Received a written resignation from Elizabeth Blanchard prior to the meeting.

6:00 PM Executive Session: Title MRSA § 405.6.D (Union Contracts)

Present: Chairman Todd A. Frederick, Vice Chairman Robert E. Palmer, Jr., Marilyn A. McLaughlin, Mike Estes

Others Present: Town Manager Stephen H. Burns, Director of Human Resources and Assistant Town Manager Kathryn Lagasse, Chief of Police Charles J. Szeniawski, Deputy Chief Owen Davis

Moved by Mike Estes, seconded by Marilyn McLaughlin to enter into executive session. Vote 4-0-1, motion passes

Moved by Mike Estes, seconded by Marilyn McLaughlin to exit out of executive session. Vote 4-0-1, motion passes

7:00 PM – Regular Meeting

Present: Chairman Todd A. Frederick, Vice Chairman Robert E. Palmer, Jr., Marilyn A. McLaughlin, Mike Estes

Others Present: Town Manager Stephen H. Burns, Director of Human Resources and Assistant Town Manager Kathryn Lagasse, Director of GIS and Technology Brett Horr, Seacoast Online reporter Dan Bancroft, Assistant to the Town Manager Diana Janetos, Public Works Director Dean Lessard, Chief of Police Charles J. Szeniawski, Tom Martine

Call to Order

Chairman Todd A. Frederick called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

The Board received a letter in the afternoon from their colleague Elizabeth Blanchard stating she was resigning from the Board due to a serious health issue effective immediately. Chair Todd A. Frederick read the letter into the record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Annual Organizational Meeting

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
   Chair – Nominate Todd A. Frederick. Vote 4-0, motion passes
   Vice Chair – Nominate Robert Palmer. Vote 4-0, motion passes
2. Establish a Fixed Schedule of Meetings
   Moved by Mike Estes, seconded by Marilyn McLaughlin to approve the proposed
   schedule of meetings for the coming year, as required by the Town Charter. Vote 4-
   0, motion passes

3. Re-adopt Selectmen’s Policy Entitled “Transaction of Business”
   Moved by Mike Estes, seconded by Marilyn McLaughlin to re-adopt the Selectmen's
   Policy, Transaction of Business with amendment on page 1, note statute reference
   under Special and Emergency Meetings. Vote 4-0, motion passes

4. Adopt the Town Budget as Certified by the Town Clerk and Set by the Voters per
   Article 2, Sections 14 (B) & (C) of the Town Charter
   Moved by Marilyn McLaughlin, seconded by Mike Estes to adopt the Town budget
   as decided by the voters and certified by the Town Clerk, per Town of York Home
   Rule Charter Article 11, Sections Band C. Vote 4-0, motion passes

5. Re-adopt the Selectmen’s Policy Entitled “Disbursement of Wages to Municipal
   Employees”
   Moved by Marilyn McLaughlin, seconded by Mike Estes to re-adopt the Selectmen's
   Policy, Disbursement of Wages to Municipal Employees, and to direct the Town
   Manager to file a copy of this action and the renewed policy with the Town Clerk.
   Vote 4-0, motion passes

6. Public Timelines for Future Referenda
   Moved by Marilyn McLaughlin, seconded by Mike Estes to approve the timelines
   for the November 2020, May 2021 and November 2021 referenda, and to direct the
   Town Manager to publish these on the Board's web page. Vote 4-0, motion passes

7. Training Requirements and Opportunities for Board Members

8. Elect a member to serve on the Hartley Mason Board of Trustees
   Moved by Marilyn McLaughlin, seconded by Mike Estes to appoint Robert Palmer
   to the Hartley Mason Reserve Board of Trustees. Vote 4-0, motion passes

9. Review Selectmen’s Code of Ethics
   Moved by Marilyn McLaughlin, seconded by Robert Palmer to insert the
   Proclamation Against Racism, Discrimination and Bigotry into the Code of Ethics
   after Section 3, and to re-number subsequent sections accordingly with the
   amendment to fix the typo on page 7. Vote 4-0, motion passes

10. Annual Adoption of Emergency Plan
    Moved by Mike Estes, seconded by Robert Palmer to adopt the Town of York's
    Comprehensive Emergency Checklist dated July 15, 2020 in accordance with the
    Towns Emergency Management Ordinance dated July 15, 2020. Vote 4-0, motion
    passes
11. Review Selectmen’s Policy Entitled “Public Participation at Selectmen’s Meeting”

A. **Consent Agenda**

1. July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes
2. Business License Renewals
   - Wiggly Bridge Distillery – 19 Railroad Ave.
   - Wiggly Bridge Distillery – 441 US Rt. 1
   - Lobster in the Rough

   Moved by Robert Palmer, seconded by Mike Estes to accept the Consent Agenda. Vote 4-0, motion passes

B. **Minutes**

C. **Chairman's Report**

   - Robert Palmer said that he didn’t know Elizabeth Blanchard three years ago but serving on the Board for three years he has learned a lot about her. She has amazing spirit and is a fighter. His thoughts and prayers are with her. He wanted to thank her for her years of service with the Town.

   - Mike Estes was saddened to get the resignation letter forwarded to him today from Elizabeth Blanchard. She always spoke her mind and was a fighter. When she saw something, she didn’t think was right she was not bashful to speak up. He truly respected her for that. Sometimes they were on opposites sides, but both their voices were heard. He wishes her the best. He hopes she fights this thing to the end. He also hopes to see her out in the public again. Go get em Liz!

   - Marilyn McLaughlin said that Liz was one of the first people welcoming her at the York Rotary Club. She was so gracious and so kind with an amazing spirit. Speaking directly to you, I hope you fight as hard as you can. It has been a pleasure serving with you. I was looking forward to serving another 3 years with you. I am saddened that you are not here with us. We wish you well. We/I thank you for your service. I’m sure the public will reach out to you when they hear this. You have all our love and all our affections and all of our respect. Thank you for your service.

   - Todd A. Frederick concurs with all his fellow colleagues. He had a difficult reading the letter from Liz. She’s a strong lady. She’s a fighter. She fights for what she thinks is right. She won a great election. Had the opportunity to talk to her today. She sends all the best to all of us. She’s going to fight this with all her might and ability and get back in our community and hopefully serve York in another capacity at a future date. I really enjoyed working with her and am going to miss her. She brought some fun and levity to our Zoom meetings. Liz, we love you, I love you and we wish you all the best and my prayers are with you and your family to deal with this, god speed and a speedy recovery.
D. **Manager's Report**

Liz’s resignation was a sad surprise. I didn’t know Liz when she ran for office. It was one of those good surprises, you don’t always have to know who is running to end up with a great person in that seat. She did a great job. She really rose to the occasion. Will miss Liz and her gold shoes, she definitely had some flash. She was a city councilor in Concord, NH. She was a county representative. She did four terms in the NH House of Representatives. First as a republican then changed parties and won as a democrat. Public service is a calling for her. She is a great person and I hope she gets well soon. Will look forward to having her back around even is she isn’t on the Board. York Beach won’t be the same if she is not wandering around there and keeping an eye out on it for us. In 30 days, the Board will have to call a Special General Referenda the same day as the Presidential election. So, November 3rd you don’t have to have anything special for this. Already on the next agenda that you will call the Special General Referenda to hold an election to fill that vacancy. The seat remains vacant until it’s filled. The voters are the only ones that can fill it. When you do, Mary-Anne will advertise for that position. Hope to see her gold shoes back in his office sometime soon.

Heavy voter turnout last week. Third highest turnout since 1990 for a Budget Referenda. The Clerk’s office and the State did a nice job on their Covid adaptation. Helped at the polls. Everyone was appreciative to the volunteers. Thank you to the staff and volunteers that made it all happen and to the public, you have to be patient in this day and age with Covid. On the budget side of things, almost everything passed. Working on Townhall expansion can proceed. Reuse of the old Police station to make more functional again. Surveying of Mount A. Will have to go through operating budgets and see how Covid is impacting things.

Parks and Rec. department report came out and showed pictures of a crowded beach but if you walk and view at different points, you can see the gaps and social distancing. Started to run into a few issues with trash, I think it’s just because the beaches are so busy. Bathrooms open again at Sohier Park.

Police report came out and there were some arrests, OUI’s. Nothing unusual.

Public Works report Dean Lessard spoke about his report.

Maine Town and City had a write up about beach stewards, we got good coverage. Great feedback so far.

E. **Awards**

1. **Crack Seal Bid**
   Moved by Mike Estes, seconded by Marilyn McLaughlin to award the FY2021 Crack Seal bid to Sealcoating, Inc. dba. Indus in the amount of $1.16 per pound. Vote 4-0, motion passes

2. **Collection of Town Trash**
Moved by Marilyn McLaughlin, seconded by Mike Estes to approve the Town Manager to sign the 3-year agreement extension between the Town of York and Waste Management of New Hampshire Inc. for the weekly collection, transportation and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) from dumpsters at Town facilities. Vote 4-0, motion passes.

F. Reports

G. Citizens' Forum
   Public Comment –
   1. Stacie Shapiro
   2. Brent and Leah Drennan
   3. Janet Duggan
   4. Wanda Morris
   5. David Chase

H. Public Hearings

I. Endorsements

J. Old Business
   1. Discussion: Next steps on combating racism in our community
   2. Discussion: Protocols for meeting in the auditorium
   3. Action: Town Manager Contract
      Moved by Robert Palmer, seconded by Marilyn McLaughlin to amend the Town Manager’s employment contract to increase the annual salary from $126,620 to $132,318, and to make the raise effective retroactively to the weekly pay period which includes his employment anniversary date of January 28, 2020. Vote 4-0, motion passes
   4. Action: Re-opening of Town Parks and Facilities
      No action tonight

K. New Business
   1. Action: Contract with YCSA for General Assistance
      Moved by Robert Palmer, seconded by Mike Estes to approve the agreement with York Community Service Association, dated July 20, 2020, for the administration of the Town's General Assistance program and Property Tax Relief ordinance, as set forth in the attached Agreement, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Vote 4-0, motion passes
   2. Discussion: COVID Operational Update
   3. Discussion: Goals for the Board for the upcoming year
4. Action: Planning Board appointment

5. Action: Planning Board appointment
   Moved by Mike Estes, seconded by Marilyn McLaughlin to appoint Ian Shaw as an Alternate member to the Planning Board, with a term expiring June 30, 2023. Vote 4-0, motion passes

6. Action: Establishment of a Building Committee for Town Hall
   Moved by Robert Palmer, seconded by Marilyn McLaughlin approve the proposed Charter for a new ad hoc Town Hall Building Committee, and to begin seeking members to fill this committee. Vote 4-0, motion passes

L. Future Agendas
   • Notify attorneys about marijuana presentation, will be a Zoom meeting now
   • Bike ped signs status
   • Stairway on Webber Road, people want a railing

M. Other Business
   • Keep Committee and Board vacancies front and center
   • Dan Bancroft gives his best wishes to Elizabeth Blanchard

N. Citizens' Forum

Adjourn

Chairman Todd A. Frederick adjourned the meeting at 10:02 PM. Without objection, so ordered.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Janetos