



## Office of Board of Selectmen Town of Mason

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Selectmen Meeting 3/7/2022  
*Approved Minutes*

**Present:** Selectmen Charlie Moser, Kate Batcheller, Peter McGinnity; Jen Tenney – Admin Asst, Brenda Wiley – Accountant, Dave Morrison – Road Agent, Jacob Olson – Building Inspector  
Members of the Public – Bruce Mann, Garth Fletcher, Anne Moser, Phyllis Greenleaf (non-resident), Todd Mullen

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair Pete McGinnity, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

### **Approvals:**

- Noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests had been reviewed and approved prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of 2/22/2022 BOS / HWY Staff meeting, Pete motioned to approve with changes, second from Kate. Roll call vote Pete-aye, Kate-aye, Charlie-aye.
- Minutes of 2/22/2022 BOS / FD meeting, Charlie motioned to approve as written, second from Kate. Roll call vote Pete-aye, Kate-aye, Charlie-aye.
- Minutes of 2/22/2022 BOS meeting, Kate motioned to approve as written, second from Pete. Roll call vote Pete-aye, Kate-aye, Charlie-aye.

### **New Business:**

- Bruce Mann expressed concern regarding the invasive plant, Japanese knotweed. Bruce discussed his research and experience with the destruction of the knotweed plant and believes glyphosate, the herbicide found in Roundup, is the most effective way to destroy the plant. Bruce would be willing to go on town property and use the above herbicide to try and destroy the plant and asked Selectmen for permission to do so. The Selectmen do not give permission for Bruce to use this herbicide anywhere other than his own property. Anne Moser spoke to her experience with Japanese knotweed while on the Conservation Commission and to how dangerous glyphosate can be. Selectmen will ask Conservation Commission to research what the surrounding towns are doing and what the current recommendations are to destroy Japanese knotweed and report their findings to the Selectmen.

**Old Business:**

- Personnel Policy – Pete motioned to approve changes made to the retirement portion of the Personnel Policy, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Pete-aye, Kate-aye, Charlie-aye.
- Administrative Assistant Jen Tenney informed Selectmen Classic Signs has asked to increase their town seal budget to \$500. Selectmen ok'd.
- Building Inspector Jacob Olson updated Selectmen regarding the property needing documentation for their accessory unit. Per Selectmen, Jacob will inform the property owner's that a special exception by the Zoning Board will need to be applied for and a full inspection will need to be completed before consideration of issuing a Certificate of Occupancy.

**Public Forum:**

- Garth Fletcher expressed concern about accusations made by residents towards volunteers and board members in regards to the Proposed Wetlands Ordinance.

**Non Public:**

\* Motion to enter Non-public session made by Charlie, seconded by Pete by reason of:

- RSA 91-A:3, II (b) *The hiring of any person as a public employee.*

Roll call vote to enter non-public session – Pete-aye, Kate-aye, Charlie-aye. Entered non-public session at 8:14p.

Motion to return to public session made by Pete, second from Kate, returned at 8:26p.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Pete motioned to adjourn, second from Kate. Kate-aye, Peter-aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Tenney*

BOS Administrative Assistant