facility.

Mr. O'Brien stated he felt the reason they were encouraging people to wear masks was because we can not say if an individual does not have a mask on that they can not come into Town Hall. He agreed with Ms. Murray that our building is not designed for a nice easy traffic flow. A shop owner is allowed to say if an individual does not have a mask then that individual is not allowed into the shop. He did not feel the Town had the same right. He agreed with Ms. Murray that people need to know that we will be encouraging people to wear masks. He stated he will be wearing a mask because he does not want to kill anyone. We will have masks at the door but we can not guarantee that all individuals will be wearing one. Mr. O'Brien thanked Mr. Pineo for the nice memo and suggested that this be put on the Town website.

Mr. Pineo stated it will be up on the Town website tomorrow and on social media.

Ms. Murray suggested putting it in the Electric Bills. We might be talking about a generation of people who are not on social media or going onto our website. They need to know this information. We should publish it in the newspaper and put it in the Electric Bills. She stated she does not think just social media is enough.

Mr. O'Brien stated Ms. Murray wants all news areas covered whether it is web or printed material. All Medias need to be covered.

Mr. Pineo stated we can put it in the Granite State News and the Electric Bills.

Ms. Murray stated the information can be condensed. She agreed with Mr. O'Brien that the information was well presented and very thorough.

Other Business

Chairman Harriman stated some citizens have expressed a concern about masks.

Mr. Pineo stated the citizens, staff and Emergency Management Team have done a really good job on flattening the curve. We worked with our partners at Huggins Hospital and our citizens did the requirements of social distancing and they followed the stay-at-home orders by the Governor. As the Governor's stay-at-home orders transitioned to safer-at-home order we set up some task forces. These task forces came back with recommendations. We have heavily promoted social distancing and wearing of masks. He felt people were getting fatigued with this virus and as a result we are beginning to see people become lax. We have received a lot of emails requesting the mandate of wearing masks. They are passionate and highly educated. The problem becomes a compliance issue if we were to take on an ordinance of requiring people to wear masks. He felt the resources were not available to enforce this compliance. We have provided a lot of information encouraging the use of masks but the fatigue factor and the influx of visitors coming to Wolfeboro. He felt they had done a good job of encouraging citizens to wear masks but individuals needed to be reminded.

Chairman Harriman agreed. We are coming into the summer season. The Town has been in a good spot within the coronavirus so people are feeling safe and getting a little complacent. Also, with the influx of new people for the summer people are around Town without masks. He agreed it would be hard to mandate and suggested to continue to encourage heavily the wearing of masks. People need to understand the threat is still real and should comply.

Ms. Murray suggested that the emails and letters should be attached to the minutes. (See Attachments) There is a real concern from a group of people that masks should be mandated. Ms. Murray stated she agreed with Chairman Harriman. We have people that feel very strongly that all people should wear masks and we have other people that feel very strongly that people should not wear masks. The Town took the middle course. We did not mandate but we strongly encouraged. We have signs coming into our Town Be Kind, Wear Masks and Social Distancing. As a Town through our task forces we have provided extra space to help people social distance from each other. She is comfortable with what we are doing. We can keep on educating. She stated she feels at this point it is a personal choice. If someone feels because of their health they should not enter a restaurant or shop where someone isn't wearing a mask then they have the right to not go there. She felt the Town was doing the best that they could do at this time.

Mr. O'Brien stated the Governor was asked if he had any concerns about people from outbreak states coming into New Hampshire. The Governor stated there is no such thing as outbreak states we all are in an outbreak. It is just that are numbers may be a little smaller than others but it is an outbreak. There are 23 states within this country that are going in the wrong direction. The problem is not the death rate but that we will swamp the hospitals. The Town did a great job getting ready. This is a leadership question. He did not feel that the Town could mandate anything. If we turn this over to the Police Department then they would be giving everyone tickets. He felt this would create more division within the Town. We have a leadership problem. If someone feels uncomfortable that an owner of a restaurant and their employees are not wearing masks then do not go into that restaurant! That is your right! If a restaurant or shop owner mandates wearing masks then that is their right. Business owners in other towns have stated they will do everything in their power not to make people sick. This is a business leadership issue that has to be dealt with here. This is not a Selectmen's issue to tell the business community what to do. We can tell consumers if you feel unsafe then do not go in there! We can help with social distancing. We can strongly urge people to wear masks in public and to make sure social distancing is taking place. We can strongly urge people to wear masks. The summer is here so let's break the rules. It is not just out of staters that are breaking the rules. It is people that live in our Town that are breaking the rules. We are all in this together. As a community we need to stand together. We are wearing masks to protect you! We do not want you to get sick! He felt this was as far as the Town could go. He did not think mandating masks was the proper thing to do. We need to create pressure in some areas which is something the citizens can do and do it very well. He agreed with Ms. Murray that the letters should be available on the website. People have legit concerns. They are not frivolous concerns.

Chief Rondeau agreed with Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Murray. We do not have the resources. People are getting tired. This past weekend almost all the people Downtown were not

wearing masks. We can and will put out patrol officers to help our shop owners and citizens, visitors and guests that it is best if everyone wears masks. We will help to educate people. Cities have a little more authority compared to towns within the State of NH. These ordinances could be challenged constitutionally which is very troubling. The wearing of face masks is a very problem magnetic. He agreed with the Selectmen and Town Manager. He agreed if the business management leadership could be involved in this it would be helpful. We do not want the Governor to close down the State again because of a spike. It could happen so it is within everyone's best interest. We are all in this together and we need to get people to think along these lines. We are not over this pandemic yet. We need to remember we have flattened the curve but it is not over!

Ms. Murray questioned if Chief Rondeau would be putting more officers Downtown to help with social distancing and encouraging wearing masks.

Chief Rondeau stated that is his intent. He agreed it has to be done. We will speak with some of the violators to help them see this should be taken seriously. He spoke with a restaurant owner that he received a lot of complaints about and it was a very good discussion. We will keep encouraging people. It will take time.

Ms. Murray thanked Police Commissioner Steve Wood for being here tonight. It is important for him to participate because he has received letters as well. We all work better together.

Chief Rondeau stated the Police Commission and the Police Department are always working together and we speak to each other 4 or 5 times a day.

Steve Wood thanked the Board. He agreed with the Selectmen and Town Manager. He has received some concerns and complaints which he always passes on to Chief Rondeau. People are stressed and this is going to last for a while unfortunately. As we move forward we need to be more proactive with education within the community. We need to comply with the Governor's orders. He stated he personally will not enter a facility if their staff is not wearing masks. Downtown Market Grille and Garwoods are doing a great job following these orders. Masks are to protect others not yourself. This is what people need to understand. If we work together we can all get through this to the best of our abilities? Stay Safe and Thank You!

Mr. Pineo stated we skipped section D- Meeting schedule of BOS.

Chairman Harriman stated he missed that in error.

D. Board of Selectmen Meeting schedule plan

Mr. Pineo stated the Governor published a new documents. Executive Order #14 which is relative to the declaration of the emergency. Emergency Order #12 permits the Town to continue to meet virtually. This becomes a question for the Board of Selectmen. Does the Board of Selectmen want to continue to meet in this format? Or does the Board of

Selectmen want to go back to holding live meetings? The Great Hall would allow for 25 people to safely social distance while the Board of Selectmen conducts their business. We have ordered additional microphones and they should be here this week. The system we have allows the use of 16 microphones. They were purchased as a COVID-19 related expense which is reimbursable. How would the Board like to proceed with their meetings?

Mr. O'Brien felt it was prudent to proceed in this format for a while because of the elevated caseloads.

Ms. Murray agreed. It is best for us and we are showing some leadership in not coming in. We have a building that we are not requiring masks so that means people would not have to wear masks to come to a meeting and with the age of the members of this Board it makes the most sense.

Chairman Harriman agreed. The virtual format is working and we can come into sign items after hours when no one is there if we can't sign virtually. We should continue with this format for a while and we should monitor it.

Mr. Senecal agreed with the rest of the Board.

Mr. Pineo stated he would continue to monitor the Governor's orders and if things changed he would let the Board know. There are some boards that are beginning to meet in person. We have set up the Great Hall for social distancing and will be cleaning thoroughly after meetings.

Ms. Murray questioned if the boards that were meeting were given the option to meet virtual.

Mr. Pineo stated he was not sure about the Budget Committee. The Planning Board has documents that they need to see which makes it difficult in this format.

Chairman Harriman stated Wolfeboro Community Television is setting something up with the Planning Board to allow the Planning Board to communicate with people virtually if they desire. He will let the Board know how the Planning Board goes.

Mr. O'Brien stated there might be some video delay. There are some technical issues that need to be dealt with.

Ms. Murray questioned if this could be done for the Budget Committee.

Mr. Pineo stated he would reach out tomorrow to the Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Other Business - continues

Paul O'Brien read an email as follows into the record:

Dear Colleagues

The Carroll County Broadband Committee, North County Council and their partner, Rural Innovations are launching a broadband survey aimed at collecting information from individuals as to their internet usage, preferences and other information.

I personally applaud the effort to gather these data but I do not support asking anyone to provide their name and address in the survey. The collection of individual's usage is, in my opinion, both unnecessary and presents all types of privacy and potential legal issues.

If any Wolfeboro resident wishes to participate in the survey, I ask them to think carefully about providing their names and addresses.

I would appreciate an opportunity to read this into the record at our next meeting

Thank you

Paul

Committee Reports

Mr. Bowers stated he did not attend any meetings.

Mr. Senecal stated he did not attend any meetings.

Mr. O'Brien stated tomorrow we will submit our bid response to the State request for RFP for Broadband service.

Ms. Murray stated the NH Lakes CD#3 was placed in the Glendon Street Parking lot on June 25th and it will be removed tomorrow July 2nd. Mr. O'Brien and she attended a discussion meeting on a new Energy Purchase Power Agreement. The Energy Committee met and they are looking at municipal solar. Mr. Muccio attended the meeting. The area they are going to first look at is the Filter Bed Road. The Town has a significant amount of land there and the substation is there. They are looking at a system benefit charge but we did not get very far in defining it. Our transportation and battery charging station subcommittee is looking at possibly putting a car charger at Glendon Street Parking lot or someone near the Railroad Station. She attended a meeting with Mr. Pineo, Mr. Senecal and Mr. Simms about the operating lease on the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum. We made a lot of progress.

Chairman Harriman stated he did not attend any meetings.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Pineo stated the following:

We sent the lease agreement to Attorney Puffer for legal review. It should be ready for the next meeting, July 15th.

We will have the 2020/2021 Budget Guidelines for your review at the July 15th meeting as well. We will have a few outstanding items that we will not know about until later. The healthcare costs will not know until late November. We probably will not know NH Retirement System costs that go into effect in July 2021 until September. The rates are set for two years.

The Town wide Reevaluation processes have completed the review of sales and they are currently working on inspections.

Ms. Murray questioned if we received the gasoline and oil bids.

Mr. Pineo stated we have already secured those and awarded the contracts. We did receive some fairly attractive pricing.

Mr. O'Brien questioned if we were pulling the cost of insurance out or are we keeping it in the individual line items of the budget.

Mr. Pineo recommends that it be pulled out. He spoke with the auditors and they were fine with it. He spoke with a few finance consultants and they were fine with the item. He would like to talk to the Budget Committee about it as well. He would like it as a stand alone budget within Human Resources that would have all of the health care costs associated with it and it would be broken up by department within that budget. Then we could see what each individual budget and their department costs.

Mr. O'Brien stated it will save a lot of time.

Mr. Pineo stated the healthcare costs are set in the end of November and then we have to print all of the pages again. It is problematic.

Ms. Murray stated when it is taken out of the budget and we start a HR Budget the proceeding years will be shown so we can compare the bottom line from apples to apples. Correct?

Mr. Pineo stated we are hopeful we can do that. We think the software can provide the information if not then it will be a manual calculation.

Questions from the Press

NA

Public Input

Limited to 3 Minutes per resident, not to exceed 15 minutes in total

Suzanne Ryan, Resident of Wolfeboro, addressed the Board. She stated she has 2 comments and 1 question. She questioned if masks were put around Town like dog poop bags. We could provide masks out of the money from federal funds. She suggested for the opening of Town Hall to have one way in and one way out. The back way out self locks so people can not get back in.

Mr. Pineo stated this was discussed but the problem was a lot of individuals might have a problem with the amount of walking and it would be hard for the greeter to count the occupants loads.

Ms. Ryan stated ok. It was just a thought. My question pertains to the process of opening the Libby. She stated Mr. O'Brien was very concerned with the mold in the Community Center and he used the phrase, "I would not let my grandchild in there with that much mold". The Libby is far worse than anyone realizes. This can not be masks over with the spraying of bleach. There are a lot of kids and schools that go to the Libby. What are we going to do about that mold there?

Mr. Pineo stated he met with Alba and he received the scope of work that they are suggesting but he did not have time to read it yet.

Ms. Ryan stated okay. Are we going to open the Libby with the mold conditions on July 15th?

Mr. O'Brien questioned there are mold problems at the Libby.

Mr. Senecal stated it was in the pictures.

Mr. O'Brien stated the mold was under the building. Wasn't it?

Mr. Senecal stated it was in the building as well.

Ms. Murray stated she thought that was dealt with when we opened the museum last year.

Mr. O'Brien stated he saw the pictures last year and didn't we mitigate it. We need to check on this.

Ms. Ryan stated she thinks it is a new item this year. It is on the sheet rock and wallpaper.

Mr. Pineo stated there is a mold issue on some of the animals. Ms. Lennon has advised there is some peeling paint but this is the first he has heard about mold on the walls. He will reach out to Ms. Lennon tomorrow. If we need to have a mold inspection then we will have one done.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Paul O'Brien to adjourn at 8:09 PM.
Roll call vote, Linda Murray – yes, Brad Harriman – yes, Dave Bowers – yes, Paul
O'Brien – yes and Dave Senecal – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Chamberlain

James Pineo

From: Craig Dreeszen <craig@dreeszen.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:45 PM
To: James Pineo

Mr Pineo,

We are summer residents. We dutifully self isolated for two weeks. Then ventured into town. But we are concerned that too many don't wear masks or keep safe distance. Ordered takeout pizza from Noolans but had to pick it up in the bar from unmasked staff. This is dangerous. We won't go back. Bradleys was better.

I hope you can require safety precautions.

Craig Dreeszen, #1 Turtle Island, Wolfeboro

Craig Dreeszen, sent from my phone

James Pineo

From: Mary Schillereff <schillereffmp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:37 PM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Board of Selectman

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Dear Mr Pineo and BOS,

It is urgent face coverings AND social distancing become mandatory for downtown Wolfeboro.

One without the other is cautionary at best, and from what we observe easily licensensing folks to do neither. We see folks at crosswalks, side walks, and take out queues in town putting others at risk, jammed up and testing the known facts.

We've been paying attention since January, when the WHO cautioned about a "novel pneumonia" emerging in China. Now we know by then it was already in Europe, and seeded in both coasts.

We are paying attention, guiding our personal response through NH-NHHS, CDC, WHO, NIH, and Johns Hopkins to name a few.

Though seemingly safely ensconced in a town of under 7,000 we have had to in effect end shopping here as we observe the droves of visitors from away, not respecting the recommendations, and putting pressure on businesses and residents.

When Covid breaks out in Wolfeboro beyond the current "community spread", what will happen to services like eclectic, water, hospital, service stations, urgent care, grocery, pharmacy, sanitation K-12 schools and colleges ?

When the above listed guidance makes blatantly obvious at this time in the pandemic mandatory social distancing AND face coverings are essential, I am more than adamant civic response must be aligned no matter size, or calculated incidence.

Make face coverings AND social distancing mandatory for downtown Wolfeboro immediately.

Respectfully,

Mary Schillereff

James Pineo

From: Jesselyn Dreeszen Bowman <jesselyndb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:25 PM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Required masks

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Hello,

I am a concerned resident of Wolfeboro. I've been very disturbed to see people in town not wearing masks and not practicing social distances. This is particularly upsetting considering the US just passed it's highest day of cases. Please make wearing masks a requirement in Wolfeboro for the safety of all residents. It's clearly working in communities that are enforcing it.

Best,

Jesselyn

James Pineo

From: Letitia Hoaas <lhoaas@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:49 AM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Face Coverings and Social Distancing: Board of Selectmen

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Dear Mr Pineo,

It is most concerning to me how many people I see walking around Wolfeboro and entering Wolfeboro establishments without face coverings, given that mask wearing is currently the most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. It is irresponsible of the town not to help keep us all safe by requiring that face coverings be worn.

My family has stopped shopping in Wolfeboro except at two stores in which face coverings are required. We drive to Rochester to pick up groceries curbside or order items we need online. It's distressing to us when we have to enter the post office, where not everyone is wearing face coverings.

Wearing a mask is not a health hazard, it is not an unreasonable request, and it is not an economic hardship - they are available all over town for free. I personally have sewn and donated nearly 400 masks.

COVID-19 is in our community and will continue to spread if steps to mitigate it are not taken. Please make face coverings and social distancing mandatory in Wolfeboro.

Sincerely,

Tisha Daniels

Sent from my iPhone

James Pineo

From: Kenneth Bowman <bowmanken@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:00 AM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Jim Pineo for BoS

Dear Mr. Pineo:

A summer resident of Wolfeboro for more than 70 years, and a long-time taxpayer, I won't be coming this year. The reason is pretty simple: Covid-19 and the Town's lax response to it.

Over the last month or so I've been in communication with several local friends and relatives, and the story I get from all of them is the same: They are scared because the Town is largely ignoring the seriousness of the pandemic. The "suggested" use of masks means that most folks ARE NOT covering their faces – with frequent handwashing, one of the two easy and very basic measures shown to significantly reduce the spread of this deadly disease.

The Board of Selectmen needs to act quickly to implement MANDATORY use of masks when in public places and by all employees in places of business – and enforce that mandate. Otherwise, you'll be seeing extraordinary health costs down the road.

For those who think wearing a mask is "uncomfortable," it's a lot more comfortable than wearing a ventilator.

Remember: the New Hampshire State Motto is "Live free OR die," not "Live free AND die."

Respectfully,

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James Pineo

From: Anne <ablodgetholberton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:24 AM
To: James Pineo
Subject: For you and the Board of Selectmen

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Concerned for our town.

Facts:

- Our downtown is reportedly out of control and particularly risky on weekends with unmasked crowds gathering. Many residents avoid their own downtown now. I have heard this from young and older residents.
- restaurant workers in some establishments don't wear masks
- there are now 2 confirmed cases at Mountain View long term care facility
- if Huggins has cases there, it is the beginning of what we have feared. Hospital cases are the true measure.
- many citizens are at risk and many visitors are unmasked because they have come here from states where face coverings are required and take advantage of us because of our mere "suggestion" of masks.
- "the worst is yet to come" is the warning from many who are far more knowledgeable than us. Leaders in (politically conservative) hot spots are stating they now require masks and admit it is too little too late. I bet we will have regrets not doing so, as well.
- if we don't require masks, we are at risk of not opening schools, which will have a huge adverse economic and social impact on our community.
- masks save lives and that is scientific.
- Governor Baker understands and we should learn lessons from others of the benefits of mandating facecoverings
- other "tourist" towns have done this for the safety of their residents. This is a virulent pandemic not to be tested.
- many businesses require masks and are following the rules and a number of restaurants are following the guidelines too. They should be applauded.
- we don't want to be known as the tourist destination with an outbreak!

<https://www.nhpr.org/post/who-chief-covid-19-pandemic-worst-yet-come#stream/0>

Anne B. Holberton
Brook Crossing
Wolfeboro, NH

James Pineo

From: Jen Morgan <jen_b_morgan@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:02 AM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Concern for our town—BOS
Attachments: image0.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

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Good Morning,

I'm writing as I am concerned for our town and the lack of regard in seeing for social distancing and mask wearing, especially on weekends. With tourist season hitting full swing this weekend, I can only assume this will get worse. And with the 2 Covid cases now at Mountain View Nursing home, which could only have come from community spread, I'm even more concerned.

Masks curtail the spread of Covid. That is a fact. We have been lucky with only 7 local cases, although there have been 4x that many that aren't counted as Wolfeboro because the patient is not a full time resident here. That alone should scare people. We very well may have an outbreak and have no knowledge of it due to the way the cases are reported. Our luck will not continue to hold without strong action on mask wearing.

Attached is a picture from last Friday night. Bevrige has a gathering every Friday night with a buffet and a band. I see 2 masks in this picture and no social distancing. This gathering is irresponsible and every one of those people leaves that gathering and goes home or to the grocery store or to another bar and if they are infected, the infection spreads wide. Scary stuff. I urge you to take decisive action on mask wearing when in public spaces.

James Pineo

From: Rebecca Swaffield <swaffields@metrocast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:57 AM
To: James Pineo
Subject: for the Board of Selectmen

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To the Board,

Governor Sununu is leaving up to individual towns and cities to mandate wearing masks when in public, in addition to social distancing. I am requesting that the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen do just that.

On sunny days, our sidewalks are so crowded that it is impossible to stay 6 feet away from people. Most people are not wearing masks. I don't feel safe walking downtown in my own town.

Thank you for (hopefully) looking out for the safety and health of Wolfeboro.

Becky Swaffield
7 Pleasant Street
Wolfeboro

James Pineo

From: Bob Tougher <tougherbob@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:41 AM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Congregating in town last weekend

Hi Jim,

Pat and I, and several other citizens, noticed last weekend that there was a considerable amount of people congregating downtown without observing any safety guidelines, such as social distancing and wearing masks. One particular area of concern was the public space above Nolan's, where people were congregating on top of one another and no masks in sight. To a lesser extent another area of concern was Dockside for the same reasons. I didn't take any pictures.

It is obvious that some establishments are doing a better job than others in managing their customer base in spacing. We noticed that El Centenario and the Yum Yum Shop were doing a good job, as well as Bailey's Bubble.

It may be a long summer if the careless activity continues, and it may be a good idea to bring this to the attention of the Board of Selectmen. Someone on Facebook suggested the BOS mandate facial covering while out in public in town. That might be difficult for them to do since Governor Sununu was always reluctant to mandate masks, but the BOS could take a little more of an educational approach to the issue, and perhaps notify the Chamber of Commerce to advise their members to be cautious.

Thanks,
Bob

James Pineo

From: Ruthie Schillereff <ruthieschillereff@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:35 PM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Board of Selectmen

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Dear Mr Pineo,

Those of us who live in Wolfeboro have been shocked at people who are not listening to the scientists and may or may not realize that wearing a face covering will help the wearer from spreading covid virus as well as protecting themselves to a degree. This combined with staying at least six feet away is essential.

This is not a new discovery. I wore a mask when my children were sick, or I was sick. I still have that cloth mask. It works.

Everyone should wear a face covering to protect themselves and others. This is getting out of hand. The virus is dangerous for all of us. I worry that all the doctors and nurses will get sick, maybe die. Then what?

Please make wearing face coverings mandatory in Wolfeboro to save the doctors and nurses as well as ourselves.

Sincerely,

Ruth Schillereff

James Pineo

From: Abigail Adams <abigail1949@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 9:15 AM
To: James Pineo
Subject: For You and B of S meeting

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To All at Meeting of Selectman,

As Physicians, we both have grave concerns over our unmasked bustling summer crowds. As we are over 60, we just NEVER go downtown anymore (and we used to love to walk down to the docks etc). But our biggest concern is that our town officials must take a leadership role and insist on masks inside and where social distancing cannot be maintained.

It is proven to reduce transmission.

It is not perfect (and health officials waffled over this in early day of pandemic - and those of us in health apologize for this mixed message) but it does reduce transmission if ALL do it.

It is like the public school mandate to have your "shots" before beginning school- it only works if ALL comply.

We know it is hard to enforce, but it will make a huge impact if the town leaders take a position!

Please be those leaders!

Sincerely,

Abigail Adams MD

Brian Hennessy MD

Sent from my iPhone

James Pineo

From: Dan Botsford <dbotsford11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 7:04 AM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Attn: James Pineo in re: BoS/Covid 19

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I have recently observed variation in observance of Covid 19 prevention measures that correlates with residential status. Although it was not true even a few weeks ago when NH residents split 40/60, mask wearers to non mask wearers in Wolfeboro or Rochester, since the beginning of summer when NH experience with Covid was in marked contrast to the rest of the country, NH residents were much more frequently observing Gov. Sununu's recommendation/endorsement of social distancing and individual making. Summer visitors are much less observant. Without robust encouragement from town governance, prevention will likely fail and we will follow the south and west into Covid surge. Any encouragement the board can give to universal following of the federal guidelines, up to considering town ordinances without or with sanctions will positively impact Wolfeboro's experience now and for the coming academic and business year.

Daniel Botsford, MD, retired
Summer resident since 1985, full time since 2015

81 Turtle Island Rd,

James Pineo

From: Nejem Raheem <nejem_raheem@emerson.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:20 PM
To: James Pineo
Subject: for BoS

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Dear Mr. Pineo

Thank you for taking a minute to read this email. Especially after listening to Dr. Fauci and others this morning, it is very important to strengthen our message on wearing masks. I have seen very mixed mask use in town, and frankly it's worrying.

Honestly the dump has it right, and most folks there comply (though not all).

During the week I feel like things are a bit better but over the weekends there are lots of people in town not wearing masks. Compliance at businesses is really varied, and that's going to result in people just avoiding certain places.

Is there any way we can move to have a more stringent policy on this?

Best,

Nejem

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Schedule a zoom meeting with me [here](#)

Nejem Raheem, Ph.D.

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James Pineo

From: Diane Bowman <dbturtleisland@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:13 PM
To: James Pineo
Subject: Concern for Wolfeboro for BoS

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I'm concerned about people not wearing masks in Wolfeboro. It seems like the norm is having no masks walking around town, at the docks, bike path, etc.

I've shopped at both grocery stores, both of which have narrow aisles, and not everyone wore a mask.

I'm thinking of just shopping at Hannafords in Ossipee as the aisles are wider.

Most people at the Farmers Markets have had masks but not all. I had to use the laundromat and not everyone wore a mask. Maybe only half the people.

We ordered a takeout pizza from Nolan's and were shocked that not only did we have to go inside to the bar to get it but only one employee who was cleaning tables wore a mask. Why can't they bring the pizza to the front door and wear masks?

The man at the hot dog stand at the docks had a mask dangling down from one ear when approached by a man not wearing a mask to buy a hot dog. The next customer came up wearing a mask so the owner attached his mask to both ears to cover his mouth and nose.

I love Wolfeboro and am here for the summer, but I don't want to shop here. I wish masks were required not just recommended! Why can't N.H. learn from other states that masks help lower the spread of Covid19?

Thanks for your help in doing whatever you can to lower the spread of Covid19 here.

Diane Bowman
1 Turtle Island
Wolfeboro

Sent from my iPhone