

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – 5:00pm  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

**Present:** Barbara Miller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward

**Also Present:** Nancie Vaihinger, Nicole MacStay, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla

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Chair Juengst called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Proposed Amendments to the Town Code Book**

*Fund Balance*

Nancie Vaihinger explained that in 2014 there was a change in the unassigned fund balance. DRA calculates based on the preceding year, therefore we need to change our policy to reflect this. Ultimately this doesn't change the balance, the only difference is how these figures are calculated. Mr. Ward asked where we sit in the range between the recommended 5-15%. Ms. Vaihinger responded that we do meet the minimum of 5%. Mr. Ward asked about keeping the minimum fund balance or would revenue accrue? Chair Juengst added that he understood that the minimum is exactly that, and in case of an emergency, having more than the minimum is beneficial. Ms. Miller asked what Ms. Vaihinger would recommend. She said 8-9% would be her recommendation.

Chair Juengst asked if there were any questions or comments about this policy. There were none.

*Motion:* Ms. Miller made a motion to make this policy change.

*Vote:* Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Code Enforcement*

Mr. Carrara explained that the Town Code Book and the state code are different and that the state no longer uses BOCA code (Building Officials Code Association) but instead uses ICC code (International Code Council), a nationally used code system that has been adopted by the State of NH. He recommended that the Town Code Book be changed to reflect the use of ICC code. Chair Juengst asked if there was public comments or questions. There were none.

*Motion:* Ms. Miller made a motion to make amendments to the code book as described by Mr. Carrara.

*Vote:* Mr. Juengst seconded. All in favor.

*Traffic Code*

Chief Guinard explained that a Four Winds Farm Road resident contacted him regarding excessive speeding along that road. Additionally, the police department was not able to use the radar speed machine to gather data since the machine needs repair and therefore used an officer to clock speed on eight different days. Current speed limit is 30 mph. State law does not allow municipality to lower it to less than 25 miles per hour. They found that most vehicles were already doing less than 25 mph, with the occasional car exceeding the speed limit. However, the road itself has unique characteristics, narrow width, no lateral support lanes, blind driveways, limited visibility during certain times of year due to brush, and the ditching is steep for adequate run off. He recommended lowering the speed limit to 25 mph to create safety for pedestrians walking on the road.

Chair Juengst opened the floor to any comments or questions. Loretta Laurenitis explained that she was the one to contact Chief Guinard. She expressed that there are additional factors such as additional traffic with the Monahan house being used as an Airbnb and high pedestrian usage of the road. She expressed that people have been concerned about the safety of pedestrians on the road. David Benacci expressed his experiences with a couple of close calls while walking that road, as well as expressed his appreciation for the consideration of reducing the speed limit.

Chief Guinard explained that standard speed limit signs would be used but would check with the Town Administrator as a possibility to add additional or different signage, and see what is available.

*Motion:* Mr. Ward made a motion to change the speed limit on Four Winds Farm Road from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

*Vote:* Ms. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Juengst gave an update on the latest school district strategic plan. An RFP was solicited but no one responded for the second time. They are now recommending that they do some of the analysis themselves, which includes changing the funding formula and presenting different models including consolidation options. Mr. Juengst recognized that consensus would be difficult based on so many different variables and differing models of how to organize a solution that would be equitable. Mr. Juengst additionally expressed that transparency of the data would be beneficial to finding a solution to our declining enrollment without sacrificing quality education.

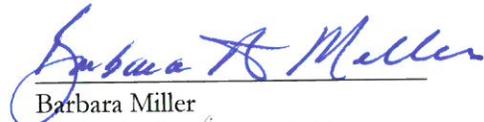
As there was no more business to discuss, Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

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Ed Juengst, Chair



Barbara Miller



Tyler Ward