

SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – 5:00 PM
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

New Business

Resignation of Select Board Member Karen Hatcher
Appointment of Interim Select Board Member

Old Business

Follow-up on Evans Flats Discussion
Review and Approval of Select Board Minutes of June 23rd, July 7th, & August 4th, 2020

Other Business

Consent Agenda

Correspondence:

Thank You Letter from Alivia Acosta re Conservation Easement
Thank You Email from Susan Shute re Recorded Sessions on Policing & Racial Justice
Thank You Email from Merrily Hansen re Masking Requirements
Letter from SWRPC re 10 Year Plan
Letters from Xfinity re Service Changes
Email Correspondence with Emily Manns, Chair of Energy Committee, re EV Charging Station Analysis
Email Correspondence with Zachary Green, Anna McGuinness, & Jonah Wheeler re New Select Board Member
Email Correspondence with Lauretta Laurenitis re New Select Board Member
Email Correspondence with Virgo Batty re CIP Committee
Email Correspondence Virgo Batty re Anti-Racist Initiatives
Email Correspondence with Liz Thomas & Barbara Miller re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Barbara Miller re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Jeanne Dietsch re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Bill Chatfield re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Cynthia Schlosser re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Julie Perron re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Kate Coon re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Carol Nelson re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Maribeth Buchanan, Diane Champagne, & Elizabeth Buchanan re Mask Ordinance
Email Correspondence with Jo Ellen (Lindh) D'Ambrosio re Mask Ordinance

Building Permits:

BP20-83; 5 Winter Street; Herrick; Reno
BP20-84; 538 Old Greenfield Road; Walsh; SFR
BP20-85; 223 Gulf Road; Weeks; Garage
BP20-86; 6 Mercer Ave; McMillan; Electrical
BP20-88; 26 Grove Street; School & Grove LLC; Electrical
BP20-89; 118 Lounsbury Lane; Paquin; Deck
BP20-90; 139 Cunningham Pond Road; Rozier; Solar
BP20-91; 22 Winter Street; Weststrate; Solar

Demolition Permits:

DP19-14; 10 High Street; Timber Home; House Demo

ADJOURN

Karen Hatcher
189 Old Street Road
Peterborough, NH 03458

August 18, 2020

Tyler Ward, Chair
Bill Taylor, Member
Peterborough Select Board
1 Grove Street
Peterborough, NH 03458

Dear Tyler and Bill,

I am writing to officially tender my resignation from the Peterborough Select Board effective Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

We all knew that my taking on the role of Community and Economic Development Coordinator alongside of my role on the Select Board would be a challenging balance. What we didn't and couldn't predict was the intensity and velocity of issues being presented, that would consistently merge the two roles as they called on us to address them. Over these last several months, I have found it extremely difficult to navigate between the two in a way that honors my commitment to full transparency.

Because the two roles have been so connected, I've also not been able to regularly find places in my life for essential breaks in the action, to recharge and recenter, to recapture my joy, so necessary to my balance as a human being and my effectiveness as a public servant.

I have appreciated getting to work with and come to know each of you as people and committed members of this community. We have shared our humanity with a deep level of mutual respect and willingness to have hard conversations on issues that matter. Ours has been a true working Select Board, an experience I count as a gift in my life.

I remain enthusiastically committed to the work of building a strong and resilient Peterborough, working with you as a member of the staff to help guide Our Town through the myriad challenges that never seem to end. I will also continue in my volunteer efforts with the Welcome Team, the Nonprofit Network and the NH School Funding Fairness Project and others that call me to service.

I am proud of the work we have done together and prouder still to call you each my friend.

Sincerely,

Karen Hatcher

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
 Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 – 5:00 PM
 1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Tyler Ward, Karen Hatcher, Bill Taylor

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Alison Kreutz

Chair Ward opened the meeting, conducted via Zoom web conference, at 5:00 PM. The meeting was broadcast live on USTREAM, Facebook Live, and Channel 22 (Comcast).

Press Release for Listening Session on Policing and Racial Justice

Ms. Hatcher read the press release:

The recent incidents of racial violence in our country have given rise to protests demanding equal justice for people of color in communities across the globe. Hundreds of Peterborough residents have joined protests for the last several weeks and dozens have signed their names to a letter earlier this month, asking for more transparency in our policing. Calls have also been made for an examination of the role of local police departments, and the reallocation of funds that more appropriately address community mental health needs that are often at the heart of calls for help. To hear from the community and inform a thoughtful response going forward, the Town of Peterborough will hold a Community Listening Session on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 6:30-8:30pm. Those interested in participating can log in to the meeting using the video conferencing app Zoom or by telephone. The session will be live streamed on Facebook and on Channel 22. Facilitators Karen Hatcher and Nicole MacStay will be joined by Chief Scott Guinard of the Peterborough Police Department and Chief Ed Walker of Peterborough Fire and Rescue.

*To access the meeting, go to www.zoom.us or dial 929-205-6099. Use the webinar ID: 811 4214 6933. Once the forum is open for public participation, callers may press *9 to comment or ask questions. Those logged in on Zoom can use the "raise your hand" feature to indicate a desire to speak. You will then be recognized by the host. Questions or comments may also be emailed in advance to community@peterboroughnh.gov.*

The information gathered during this session will be used to help prioritize a coordinated effort to address concerns.

Chair Ward asked if participants will be able to ask questions at the event. Ms. Hatcher explained that, as it is a *listening* session, questions will not be answered live during the session, but questions will be collected and organized for answering in a Q&A press release and, for larger issues, a planning process will be drafted and brought to the Select Board.

Vote to Approve 2020 Social Services Funding Requests

Ms. MacStay explained that each year money is budgeted to help fund the agencies that provide services the Town would otherwise have to provide to its residences. Applications are submitted by agencies that would like to be considered. This year there were seven applications received:

Community Volunteer Transportation Company	\$1,500.00
Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services	\$10,000.00
Monadnock Family Services	\$7,855.00
The River Center	\$3,500.00
Saint Joseph's Community Services (Meals on Wheels)	\$2,550.00
Child Advocacy Center of Monadnock Region	\$1,000.00
ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$750.00

Ms. MacStay said all are worthy organizations, and are good agencies for the Town to support. The total amount of all requests is \$27,155.00, which is within the \$30,000.00 that has been budgeted. Chair Ward noted it was less than was requested last year. Ms. MacStay confirmed, and clarified that the amounts put forward for approval are the amounts the agencies requested.

Ms. Hatcher asked if the line item for the Food Pantry is separate from this line item, and Ms. MacStay explained that it comes out of the same line item, but the Pantry also gets support from the Town as it pays for the Pantry's location (in the Community Center), electricity, etc.

Motion: Ms. Hatcher made a motion to approve the 2020 Social Services Funding Requests as presented.

Vote: Mr. Taylor seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Roadway Management Expendable Trust Reimbursement Request

Ms. MacStay explained the DPW is seeking reimbursement from the Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$250,000 for work done in the 2019 paving season, during which seven town roads were reclaimed and repaved, in addition to multiple roadway maintenance projects. Ms. MacStay noted the 10-year Roadway Management Program is going very well.

Mr. Bartlett added that of the \$390,851.28 spent on roadway improvements, the DPW was only asking for \$250,000 to be transferred from the trust fund to the operating budget.

Chair Ward noted that would leave a balance of \$150,000 in the trust fund.

Ms. Hatcher asked if the remaining funds in the capital reserve fund would then be rolled into next year's projects. Ms. MacStay confirmed, and said one of the nice things about the capital reserve funds is they allow for money to be saved from one year to the next.

Motion: Chair Ward made a motion to transfer \$250,000 from the Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Trust Fund to the Operating Budget

Vote: Mr. Taylor seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Ward said DPW Director Seth MacLean was doing great work with the Road Program.

Vote to Approve Select Board Minutes of May 19th and June 2, 2020

Motion: Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes of May 19th and June 2, 2020.

Vote: Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Hatcher a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 PM. Chair Ward seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Kreutz, Department Assistant

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:

Tyler Ward

Karen Hatcher

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

- 1.

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – 5:00 PM
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Tyler Ward, Karen Hatcher, Bill Taylor

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Alison Kreutz

Chair Ward opened the meeting, conducted remotely via Zoom web conference, at 5:00 PM. The meeting was broadcast live on USTREAM, Facebook Live, and Channel 22 (Comcast).

Chair Ward noted that the experience with virtual meetings have been positive, and there has been significant engagement with the public via Facebook Live.

Update on 2020 Town Meeting Preparation

Mr. Bartlett said in-person voting for Town Meeting will take place, as usual, at the Community Center. The entrance and exit have been reversed to allow more space for social distancing. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow morning with stakeholders including Town Clerk Linda Guyette and Moderator Phil Runyon to ensure all critical details are established. Many absentee ballot requests have been received and the Town Clerk's Office has been responding to those daily.

The polls will be open 7:00 AM -7:00 PM. Chair Ward noted he can't attend, as he is on the ballot. Ms. Hatcher volunteered to take the first shift from 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, and Mr. Taylor said he will cover 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM. There was a discussion about those who could serve as Select Board Pro Temp to help at the polls. It was established that any resident eligible to run as a Select Board member and registered to vote (who is not on the ballot) could serve as a Select Board Pro Temp.

Chair Ward asked how many requests for absentee ballots had been received by the Town Clerk, and Mr. Bartlett estimated 500-600, with more coming in every day.

There was a discussion about the best way to return absentee ballots to the Town Clerk. Ballots must be mailed to the Town Clerk, or given to the Town Clerk directly. Chair Ward asked for confirmation that ballots *cannot* be deposited through the Town House mail slot, and Mr. Bartlett confirmed that they cannot.

Via Facebook, Kate Coon asked if PPE would be available for the poll workers, and Ms. MacStay confirmed.

Via Facebook, Sunya Jay asked how to change an address from a recent move prior to voting. Ms. MacStay said the Supervisors of the Checklist are meeting tonight at 6:00 PM at the Town House, so that would be the last opportunity before going to the polls next Tuesday.

2020 Town Meeting - Protest Petition

Ms. MacStay said a Protest Petition regarding Zoning Amendment 1 (a petition warrant article calling for the repeal of TNOZ 1) was received. GIS Director Fash Farashahi and Ms. MacStay are working together to establish if validity of the protest petition. It appears to be valid, though Ms. MacStay said there were still a few signatures that required validation. The petition would require a 2/3rd majority for Zoning Amendment 1 to pass. Ms. MacStay read aloud the formal language related to the submission of the protest petition:

You are hereby notified that pursuant to RSA 675:5, a signed protest petition against Zoning Amendment 1 was submitted to the Select Board on June 30th, 2020. A favorable vote of 2/3rds of all members of the legislative body present and voting shall be required to adopt Zoning Amendment

She reminded the Select Board that, like last year, once a protest petition has been received and validated, it legally “has to go through” – it’s not up for debate or discussion - and the vote has to go to that 2/3rd standard.

Ms. Hatcher asked Ms. MacStay to explain the validation process. Ms. MacStay said “it’s a really complicated thing” but explained that if a zoning amendment affects less than 1/3rd of the town’s total land area, the amendment can be put to a protest petition, in which people who own property that would be affected can formally state they don’t believe the zoning amendment should be adopted and require that it’s held to the high 2/3rd standard for voting. The property owners must cumulatively own at least 20% of the property that would be affected by the proposed amendment. In this case, the properties affected are within the boundaries of TNOZ 1, which is essentially the downtown core of Peterborough. Analysis is required for accuracy, and much of that is done using the town’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database. All government-owned properties and right-of-ways are removed, and then an acreage calculation is done. It is then confirmed that the property owner of record is the person who signed the protest petition. Ms. MacStay said that, in this case, they were able to determine that owners of at least 20% of the property in that area signed the protest petition.

Mr. Taylor asked for confirmation that Zoning Amendment 1 was submitted by town citizens, as was the protest petition. Ms. MacStay confirmed that was the case.

Report Out of Listening Session on Policing and Racial Justice

Chair Ward said it was encouraging that Peterborough was taking action, and said Chief Guinard “has been great.”

Ms. Hatcher said about 70 people attended the Listening Session held two weeks ago. Chief Walker, Chief Guinard, Ms. MacStay and Ms. Hatcher have been meeting to discuss what they heard and the process for going forward. At the Report Out Session planned for this evening, they will cover “what was heard, what actions we plan to take, and ways the community can support those actions.” At the conclusion of the Report Out Session there will be an opportunity for people to ask questions.

She said “Chief Guinard has been wonderful to work with” and continued that she is grateful for all the work that has been done the last two weeks to “bring us to a point where we can respond thoughtfully to the community.”

Mr. Taylor said, “it’s a huge amount of work.”

Via Facebook, Lisa Prince Stone asked for the Select Board’s opinion about the Protest Petition. Chair Ward and Mr. Taylor reiterated that the Board does not have a position about the matter. Ms. Hatcher commented that, considering all the work that had been done regarding the subject over the past year, it was frustrating and disappointing to be back in the same place we were before Town Meeting last year.

Chair Ward noted the Weekly Dispatch published earlier that day had lots of good information and “there’s lots of good stuff still happening” in town. Ms. Hatcher added, “it’s a wonderful tool” and hoped that more people would sign up to receive the Dispatch.

Ms. Hatcher said the Mask Up for Summer Event organized by the Grand Monadnock Rotary is scheduled for this Friday & Saturday at the South Meadow School. There are posters going up around town about using masks, and information will be distributed to businesses around town. She said “we still need to be really careful” and COVID-19 is surging in many states.

Vote to Approve Select Board Minutes of June 16, 2020

Ms. Hatcher noted that the name of the Board member who seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting on June 16th was missing.

Motion: Chair Ward made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2020, with the correction noted above.

Note: Mr. Taylor seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 PM. Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Kreutz, Department Assistant

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:

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Karen Hatcher

Bill Taylor

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

1.

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – 5:00 PM
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Tyler Ward, Karen Hatcher, Bill Taylor

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Alison Kreutz

Chair Ward opened the meeting at 5:05 PM, following a few technical difficulties.

Chair Ward explained that live viewing via Channel 22 and Ustream was not available due to a system upgrade, but a recording of the meeting will be uploaded to Ustream, per usual. The meeting was live streamed on the Town's official Facebook page.

Affordable Housing Proposal – Hope Taylor & Peter Laroche

Hope Taylor said volunteers had been working on a “2-pronged” idea for new sustainable, affordable housing using town-owned land. The buildings would be built by local contractors & tradesmen who, rather than charge for the work, would own part of the completed construction (“sweat equity”). Ms. Taylor said she and Sharon Monahan surveyed Evans Flats (vacant land located at the end of Evans Road) as a location, and architect John Catlin made drawings of a potential development that would feature 4 buildings with 16 units total. The units would be small, with 2 bedrooms, and all would have identical layout. The land involved wouldn't run into wetland buffer. She said Peter Laroche reviewed the plans drawn by John Catlin and, with Belletete's help, priced them out. There were three possibilities:

First, strictly builder owned: Materials would be bought with a bridge loan, the buildings would be constructed and, and after bridge loan is paid off, the buildings would be “condo-ized.” Estimated price of materials was \$850,000, with a unit price of \$53,000, and return of 8.5 % to investors/tradesmen.

Second option would be to have the whole development built by investors, in which case the price would double to \$1.7 million. The cost per unit would be \$110,000, and net return would be 4.5%.

Thirdly, there are refab/modular house kits available from \$38,000 (Ms. Taylor said she specifically looked at options from Camelot Homes) and using prefab would cut down construction time. Unit price would be \$51,000, with investment return of 8.7%.

Ms. Taylor said, since they started working on this project seven months ago, they have found two investors who are very interested in the idea, so there is the potential for construction be completed using half sweat equity and half investor funds, in which case a bridge loan might not be necessary. She acknowledged that it would be important to speak to abutters.

Chair Ward temporarily lost connection due to weather.

Ms. Hatcher thanked Ms. Taylor for her hard work and “taking the initiative.” She asked for clarification about the Town's contribution and the management of the properties.

Regarding management, Ms. Taylor “it would be just like any other condo association” - a committee would be established to run things. Ms. Taylor said the Town would be paid for the land: “we would negotiate a price and go from there” but said she wasn't sure what needed to occur from a legal standpoint.

Ms. MacStay said that, in order for the Town to make decisions regarding with town-owned property, a 41-14A process needs to be implemented, during which the Select Board would hold two public hearings. The Select Board can put out a Request for Proposal before implementing the 41-14A process in order to see what interest/other ideas are out there. If the Board is interested in pursuing the idea about Evans Flats, “that might be a model...you want to look at.”

Mr. Laroche asked, if the Town was able to get full market value for the Evans Flats land for this project, would the Town consider providing the sewer/water hookup at a lower rate, or reducing the tax rate on the property for a set amount of years?

Ms. Hatcher said the Select Board needed to determine if they were interested in going forward with the process before discussing those details.

Mr. Taylor said “if we work out something that adds 16 units of low-income housing to the town, it’s a good thing.” Once the process was started, if multiple proposals came in, they would determine the best option for the town.

Ms. Hatcher said there has long been a need for affordable workforce housing, so having “any proposal to look at is really exciting.”

Chair Ward, who missed some of the presentation due to connectivity issues, said it would be good to hear from the public when more information about the proposed project is available. Ms. Taylor said she had a lot of additional information she could provide. Ms. Hatcher said the process should be determined so “then we can figure out next steps.”

Ms. MacStay explained RSA 41-14A is a state law that determines how towns can acquire and sell property. Two public hearings must be held before the Select Board can make any decisions. Mr. Bartlett added it requires review and input from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

Mr. Taylor said what Ms. Taylor has “is pretty complete” but the Select Board members need to establish a way to review the work that has been done so far.

Via Facebook, Carol Nelson asked “if there are 10 local builders, would there be 10 owners? That sounds rather cumbersome.” Ms. Taylor said yes, there would be as many owners as there were contractors.

Mr. LaRoche added the units are only about 620 square feet to keep them affordable.

Via Facebook, Bill Kennedy asked is Evan’s Flat was in the Greater Downtown TIF District and if funds could be used for the project. Mr. Bartlett said it was not in the Greater Downtown TIF District.

Via Facebook, Steven Graves said he wasn’t sure how it brings more affordable apartments downtown. Ms. MacStay said Evans Flats is off of Evans Road, which is relatively close to downtown.

Via Facebook, Carol Nelson asked if the land was where the Town puts the overflow of snow in the winter. Ms. MacStay confirmed, and said there are other areas where snow could be stored if the land was sold.

Chair Ward asked for confirmation that all work that had been done so far was done on a volunteer basis. Ms. Taylor confirmed.

Via Facebook, Sasha Dube asked why the building on the corner of Route 101 and Elm Street was “just rotting.” Ms. MacStay said the property owners have chosen not to do anything with the building.

Chair Ward said the Select Board would arrange to look at all the information that had been put together about the project.

Ms. Taylor and Mr. Laroche thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

Tropical Storm Update - Chief Walker

Chief Walker said Tropical Storm Isaias is heading our way, but the rain will not be as severe as originally forecast. Expected in the area are 25-35 MPH winds and 2-3 inches of rain, but it should be “out of here and

sunny by tomorrow.” Prep work has been done by DPW & PFR, which is “good practice” early in the season, even if there is no serious tropical storm activity from this storm.

COVID-19 Update

Chief Walker said we’ve been fortunate that our area has not been “super-impacted” by the Corona Virus. Currently 18 residents have tested positive, which is a little higher than surrounding communities, but “not a bad rate.” The state has made the ‘COVID-19 Summary Dashboard’ available, which has some great statistics and map of cumulative positive cases as well as a map of current positive cases. There are less than 4 positive cases currently, so “we’ve been fortunate the number of cases has gone down.” MCH is partnering with the Town for its ‘MaskUp’ campaign, assisting communities with informational outreach. Table stands, window clings and posters encouraging people to wear masks are being distributed to businesses.

Ms. Hatcher gave a shout-out to the EDA members who have been distributing materials to about 100 local businesses. Ms. Hatcher she noticed that many businesses already had signage requesting that people wear masks: “A lot of our businesses have already done this good work.” Ms. Hatcher encouraged any business owners who had not received materials yet to reach out to her.

Chief Walker said the Governor’s reopening orders cover the wearing of masks within businesses. Nashua did a local mask ordinance that was challenged but the ordinance was upheld. There are multiple towns also looking at mask ordinances, including Keene. Keene’s Planning Licensing and Development Committee reviewed their plan and acknowledged the issues around enforcement. Regarding Peterborough, “we have been very fortunate with the level of responsibility of businesses....and the folks in our public spaces” regarding mask use.

Ms. Hatcher noted that all the towns considering ordinances have university or colleges, so it makes a sense for those communities as they have students coming back from all over the country. She acknowledged it’s really difficult for towns to create an ordinance and then enforce it, and said the pressure needs to be on the state and not on towns, but at the moment “we’re doing well.”

Mr. Taylor added that it’s got to be up to “personal responsibility,” and in all those places with ordinances, people can use an excuse that can’t be questioned by police. He said he wouldn’t want to be in the position to question people without masks on.

Ms. Hatcher said a retail chain had determined and posted that masks were required, but people were coming in unmasked, and when someone complained, they were told it’s not enforceable because it’s not a state-wide mandate. She asked Chief Walker if there was any recourse in instances like that.

Chief Walker said it comes down to enforcement issues and people coming into the community who are uninformed. Residents who encounter problems should let Chief Walker or Chief Guinard know – a formal process has been developed for investigating those types of complaints. People should take action to protect themselves from unsafe behavior.

2020 Assessment to Sales Ratio and Proposal for Partial Statistical Update

Mr. Bartlett said he, Mr. Smith, and Ms. MacStay had discussed the Assessor’s memo regarding partial statistical update.

Ms. MacStay said June 20th tax receipts did really well, with a 94% collection rate. Assessor Marybeth Walker noted real estate sales have been higher than assessed values, and she was concerned about the equalized ratio. Mr. Smith had pointed out unit sales are down, and there are fewer sales on the market, which may be attributable to COVID-19. Homes on the market are getting “snapped up very quickly” by out-of-state buyers. Ms. MacStay said Mr. Smith recommended leaving it be for the moment to give it time to see if it’s a true pattern.

Chair Ward said, “we don’t want to get caught off guard like in 2018” when the town-wide revaluation sent the assessed values way up for some property owners, the continued that it was understandable to wait if sufficient data wasn’t available. Ms. Hatcher agreed, and said “we don’t know how long the COVID cloud

will last.” Mr. Taylor said he agreed as well, from a real estate standpoint. The Board made a general agreement to not pursue a statistical update at this time.

Authority to Borrow for Publicly Owned Systems (DWSRF)

Mr. Bartlett said the DES State Revolving Fund is a funding mechanism that many communities use, and Peterborough has been offered a loan of \$4.047 million (which was authorized at Town Meeting for the Cold Stone Springs project) with an interest rate of 1.296% over 20 years. It comes with 10% principal forgiveness offer from DES, so 10% of what we borrow will be forgiven, which means at the end, the Town would only be borrowing \$3.6 million. “Excellent offer, and better than what was received from USDA Rural Development.” He recommended going forward, but needed Board approval.

The Select Board reviewed and adopted the provisions of Form 2A: Authority to Borrow – For Publicly Owned Systems; Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, specifically section 1.

Motion: Chair Ward made the following motion:

That the person holding the position of Town Administrator, currently held by Rodney Bartlett, is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative of the of the Applicant for the purpose of filing an application for a loan in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Dw 1100, furnishing such information, data, disbursements, and documents pertaining to the applicant for a loan as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the applicant in connection with this application and if such loan be made, is the designated Authorized Representative of the Applicant responsible for furnishing such information, data, and documents pertaining to the loan.

Vote: Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Bartlett said he will provide an update regarding the our final fundraising package on August 10th, following a meeting that morning with the Drinking Water Ground Water Trust Fund Commission.

Mr. Taylor asked about the original anticipated interest rate. Mr. Bartlett answered that the original estimate was 4%.

At this point, both Chair Ward and Ms. Hatcher experienced technical difficulties due to the weather and lost internet connection.

Motion: Mr. Taylor a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 PM.

Vote: Both Chair Ward & Ms. Hatcher communicated with Ms. MacStay via SMS text message they were in favor of adjourning. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Kreutz, Department Assistant

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:

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Bill Taylor



August 26, 2020

Town of Peterborough
Peterborough, NH 03458

To Whom It May Concern,

I had the pleasure of walking the Community garden Conservation easement on Scott Mitchell Road last week. I am happy to report that I noted no issues of concern during my visit.

Conservation easements are a powerful way of protecting the natural beauty of New Hampshire. Preserving these open spaces helps to ensure the health and happiness of our community and the environment, along with the roaming animals that reside within them. On behalf of the Harris Center; thank you for your continued Stewardship!

All the best,

Alivia Acosta

Easement Monitoring Intern

Nicole MacStay

From: Karen Hatcher
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Bill Taylor; Tyler Ward; Scott Guinard
Cc: Nicole MacStay; Rodney Bartlett; Chief Ed Walker
Subject: FW: Thank You for the Facebook Recordings on Policing and Racial Justice

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This lifted my spirits this morning. Sharing as requested by Susan...

From: Susan Shute <syishome@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Thank You for the Facebook Recordings on Policing and Racial Justice

Hi Karen (plus other Select Board members and Chief Guinard),

I have finally had a chance to watch the three Facebook videos on the Town of Peterborough page about Race and Policing:

—06/09/20—Selectboard Meeting

—06/23/20—Listening Session on Policing and Racial Justice

—07/07/20—Report Out: Listening Session on Policing and Racial Justice

Please pass on my deeply held thanks to the Select Board, Chief Guinard, and Nicole MacStay for these recordings and feel free to pass on this email to them. I wasn't able to attend the live events and, at a recent vigil at 101 & 202, I learned they were recorded. If there are other recordings which include further follow-up on these conversations, please let me know. I'd like to watch them as well.

I so appreciate that the live events were recorded so I could see them after the fact. I'll probably watch them more than once. They were each informative and representative of what's going on in our country. While I know it was hard, the last one was a real-time example of the challenges we all face. Thank you for embarking on these conversations. I hope you know your efforts are appreciated, even if things went sideways on the last one.

I liked a lot of the suggestions spelled out in the slide show Karen walked through. I hope follow-up conversations have happened with Emma and Eddie. There are often two sides to a story—some perceived, some fully experienced.

I think the following TED Talk is instructive and speaks to how important it is to understand multiple stories and multiple sides of a story.

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

I have a few experiences I'd like to share.

Of the six kids in my family, half married people from different cultures. One sister married a man from Nigeria, another sister married a man from Turkey, and a brother married a woman from Malaysia. They were all born and raised in those countries and became U.S. citizens.

My brother-in-law Nathan, from Nigeria, had many experiences over the years with regard to race. He was an engineer at Ford for many years. He managed installations of robotics in Britain and other locations and was a mentor to many young engineers. He was a delightful, positive person with great integrity and humor. His father was a village chief in Nigeria who negotiated village council disagreements. Nathan grew up sitting with his father, attending those negotiations, learning to negotiate difficult situations with aplomb.

Here are a few of his experiences I remember him telling me about while he was still alive:

- 1) Born in 1941 in Nigeria, he grew up seeing engineers in his village, and wanted to become one as he grew. He eventually moved to the U.S. to attend University of Nebraska where Jim Crow laws were very much in evidence. He traveled to Mississippi to help with voter registration, and one of his classes he had to prove he was eligible to take by passing the final exam first. When the Biafran War was decimating his people, he was stranded here and decided to move to Houston, finishing his masters and PhD at Rice University.
- 2) He couldn't count the times he got pulled over for DWB (Driving While Black) during his life in the U.S.
- 3) One time in Michigan, a cop pulled him over, had him spread-eagled against his own car, and grilled him where he got such a nice car. I can still remember Nathan's seriousness and laughter as he told this story.
- 4) As good of an engineer as he was, he knew there was a glass ceiling he would never break through at Ford. He savored with pride the young engineers he mentored, knowing some of them would surpass him because of their color.

Nathan's kids experienced a mixture of the Nigerian pride of their dad and the struggles of identity as black people in America. My nephew and oldest niece were born to Nathan and his Houston-born African-American wife. My nephew, who is now 50, has himself had many experiences of DWB. My older niece graduated from University of Michigan with a degree in Architecture. As she was preparing for grad school in the same field, a switch turned in her brain and she was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Unfortunately, she has dealt with that ever since—in and out of institutions and residential communities, experiencing less-than-helpful police, as well as well-informed police who have had the skills and compassion to recognize her mental health issues and guide her to the help she needed. My younger niece was born to my sister and Nathan. Born to a medical doctor and engineer, she took a difficult path—getting pregnant in high school, marrying and later divorcing her baby's dad, finally getting her GED, giving up her 2nd child because she couldn't afford to raise her, and graduating from college on her own dime (her life had taken her to a different state where the funds her parents had invested for college could not be accessed by her). She built her life, like so many other young blacks in this country, by working full-time at the same time she worked her way through school and raised a child as a single parent. She worked hard and made her choices in life.

I tell you all this to say, I sometimes wonder how my nephew's and nieces' lives would have been different had they been white. This country puts a lot of assumptions on people that are sometimes not accurate, and sometimes totally accurate. Although my sister and brother-in-law had high expectations and hopes for their kids, sometimes our culture or mental health issues got in the way.

This email is way too long, but I hope it illustrates that nothing is as simple and as straight-forward as they might seem.

To many, I am a pasty-faced white girl (okay, I'm 60, so not a "girl" anymore) who has lived in Peterborough for 25 years. To me and my family, I am a person who was born in Boston, grew up in Minnesota and the Chicago area, attended Operation Push in the early 70s with my parents when I was in middle school, worked in Georgia for multiple years (for Habitat For Humanity's headquarters and later its parent organization Koinonia Partners), and who celebrates my family's diversity.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainbow/PUSH>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koinonia_Partners

I hope conversations will continue to be fleshed out on this whole topic here in town. It is just the beginning. I have much to learn and we all do. My signs at the vigils on 101 & 202 are the best way for me to express my feelings sometimes.

Side 1

BE TEACHABLE
BE ACCOUNTABLE
LISTEN 
LEARN 
UNLEARN
CHECK ALL BIASES

Side 2

THEY COULD
BE MY
NEPHEWS
FAM&ILY
NIECES

In mid-October, I will be moving to Australia for a year, for my husband's job with MIT/Lincoln Lab. Even though I won't be in town for additional conversations about all of this after that time, I hope you will feel free to email me if you have any questions. This is a topic that I pray will lead to changes in our country that are long overdue. Again, I share this TED Talk link.

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

Peace to all of you and thank you for doing your best to address this topic. It will be messy at times, painful at times, and a huge growing experience if we do it right in our community and in our country.

Warmly,
Sue Shute

Susan Shute | 24 Nichols Road, Peterborough, NH 03458 | Cell 603-547-7028 | syishome@comcast.net

NOTE: If you get no response from my Comcast email after mid-October, please try syishome60@gmail.com. I hope my Comcast address will still work just fine over there, but I won't know for sure till it's all said and done.

G'day!

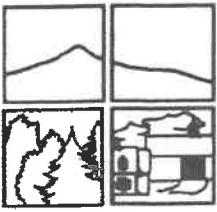
Nicole MacStay

From: Merrily Hansen <merrily.hansen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 12:19 AM
To: Nicole MacStay
Subject: Masking requirements

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Categories: Select Board

My husband and I are grateful for your efforts to keep residents in the Monadnock area safe. We owe it to each other.
Merrily and Jeffrey Hansen, RiverMead.



Southwest Region Planning Commission

37 Ashuelot Street, Keene, NH 03431

603-357-0557 Voice

603-357-7440 Fax

August 19, 2020

Peterborough Board of Selectmen
 1 Grove Street
 Peterborough, NH 03458

Re: New Hampshire 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan, Transportation Improvement Projects

Dear Board of Selectmen:

I'm writing to follow-up on a letter I sent to you on July 14th regarding the opportunity to provide feedback on priority projects for the 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan (TYP). Since that communication, the SWRPC's Transportation Advisory Committee met and established a weighting system that it intends to apply towards the project evaluation criteria during our project review process. Project scores will play an important role in SWRPC's process to develop final project recommendations to NHDOT. I'm forwarding this information so that you are aware of the weighting system, as it may influence how or what project nominations your community submits. Weights for the projects evaluated in Southwest New Hampshire will be as follows:

Criteria	Subcriteria	Weight
Economic Development	Local & Regional	9.3
	Freight	6.6
Equity, Environmental Justice & Accessibility	Equity & Environmental Justice	5.4
	Accessibility	5.6
Mobility	Mobility Need & Performance	6.6
	Mobility Intervention	4.9
Natural Hazard Resiliency	Hazard Risk	4.9
	Hazard Mitigation	4.9
Network Significance	Traffic Volume	5.8
	Facility Importance	6.9
Safety	Safety Performance	10.3
	Safety Measures	9.6
State of Repair	State of Repair	6.7
	Maintenance	6.3
Support	Support	6.2

Additional detail about the scoring criteria is available in the *NH Ten Year Plan Regional Project Review* information packet that was sent to you last month. The document is also available at http://www.swrpc.org/files/data/trans/TYP%20Criteria_final.pdf.

As a reminder, feedback or project nominations for the 2023-2032 TYP are due September 4th. See the July 14th letter for more details.

TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



J. B. Mack
Principal Planner

JBM/rb

cc: Planning Board Chairman
Chief of Police
Public Works Director/Road Agent



August 25, 2020

Board of Selectmen
Town of Peterborough
One Grove Street
Peterborough, NH 03458

Re: Programming Changes

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. Accordingly, please note the following changes:

- Effective October 26, 2020, Blueprint TV will be renamed Craftsby.
- Effective October 27, 2020, MoviePlex will no longer be available.
- Effective October 27, 2020, StarzEncore, StarzEncore Westerns, StarzEncore Black, and StarzEncore Action will only be available with a subscription to Starz. They will not be included with Digital Preferred Tier. For more information about this change, visit xfinity.com/EncoreChanges.
- Effective October 31, 2020, CBeebies en Español will be discontinued in the United States by its owner.

Customers are receiving notice of these changes in their bill.

Please feel free to contact me at Bryan_Christiansen@cable.comcast.com should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Bryan Christiansen

Bryan Christiansen, Sr. Manager
Government Affairs



August 14, 2020

Board of Selectmen
Town of Peterborough
One Grove Street
Peterborough, NH 03458

Re: Programming Updates & Internet Essentials Information

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. Accordingly, please note the following changes which will occur on August 25, 2020, to the Xfinity lineup¹, provided in your community:

- Cooking HD, Discovery Family HD, DIY HD, Galavision HD, Ovation HD, POP HD, Smithsonian HD, Zona Futbol, and Zona Futbol HD will be added to the Digital Preferred Tier; WGN America HD will be added to Entertainment and Expanded Basic; CSPAN HD will be added to Limited Basic; Smithsonian HD will be added to Digital Economy; Galavision HD, Zona Futbol and Zona Futbol HD will be added to Xfinity TV Latino. These channels will continue to be available in standard definition (SD) format in other channel locations. HD channels require HD Technology Fee and X1 TV Box or compatible customer owned device.

Also I want to make sure you are aware that Comcast continues to make it easier for low-income families to connect to the internet through [Internet Essentials](#). New Internet Essentials customers will receive two free months of Internet service if they enroll in the program by December 31, 2020. Additional information can be found at <https://www.internetessentials.com/>. Should you or any of your community partners like to discuss the Internet Essentials program in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at Bryan_Christiansen@cable.comcast.com or 603.333.2479.

Very truly yours,

Bryan Christiansen

Bryan Christiansen, Sr. Manager
Government Affairs

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¹ Customers are receiving notice of these changes in their bill.

Nicole MacStay

From: Emily Manns <ecmanns@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:51 PM
To: SelectBoard
Subject: EV charging analysis for the Riverwalk Lot
Attachments: EVSE Comparison table pdf for printing 8-7-20.pdf; EV Charging Update 8-12-20.pdf

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Categories: Select Board

I have sent these materials before but not to the selectboard email, my apologies.

The PEC is ready to present these materials and/or answer your questions at your earliest convenience.

Attached is a table comparing Level 2 charging (fee and no-fee) and commentary showing that a no-fee system is the lowest cost for the town if use is under about 90 charge-hours per month. For comparison, Keene reported use of 30 hours per month for its public (fee-based) station.

Thank you for your work for our good town,
Emily Manns

Peterborough Town Administrator: Rodney Bartlett
Peterborough Select Board: Tyler Ward, Karen Hatcher, Bill Taylor
August 13, 2020
Update on EV Charging

Dear Rodney, Tyler, Karen and Bill,

The Town of Peterborough voted on July 14 to pass Article 14, thereby authorizing the spending of up to \$35,000 of funds from the Greater Downtown TIF District “to be used for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the Riverwalk Parking lot.” The Peterborough Energy Committee would like to offer the results of our research for your consideration.

For clarity, we will try to stop using the term “EV Charging Stations,” because the word “charging” can apply both to electricity and to money. Instead, EVSE, for EV Supply Equipment, will be used from now on. All EVSEs provide sophisticated electrical interaction with attached EVs, helping to regulate the charging voltage and current to appropriate values, as described here:

https://www.greencarreports.com/news/1050948_what-is-evse-and-why-does-your-electric-car-charger-need-it

Attached is a table summary of the information we pursued for Level 2 EVSEs, with fees (one quote and one estimate) and without fees (one quote). Both options require the Town to prepare the site where EVSEs will be installed (cement pad, signs, paint, and finished electrical service to the site) and to pay for the EVSEs. The Town would own the EVSEs, and the Town would be responsible for maintenance operations such as snow clearing and policing -- operations that are done routinely in all Town parking lots. Level 2 EVSEs provide about 25 miles of range to an EV for every hour of charging.

Both options are well within the budget approved by the town over five years, the term quoted by the third-party vendors, with the fee-based options returning fee revenue to the town. There are other vendors not evaluated, and we recommend getting fresh quotes when the town is ready to purchase a system.

The table compares costs at the level of 60 charge-hours per month, and the no-fee option costs are shown up to 300 charge-hours per month in years 2-5 for sensitivity in the case of extreme use due to free charging.

For reference, Keene reported usage of 30 charge-hours per month for their fee-based charger. The Hancock Inn gets about two calls a month requesting Level 2 charging from a charging app (pre-Covid); and Cazanovia, NY confirmed they cannot distinguish the charger use from the other uses on the same recreation facility meter.

Town-installed, no-fee option: The least expensive option for the town is to install a Clipper Creek (or similar) two-head, single-pedestal system, with cord handling, for approximately \$3,700 plus electricity. As the attached analysis shows, a no-fee charging system is the lowest cost for the town up to use of about 90 charge-hours per month for the five-year evaluation period.

These units have no modifiable software and cannot collect user fees. If they fail they are replaced, not serviced. The charger heads have a five-year warranty, other components one-year. If chosen, we recommend that an inline electric meter be installed to collect use data, and record date and time of

use, and duration of charging for information and future planning purposes. We estimate a suitable meter could be purchased for under \$500. Simple chargers of this sort are used widely in residential, public and commercial settings all over the country, and are “ruggedized” to minimize maintenance issues. Here are links to ClipperCreek equipment suitable for the town installation:

<https://store.clippercreek.com/Share2-HCS-40R-Bundle>, <https://store.clippercreek.com/mounting-solutions/ruggedized-pmd-10r>, <https://store.clippercreek.com/universal-pedestal-extension-dual>; <https://store.clippercreek.com/chargeguard-access-control-evse>

Discussion: The significant downside to no-fee charging are public opposition to free charging at any cost, the risk of high use and high electricity costs to the town, the exchange of benefits to businesses as a result of costs borne by the town, and the risk of enduring hassle to the town administration. There is a genuine transfer of value from the town paying the electricity bills over months and years to EV drivers getting a free charge, and businesses getting a chance for increased foot traffic. The town is likely to need additional policing, ticketing or administration to prevent overuse of the station by unauthorized users. Mitigating these factors is that the electricity costs and related benefits accrue relatively slowly, about \$1.25 per charge-hour.

Third-Party contracts: Third-party vendors are available to install and maintain EVSEs, also well within the Article 14 budget approved, as shown in columns two and three on the attached table. One significant advantage of a third-party system is that users regulate their own use, and pay for it. The table shows the elements of a third party system and estimates the costs and fee revenue over five years. Note that installation costs and subscription and maintenance costs are fixed and based on a contract, while fee revenue depends on the fee charged and usage. In a high use situation a charger could make significant income for a town; this is unlikely initially, but not impossible for Peterborough down the road.

Here is a list of suppliers of such EVSEs (all links are to the type of EVSE that would be appropriate for Peterborough’s current needs, or to the closest information available online without requesting a specific quote).

ChargePoint: <https://www.chargepoint.com/products/commercial/ct4000/>

GreenLots: https://greenlots.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Greenlots_Overview.pdf

Greenspot: <http://joingreenspot.com/services/public-sector.html>

SemaConnect: <https://semaconnect.com/applications/municipalities/>

Please let us know what you think. We look forward to your feedback, and offer to provide additional research and evaluation support, if you wish, as you proceed toward bringing functional EV charging to Peterborough as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you do for the Town!!

Signed:

Emily Manns, chair

Joel Huberman, Anne Huberman, Steve Walker, Dori Drachman

Peterborough Energy Committee

P.S. Check out Drive Electric’s upcoming car rally, Wouldn’t Peterborough be a great addition to their map! <https://www.driveelectricnh.org/charge-forward-ev-relay>

Comparison Chart for Level 2 EVSE Options for Riverwalk Parking Lot			
7/29/2020			
Item	ClipperCreek	SemmaConnect Network	Greenspot Network
Site Preparation and maintenance			
Site Preparation for single pedestal dual head Level 2 EVSE including finish electrical work, cement pad, signs and painting.	No quotes. Local contractor. Same or similar all three options.	No quotes. Local contractor. Same or similar all three options.	No quotes. Local contractor. Same or similar all three options.
Town services	Snow shoveling, parking enforcement, extra patrols to discourage mischief	Snow shoveling, parking enforcement, extra patrols to discourage mischief	Snow shoveling, parking enforcement, extra patrols to discourage mischief
Enhanced Parking enforcement	More frequent ticketing to discourage excessive use of free charging	na	na
EVSE Equipment			
EVSE Description	Clipper Creek Share2® Enabled HCS-40R Ruggedized EVSE Bundle, 32A, L2, 240V w/25 ft cable, cord handling, pedestal and dual conversion	EVSE with cord handling connected to SemmaConnect Network • Updateable software • Collects user fees	EVSE with cord handling connected to Greenspot Network • Updateable software • Collects user fees • Includes metering for detailed usage info
EVSE Ownership	Town-owned	Town-owned	Town-owned
EVSE first year equipment cost incl. warranty, subscriptions and maintenance	\$3,700.00	\$7,180.00	\$8,375.00
Optional use meter	\$500.00		incl.
Warranty	5 years for EVSE heads; 1 year everything else	contract	contract
EVSE Cell Service or Wifi needed	no	yes	yes
Fee and Maintenance Subscription			
EVSE Annual Subscription years 2-5	na	\$1,080.00	\$900.00
Annual Maintenance Subscr. (optional)	na	na	\$480.00
Electricity Use			
Estimated monthly usage year 1	30	30	30
Assumed monthly usage years 2-5	60-300	60	60
Five-year electricity use at \$1.25 per charge-hour	\$3,240-\$14,760	\$3,240	\$3,240

Five-year equipment, electricity and maintenance costs before fee reimbursement	\$7,440-18,960	\$14,740	\$15,215-\$17,135
	<i>range shows benchmark and high use</i>		<i>range is with and without maintenance contract yrs 2-5</i>
Fee reimbursement and other income			
User Fees are set by town. Base of \$1.60 covers electricity and processing fees, higher goes toward capital.	na	\$2.00	\$2.00
Processing fee	na	5%	9% or 30 cents per transaction, whichever is greater
Annual Fee Reimbursement yr 1	na	\$684	\$680
Annual Fee Reimbursement yr 2-5	na	\$1,368	\$1,359
Five-year fee reimbursement	na	\$6,156	\$6,116
Net five-year equipment, electricity and maintenance costs after fee reimbursement	\$7,440-18,960	\$8,584	\$9,099-\$11,019
Other Considerations			
Local Support	Mixed	Yes	Yes
Break-even monthly charge-hours when fee = \$2.00.		95	
Additional fee revenue \$2.00 vs \$1.60		\$1,200	\$1,200
Local Public Installations	Hancock Inn has Level 2 and Tesla chargers; the receive calls from travellers requesting a charge based on their location on a charging app.	SemmaConnect station is located in Keene who estimates use at 30 charge-hours per month.	Company contacted Peterborough about statewide RFP and is looking to expand in region.
Other	Recommend town set up mechanish to accept donations and signs. Would likely need wifi or cell service.		Town obligated to advertise on behalf of Greenspot on Town website and through ads • Greenspot has the right to place third-party advertisements on Site Host's Charging

Nicole MacStay

From: Nicole MacStay
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Zachary Green; Tyler Ward
Cc: Rodney Bartlett; SelectBoard
Subject: RE: Needs of the community for Select Board appointee

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Good afternoon Zach,

I am responding on behalf of the Select Board. The Board will discuss filling this position per RSA 669:63 at their next meeting (9/1/20).

Yours,
-Nicole

Nicole MacStay
Deputy Town Administrator
Peterborough, New Hampshire
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f: (603) 925-0908
w: www.townofpeterborough.com

From: Zachary Green <zachary.zalman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Tyler Ward <tyward1198@gmail.com>
Cc: Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov>; Rodney Bartlett <RBartlett@PeterboroughNH.gov>; SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Re: Needs of the community for Select Board appointee

Tyler and Select Board,

Just want to clarify that your initial response was a confirmation of receipt and process going forward and that we will have a formal response at some point in the near future, yes?

Best,

Zach

On Sat, Aug 22, 2020 at 1:42 PM Tyler Ward <tyward1198@gmail.com> wrote:

Anna, Zach and Jonah,

Thank you for your inquiry with the Select Board (SB).

Hearing from our constituents is of great importance to us. We appreciate the feedback and questions. This is what informs our decisions.

In accordance with NH RSA 91-A, the Right to Know law, and due to restrictions on a quorum of the Board deliberating in a non-public, unnoticed forum such as email exchange, we have incorporated the following process.

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- With Select Board approval, said response will be forwarded back to you.
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- Text messages, individual email, phone discussion or social media “comments” shall be considered a non-binding opinion of a Select Board member and not to be considered the official Board response.

We appreciate your patience while we get back to you. Please keep in mind that this is actually a faster way for us to respond without waiting to add your topic of discussion to an upcoming Select Board meeting agenda. It also allows for the inquiry to be efficiently included in an upcoming Consent Agenda / Correspondence segment of a meeting agenda.

My Best,

Tyler

Tyler Ward

Peterborough, NH

- Select Board Chair
 - MAxT Makerspace CoFounder/Board of Directors
 - Carpenter
- 603-315-5134

On Aug 22, 2020, at 11:11 AM, Zachary Green <zachary.zalman@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Selectboard,

In light of the recent resignation of Select Woman Karen Hatcher, as committed citizens and people who love this community, we are writing to address the opening of this position. We strongly encourage the Select Board to consider the moment we are in as a community. Right now we are dealing with two epidemics: systemic racism and the novel coronavirus. As such, the consideration of this appointment for this position is critical.

As a community we have begun the work of discussing these issues with each other. However, we have seen a decline in momentum on behalf of the Select Board in leading on systemic racism, specifically. We hope that with this resignation, we do not lose traction on the progress that has begun to take shape. The Select Board has made clear their willingness to support efforts of engagement; for example working with Community Conversations on race with the Monadnock Center for History and Culture, collaborating with the Peterborough Town Library, and a revision to the current Peterborough Police Department training models.

We believe that the best way to maintain this progress is to appoint a member from the town of Peterborough that is committed to the cause of racial justice. We highly encourage that you

take into consideration BIPOC and LGBTQ+ people for this role. If necessary, we are happy to provide assistance in finding a suitable individual for this position.

Peterborough is uniquely situated to continue to walk the walk in tackling the effects of racism by being thoughtful in filling this vacancy. We hope that you will not hesitate in being transparent with this search and the process of appointing a new Select Board member. As much as it is within your power, we would also hope that this is a community-engaged search. In submitting this letter to you we are trusting that you will rise to meet these expectations outlined here.

Sincerely,

Anna McGuiness, Rural Youth Union
Zachary R. Green
Jonah Wheeler, Rural Youth Union

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Nicole MacStay

From: Loretta Laurenitis <lbonlaur@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Tyler Ward
Cc: SelectBoard
Subject: Re: New Select Board Member and September Meeting

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Thanks for responding to my email, Tyler. I appreciate your reply, but I do have some comments.

I am unclear about the process you conveyed in your email because it seems to imply that each Select Board member individually will respond to correspondence to the Select Board by sending their individual responses or "directives" to someone in Town Administration (Nicole? Rodney?). TA will then "compile a response for each Board member to review." ----- This is unclear. Does TA summarize each Board member's comments individually for all SB members to then review, or does TA provide one summary incorporating all SB members' comments? What if SB members disagree in their opinions or "directives"? How does that get resolved? What does the SB review of what the TA wrote actually entail? Do you vote? How do you convey your agreement or disagreement with what the TA sent you for review? Does it just take 2 of you to agree for the TA to proceed with a particular response? Is the TA using your personal emails instead of your town emails in this process?

After that process, you wrote that "With Select Board approval, said response will be forwarded back to you." How is that approval conveyed, and why wouldn't all of that related communication fall under the "Right to Know" laws?

I am still requesting that the issue and process of hiring Rodney's replacement be put on the Select Board's September 1st meeting agenda for public discussion and sharing information.

Also, has the SB decided on a public process for appointing someone to replace Karen Hatcher as a Select Board member?

Thanks,

Loretta Laurenitis

On Friday, August 21, 2020, 04:04:25 PM EDT, Tyler Ward <tyward1198@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for your inquiry with the Select Board (SB) Loretta.

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My Best,

Tyler

Tyler Ward

Peterborough, NH

•Select Board Chair

•MAxT Makerspace CoFounder/Board of Directors

•Carpenter

603-315-5134

On Aug 21, 2020, at 2:35 PM, Loretta Laurenitis <lbonlaur@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Tyler and Bill,

I am addressing this email to the 2 of you because I learned that Karen Hatcher resigned from her Select Board position and that you will be appointing someone in her place.

Years ago, when a similar situation arose with the Select Board, the board made the decision to open up the position to any Town citizen who wanted to be considered to serve and was willing to participate in a public interview process. The board then made a selection from those candidates at the end of that meeting. Since the Select Board has already used this process, I think it is only fair for you as a board to do this again. Please let me know how you plan to proceed.

I am also asking you to place an agenda item on your next meeting (September 1st) to discuss your plan for hiring Rodney's replacement. Karen Hatcher actually mentioned that planning was under consideration some weeks (months?) ago in an email to the Housing Task Force. I have seen nothing in Select Board Minutes about this, so it is unclear who is doing the planning and what those plans are. This information should be available to the public. It is puzzling to me that, even when direct questions have been asked, no information has been provided by you as Select Board members, who must be in charge of this process. Is there a committee to review candidates? How will Town citizens be allowed to engage in this process and offer feedback? What is the time-frame for the recruitment and hiring of a new Town Administrator? I know I am not the only town voter and citizen who would like answers to these questions, so I am requesting that this be put on the next Select Board meeting agenda for discussion. Please confirm that you will arrange for this to happen.

I would also appreciate knowing when the town will begin in-person meetings or the in-person/Zoom combination meetings that other towns have begun holding. I have seen postings for these in the Ledger, so I know they are taking place in neighboring communities. And if neighboring communities are holding in-person or combination in-person/Zoom meetings, I can only assume that there is no State mandate restricting the town to only remote or Zoom meetings. Please let me know what the plans are for beginning to hold in-person meetings again.

Thank you for addressing my questions. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Respectfully,

Loretta Laurenitis

Nicole MacStay

From: virgo batty <battyvirgo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Nicole MacStay
Subject: Re: Capitol Improvement Projects Committee
Attachments: Volunteer Application.pdf

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Hi Nicole,

Here is my application.

Thank you,
Virgo Batty

On Aug 4, 2020, at 1:33 PM, Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov> wrote:

Thank you all for your interest in serving Peterborough!

At this time I am uncertain how many vacancies we will have on the CIP Committee, as they usually do not begin organizing until September, but you can certainly complete the attached volunteer application to be considered by the CIP Chair and the Select Board if there are vacancies this year.

Yours,
-Nicole

From: virgo batty <battyvirgo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 12:52 PM
To: zachary.zalman@gmail.com; SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>;
eamon.welby@gmail.com
Cc: Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Capitol Improvement Projects Committee

Hello,

My name is Virgo Batty and I'm a resident here in Peterborough. I was interested in potentially joining the Capitol Improvement Projects Committee (CIP) alongside Zach Green and Eamon Welby. We are interested in getting involved in the budget process and thought this would be a good way to do so. I'm not sure what the process for joining this committee is but we'd love to get more information and figure out how to join. Please let me know as soon as conveniently possible. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

Thank you,
Virgo Batty

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Nicole MacStay

From: Karen Hatcher
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:17 PM
To: virgo batty
Cc: SelectBoard
Subject: RE: Anti-Racist Initiatives

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Categories: Select Board

Dear Virgo,

I am writing in response to your email on behalf of the Select Board since you've noted your disappointment with our collective efforts as relates to anti-racism. You may be interested to know that while we continue to receive communications from people who feel similar to you, we are also receiving messages from people who express equal concern on the other side of the issue. Suffice to say, passions are running high.

We believe in and support the right to free speech. Peterborough is an engaged community and rallies in town are not new. So long as they are peaceful, under our constitution, they are within the law. Our police department has provided security for all demonstrations and rallies over these last months (and years) and will continue to do so.

The job of the volunteer Select Board is to oversee the business of the town and to do our best as an elected body to ensure a quality of life for its more than 6500 residents and visitors alike. Unlike other forms of government, the Select Board, under its town charter, is limited when it comes to making sweeping policy change. We are a management board. Further, the limitations of Right to Know law prohibit us from conducting business except when publicly noticed or under circumstances allowed by R.S.A. We meet at least once per month at posted times with an agenda formed by town staff based on current issues needing our attention. Any member of the community may ask to be included on an upcoming agenda by contacting the Town Administrator.

We respect and understand your desire to have the plans that are being developed to educate and address anti-racism happen more quickly. We hope you also understand and respect that planning for community events during a Pandemic does take longer to implement. We feel confident that the thoughtful programming being offered starting next month by both the Library and the Center for History and Culture will provide the community many opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations that forward our collective understanding on anti-racism.

None of this should keep you or your group from continuing to work on efforts to improve our community. Much of the good that happens in Peterborough initiates with small groups of volunteers who share a common goal. We encourage you to move forward with your efforts. We are happy to review and respond to proposals your group may bring us.

Sincerely,

Karen Hatcher, on behalf of the Peterborough Select Board

From: virgo batty <battvirgo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:08 PM

To: Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov>

Subject: Re: Anti-Racist Initiatives

Hello Karen,

While I appreciate your response, I don't feel as though enough is being done by you and the other members of the select board. We're looking for real change, we're looking for more of a push for defunding the police, and we're looking for you to do more to be anti-racist. Every time I, or my fellow community members reach out to you, you are opaque about what is being done. Action items are always "in the works" or "being planned". I reached out to you because I was looking for a more tangible timeline with the action items you had announced in the press release. I did this because of how urgent this matter is. It concerns me that you didn't know about the Pro America, Pro Police Rally that occurred in town this past weekend. This is the type of behavior that we cannot allow to run rampant in our town. When the BIPOC members of our communities tell us racism happens here, this is what they mean. I was one of the many counter-protestors who attended the rally and I can attest to the egregious and racist actions that took place firsthand. You, and the other members of the select board, need to take action beyond just planning conversations and library programming. Racism is happening here in Peterborough right now and you are currently complicit in it.

I want you to start being more transparent and work towards the action items that are going to make lasting changes, not just discuss the issue that we know is present. I and many other community members are willing to work on them with you, but you need to do your job and do the work that the people in your town are asking of you.

I appreciate the update on the Capitol Improvements Committee and look forward to hopefully being a part of that. I hope to receive a meaningful response that addresses what I am saying here, not one that merely points to previously information you've shared. I thank you for your time and hope that we can make real change in Peterborough. We are in desperate need of it.

Thank you,
Virgo Batty

On Aug 14, 2020, at 4:54 PM, Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov> wrote:

Hi Virgo,

Thanks for reaching out. Page 2 of yesterday's Monadnock Ledger contained a story with dates for the program at the Library. You may find the details on the Town Library website as well. The conversations at the Monadnock Center are being planned. We hope to have dates announced soon but expect they will begin next month.

I didn't know about the rally. We've been neck deep in the community mask issue this week.

I can check in on the CIP committee but they don't usually organize until later this fall. Will get back to you on that.

Take good care,
Karen

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From: virgo batty <battyvirgo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:13:51 PM
To: Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Anti-Racist Initiatives

Hello Karen,

I just wanted to check in about the anti-racist initiatives here in town. I saw that your plans were announced in a press release in the Monadnock Ledger, which I and a lot of people I know here in town were happy to see. However, I would like to know your plan as to when we can start to see these initiatives starting. What are your plans for starting the work that was outlined by that press release? We are pushing for change here and I'd love to hear more about a timeline. The outlining of plans for change is the easy part, the hard part is doing the work to see the changes through. I think this is especially important, in light of the ways racism is rearing its ugly head in Peterborough. As you may or may not know, there is a Pro America, Pro Police Rally happening this Saturday, August 15th that seems to be in direct opposition to the anti-racism work that community members have been doing in the past few weeks. Myself, alongside those community members, really want to see concrete action from you and other officials.

I also wanted to check in about an inquiry I made about the Capitol Improvement Projects Committee. I submitted an application to Nicole MacStay for myself on August 4th. I am still interested in joining that committee alongside fellow community members Zach Green and Eamon Welby. I'd like to get an update on openings in the committee and when I can expect to hear about my involvement.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest possible convenience and hope that the real concrete changes that are desperately needed here in town can be made in the near future.

Thank you,
Virgo Batty

Nicole MacStay

From: lizthomas80@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Nicole MacStay
Subject: RE: Urgent problem

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Categories: Select Board

Hi Nicole—thanks for this. I see what you mean about the various problems. I've done quite a bit of shopping over time and the stores where I go have signs requiring face masks, as I'm sure you know. It was the religious thing in New Ipswich with maybe 500 coronavirus deniers and opponents of face masks from all over the country that worried me so much. With thanks for the email and warmest regards as always, Liz

From: Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:52 PM
To: Barbara Miller <bmillier@grantwritingresource.com>; Elizabeth Thomas <lizthomas80@comcast.net>
Cc: SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>; Tyler Ward <tyward1198@gmail.com>; Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov>; Bill Taylor <billtaylor@masiello.com>; Rodney Bartlett <RBartlett@PeterboroughNH.gov>
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Yours,
-Nicole

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But having the ordinance sends a clear strong message to the general public. The City of Keene passed their ordinance last week.

It takes courage to stand up for what is right. Please do it.
Thanks,
Barbara

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From: Barbara Miller <bmillier@grantwritingresource.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Nicole MacStay
Cc: Elizabeth Thomas; SelectBoard; Tyler Ward; Karen Hatcher; Bill Taylor; Rodney Bartlett
Subject: Re: Urgent problem

Categories: Select Board

Nicole,

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to write this email to Liz and me. I am going to comment in **red font** below.

Barbara A. Miller

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If we had a town mandate, it would be easier for business owners to approach those without masks and ask them to wear a mask. The person making the request can state that he/she is required to do this because of a town ordinance. It reduces the chance that the unmasked visitor is going to claim that the business owner is discriminating and taking away his/her rights.

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I hope that we continue to have no evidence that community-based transmission is the source of any known infection. Based on my informal research 😊 I see so many license plates on cars from out of the state and it does worry me. And I go into stores and there are people without masks.

I know the Select Board wants to do what is best for the general public. I hope they made the right call.
Warmly,

Barbara

Yours,

-Nicole

Nicole MacStay

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Nicole MacStay

From: Nicole MacStay
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Jo Anne Carr; Jeanne Dietsch; Judy Zola; SelectBoard
Subject: RE: Jaffrey & Peterborough sites recommended for TLR visitors to New Ipswich

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Categories: Select Board

Good morning Jeanne,

There has been a great deal of concern in the community about a large event that will be taking place in a neighboring community over the next week. We recognize that having an event like this taking place in our region is stressful for many business owners and residents of our community. It is important to remember that all businesses have the right to require that their patrons wear a mask when in their establishment. If someone refuses the business owner or manager can ask them to leave. If they will not leave when asked or become belligerent, the business owner or manager may call the police to escort them from their establishments.

The Town of Peterborough have partnered with MCH to step up our public campaign to remind people to continue wearing masks. Early next week we will have banners hanging from all of the "Welcome to Peterborough" signs – please see the graphic below. The steps we as public officials and business owners have taken combined with personal responsibility are the keys to keeping everyone safe.

Yours,
-Nicole

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From: Jo Anne Carr <jacarr@townofjaffrey.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:02 AM

To: Jeanne Dietsch <jeanne.a.dietsch@gmail.com>; Judy Zola <jzola@townofjaffrey.com>; SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>

Subject: Re: Jaffrey & Peterborough sites recommended for TLR visitors to New Ipswich

Thanks Jeanne.

Jo Anne

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From: Jeanne Dietsch <jeanne.a.dietsch@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 8:58 PM

To: Jo Anne Carr <jacarr@townofjaffrey.com>; Judy Zola <jzola@townofjaffrey.com>; selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>

Subject: Jaffrey & Peterborough sites recommended for TLR visitors to New Ipswich

I want to make certain that you are aware that Jaffrey and Peterborough establishments are recommended for attendees at the TLR revival meetings in New Ipswich. I hope that establishments can be made aware that they, their staff, their customers and our communities may be at risk if they do not enforce social distancing and masking precautions. The revival organizer has stated that hundreds of people will attend, from many parts of the country, and will probably not follow medical recommendations to wear masks or to quarantine 14 days before attending. The following is copied from the [revival registration page](#):

Lodging Options and local information :

Campgrounds

- Monadnock State Park Gilson Pond Area, Jaffrey
- The Pines Campground, Ashby, MA

Hotels / Motels

- Jack Daniels Motor Inn, Peterborough
- Monadnock Inn, Jaffrey
- Woodbound Inn, Rindge
- Benjamin Prescott Inn, Jaffrey

Restaurants

- Pizza Haven Too, New Ipswich
- New Ipswich House of Pizza, New Ipswich
- Turnpike Crossings, New Ipswich

- There are more restaurants in the surrounding towns also. Peterborough, NH has the most restaurants of the local area.

Convenience Stores / Small Grocery Stores

- New Ipswich Market, New Ipswich
- Dollar General, New Ipswich
- Sonny's Market, New Ipswich

Large Grocery / Big Box Stores

- Market Basket, Rindge, NH
- Hannaford, Rindge, NH
- Shaws, Peterborough, NH
- Walmart, Rindge, NH

I'm forwarding this information in hopes that, with foresight, we can reduce the impact of these visitors better than the last revival site in Illinois, where COVID infections spiked after the event.

[NH Senator Jeanne Dietsch](#)
[District 9](#)

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From: Nicole MacStay
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Bill Chatfield
Cc: Karen Hatcher; SelectBoard
Subject: RE: local businesses and masks

Categories: Select Board

Yes Bill – as stated below, last week the volunteer members of Peterborough’s Economic Development Authority (EDA) distributed signs and window clings to nearly 100 local businesses.

Yours,
-Nicole

From: Bill Chatfield <thepostalpoet@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov>
Cc: Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov>; SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Re: local businesses and masks

Thanks. Are you considering doing something similar to what the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce is doing with the standardized signs requiring masks to be available for businesses that want them? That was my main suggestion to which you did not respond.

Bill

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2020, at 4:58 PM, Nicole MacStay <NMacstay@peterboroughnh.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Chatfield,

We have received many communications from community members expressing concern about the potential spread of Covid-19, resulting from an increase in visitors to town not following public health protocols. This concern has been exacerbated by the recent news from the town of New Ipswich about a large group event scheduled during the period August 14-23, where members of the group have publicly stated that they will not follow public health protocols while conducting outreach in area communities. We were made aware of the details of the potential impact on our town following our public meeting on August 4th, where based on what we knew at the time, we decided not to pursue a local mask ordinance. As elected leaders and fellow members of this community, we value the safety of our neighbors as our highest priority during this evolving issue.

To address these concerns, we have sought the counsel of Peterborough Health Officer, Chief Ed Walker, and have reviewed the Governor’s Emergency Orders and CDC Covid-19 guidelines. The Governor’s series of Emergency Orders provides business owners the power to keep their employees safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. Many businesses are requiring customers to wear masks to enter. Unless there is a valid reason for not following these requirements, businesses are able to refuse service

to any customer not following the safe practices in place. Should a customer create an incident, the Peterborough Police Department has been and will continue to be available for assistance.

We have also taken the following steps to encourage compliance with public health protocols: In partnership with Monadnock Community Hospital, the town launched the Mask Up for Summer Campaign, a public information and mask distribution effort to help educate and protect our community. This effort has included the distribution of thousands of masks by the Monadnock Rotary Club and the deployment of volunteers from the town's Economic Development Authority to nearly 100 local businesses distributing window signs.

In addition, the campaign has now created large eye-catching banners alerting visitors to town that we expect them to wear masks while in public, to be hung this week underneath the Welcome to Peterborough signs on major routes into town.

In the absence of a statewide mask order, which all other surrounding states have issued, we have considered a local ordinance, weighing the potential benefits against the real impacts enforcement of such an order would put on our town police department.

We join the town of New Ipswich in its advice to residents and businesses: As a resident of Peterborough, you have every right to tell people that you do not want them on your private property. You can do this by not answering the door, by posting signs stating, "No Soliciting," and by telling anyone who does enter your property to leave immediately. If you have any problems with someone not honoring your requests, please call the Peterborough Police Department.

We are proud of the efforts of our community members to look after each other during this challenging time and appreciate your patience as we continue to do our best to navigate during an ever-evolving situation. Let us continue to work together in the spirit of respect and good will for the benefit of all.

On behalf of the Select Board and Town Administration,

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From: thepostalpoet@aol.com <thepostalpoet@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:15 PM

To: Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov>; SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>

Subject: local businesses and masks

Keeping it brief. Hope you all saw what Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce is doing to emphasize that local businesses do have right to deny entry to premises if customers are not wearing masks. That bears emphasizing because I am running into a fair amount of folks who think that because businesses are open to the public that they cannot require masks without a state or town ordinance. Of course, I'm in favor of a town ordinance to require masks for all when inside businesses, whether they be restaurants, grocery stores, bookstores, etc. From briefly watching last week's meeting, it seems you are not in favor. Sad.

Thanks for looking into doing a little more than nothing to at least let local businesses know they have town support when they do require masks. Distributing similar signage (as Jaffrey C of C is doing) rather than relying on each business making their own signs is a great idea. Please see if our C of C (wherever

they are nowadays if not MIA) will do the same. If our C of C will not, perhaps Jaffrey C of C will be willing to share.

Thanks, Bill Chatfield PO Box 247/03458 924-9204

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Nicole MacStay

From: Nicole MacStay
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Cynthia Schlosser; SelectBoard
Subject: RE: Mask Order urgently needed

Categories: Select Board

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On behalf of the Select Board and Town Administration,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cynthia Schlosser <cynthianh47@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:39 AM
To: SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Mask Order urgently needed

Mask Order Urgently Needed

Please make it easier to protect the businesses and people of Peterborough and those who shop In Peterborough Only a few ways to protect ourselves — we will not be safe with the invasion of those gathering in New Ipswich—Mask is Mandatory—Must be implemented now.

Cynthia Schlosser
Peterborough 924-9458

Sent from my iPhone

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Nicole MacStay

From: Nicole MacStay
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Julie Perron; SelectBoard
Subject: RE: Face Mask Issue

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Flag Status: Flagged

Categories: Select Board

Sorry Julie, that should be 21 cases, not 12 – my typo

-Nicole

From: Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:47 PM
To: Julie Perron <perron8@yahoo.com>; SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: RE: Face Mask Issue

Dear Julie,

I am responding on behalf of the Select Board. The short answer is, yes, it is possible for such a vote to be taken up at a Town Meeting. However, the issue of a mask ordinance is quite a bit more complicated than taking it to the voters. Select Boards in towns like Peterborough have a very limited authority under state statute to enact such ordinances, but under that statute the responsibility to make sure that patrons are complying with the ordinance falls on the business owner. If a business owner refused to order their patrons to wear face coverings or deny them service for not complying, then it would be the business owner who would be fined.

Other issues that must be considered is the staffing that Peterborough has to enforce such an ordinance. Currently Peterborough's Police Department is able to keep up with the calls for service that it currently receives, however based on the experience of other communities, the implementation of an ordinance like this would result in a dramatic increase in calls, both in reporting complaints and calls from folk asking questions about the ordinance. In Keene, where a mask ordinance was adopted earlier this month, they have a full-time Health Officer who takes these calls, and that person has been focused on just answering questions about the mask ordinance since it was first proposed. Peterborough has no dedicated individual to respond to these matters, and so that burden would likely fall on Fire Chief Walker (who acts as the town's Health Officer), as well as other members of the Town's Administrative team.

The Select Board has carefully weighed the impact of a mask ordinance both as a benefit to the community, but also as a burden on business owners and town staff. Given that so far Peterborough's COVID-19 cumulative count of positive cases remain low (12 cases in total, or 0.3% of Peterborough's population of 6,500) since tracking began in March, and in those cases where the source of infection was clearly identified, transmission has occurred between known contacts (i.e. family member, coworker). To put it another way, there is no evidence that community-based transmission was the source of any known infection, and so it is unlikely that a mask ordinance would have prevented those people from getting sick. As of this writing there are fewer than four cases of COVID-19 in Peterborough. Given these facts, the administrative staff does not find that a mask ordinance is warranted. Should the cases of infection increase dramatically in Peterborough or regionally and community transmission is the suspected source of new infection, the administrative staff reserves the right to revise this recommendation.

Yours,
-Nicole

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From: Julie Perron <perron8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 12:27 PM
To: SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Face Mask Issue

Dear Select Board,

Is there a possibility that the matter of whether or not to make mask-wearing mandatory at indoor businesses in Peterborough be taken up for a town-wide vote?

i would appreciate a response. Thank you.

Julie Perron
28 Winter St.

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Nicole MacStay

From: Karen Hatcher
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Nicole MacStay; Rodney Bartlett
Subject: Fwd: Masks/Peterborough

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Categories: Select Board

We need a conversation please.

Karen Hatcher
Member, Peterborough Select Board

From: kate2coon <kate2coon@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:40:18 PM
To: Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov>; Tyler Ward <tyward1198@gmail.com>; Bill Taylor <btaylor@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Masks/Peterborough

My dear select Board: and Chief Walker, but I don't have your email—

Yesterday or the day before I got an impassioned request from one of our co-citizens, would I write a letter asking the town to mandate masks?

I (maybe this was passive aggressive) never answered her text. Nor did I write to you, but I sure have not stopped thinking about this.

Karen, I got what you were saying in the select board meeting about not doing local without the state mandating. I also REALLY get the whole enforcement problem. Heck, we can't come close to getting people's thumbs off their damn phone screens while they head down Grove and Main.. I get it.. how the hell do you enforce this mandate.

That said, the mask signs and positive messaging appealing to our community spirit is good, and aspirational, and will Help. I'm sure it will help keep a better compliance to non- compliance ratio than without. Ordinarily, that would probably be enough.

But. Look at this map. And if it is true that the DesPlaines area where these tent revival folks just left saw a 6% increase (I can't swear that number is accurate) they are headed right toward us like a brush fire on dry ground.

I'm concerned that it is a bit too toothless for us to ask instead of mandate. I think it puts too much onus on each business and that it is unfair to them to carry that "bad guy" and self-policing burden. I also do not think we are protecting INDIVIDUALS in public places. And we know, we are all on the housing task force, that not every body has a yard and a porch that they can put up a no soliciting on my property sign.

Right now I'm in Massachusetts. EVERYbody and I mean everybody is masking up when they get out of their car to run into the packie, or Shaw's, or Home Depot or wherever. They don't get as far as the door of the general store to see the individual "mandate" of the individual business person. It removes the mask yes or no decision and so compliance is pretty universal. No pleading, no asking, just masking.

I think you messaged this pretty well, but in MHO (my humble opinion) you should be thinking about and READY to take a tougher stand by Tuesday (? Next select board meeting) to issue a temporary emergency order with a nice little sunset

provision mandating masks, if after the 14th there is any alarming info coming out of Newlpswich. I feel the governor upped his public health stance on this AND that he threw it back to localities. I know you will take some heat if you order a mandate, that basically covers the time they are here and 2 weeks after, but if there are no case upswings, cool! Back to what we have now. But as I don't need to tell you, the time line of the tent revival, exposure, community transmission and possible uptick in cases is pretty bad for a town that is the Physical center of a nine-town SAU. Not cool for ConVal. I do worry about people who cannot insulate from these free-face anti-maskers , maybe because they work at the gas station, market basket , the campgrounds, or their kids get approached on open streets.

I hope you would be prepared to take a quick turn to a hard line temporary emergency mask mandate if needed.

Thanks for listening.

Kate Coon

10 Elm

From Axios:

Coronavirus cases are falling, but don't get too comfortable

https://www.axios.com/coronavirus-cases-infections-us-map-florida-texas-arizona-fae7f4d9-967a-47e7-b2c7-0c7919a32a76.html?utm_campaign=organic&utm_medium=socialshare&utm_source=email

Sent from my iPhone

Nicole MacStay

From: Nicole MacStay
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Carol Nelson
Cc: SelectBoard; Ed Walker
Subject: RE: Your favorite subject :-)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Select Board

Good morning Carol,

Thank you for your comments. It is important to keep in mind that in every community, with or without a mask ordinance, must follow the Governor's "[Safer at Home](#)" order which already mandates the wearing of masks, enforced social distancing, and routine cleaning for most retail, hospitality and food establishments. In addition, all privately owned businesses have the right to require that their patrons wear a mask when in their establishment. If someone refuses the business owner or manager can ask them to leave, and if they will not leave when asked or become belligerent, the business owner or manager may call the police to escort them from their establishments. This has been the case all along, and would not be any different if there was a mask ordinance in place.

As stated by Karen on Tuesday, the communities that have adopted these ordinances, including Enfield, are communities that have colleges or a large portion of their population associated with colleges. These institutions bring large numbers of students from all over the nation, and the world to their campuses. Retirement communities have their own lockdown and mask requirements that they are mandated to adhere to, and do not allow visitors except under certain, very tightly controlled conditions. No mask ordinance that Peterborough put in place would come close to providing a layer of protection that these communities have not already surpassed.

As with every step that the Town has taken through this emergency, the Select Board and officials have been committed to the health and safety of the residents of Peterborough as well as those who visit for business or recreation. We (Chief Walker, Rodney, myself and the Select Board) are continuously monitoring the status of COVID-19 in not just the Monadnock Region but also in all of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont. Should trends in infection or outbreaks regionally warrant further action, that action will be taken.

You may have interpreted Bill's wearing of a mask while alone in the room as mocking, but I believe his intent was to demonstrate that wearing a mask is not difficult, a limit on his civil liberties, or onerous; I can tell you from my regular interactions with Bill that he has taken the wearing of a mask seriously.

The Town of Peterborough has partnered with MCH to step up our public campaign to remind people to continue wearing masks. Early next week we will have banners hanging from all of the "Welcome to Peterborough" signs – please see the graphic below. The steps we as public officials and business owners have taken combined with personal responsibility are the keys to keeping everyone safe.

Also please note that the selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov email address goes to all members of the Board, myself and Rodney.

Yours,
-Nicole

Together, we can save lives.
Please wear a mask in public.



monadnockhospital.org

From: Carol Nelson <peterboro603@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:38 AM

To: Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov>

Cc: Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov>; Karen Hatcher <khatcher@peterboroughnh.gov>; Tyler Ward <tyward1198@gmail.com>

Subject: Your favorite subject :-)

Good morning,

Thank you for bringing up the issue of masks during this week's Select Board meeting. I have to say, I'm disappointed a mandatory mask ordinance was so swiftly shot down and appears to not be on the table for future consideration.

I have comments regarding Tuesday night's meeting:

1. Individual guidance/personal responsibility is clearly not working or else we wouldn't be having this conversation.
2. Requirements for masks in public places is currently the responsibility of business owners to implement and enforce (if they choose to protect their employees and customers by requiring masks). Since Governor Sununu won't implement a statewide mask requirement, the Select Board has the power to alleviate the pressure on our valued business owners by stepping up to the plate and passing a mandatory mask ordinance in Peterborough now.
3. In addition, the local business mask guidelines are haphazard; some are required, some are recommended, some are optional. Why not have one standard for mask use in public settings in Peterborough?
4. Yes, some of the other towns considering this same mandate are "college towns", but look at OUR age group from the likes of RiverMead, Scott-Farrar, Pheasantwood, and Summerhill. That in itself is concerning.
5. And, by the way, we would NOT be the smallest town to implement this mandate; Enfield has approximately 4,500 residents and they just passed a mandatory mask order on Monday night.
6. Regarding it not being enforceable, this was recently reported in the Keene Sentinel regarding their ordinance:
"The ordinance is very enforceable; it's certainly not heavy-handed," Filiault said during Wednesday's meeting. "I think it's just enough, and all we really wanted here is to educate the public, have a little enforcement behind it. It's all about public safety. That's really all this ordinance is about."

7. The infection rate in Peterborough is low, I get it. But if it starts to rise, are you committed to quickly implementing a mandatory mask ordinance?
8. Lastly, Bill Taylor mockingly wearing a mask alone in the Town House during the meeting wasn't funny, cute or smart. Do better.

Regards,
Carol

P.S. I'm not sure who gets copied on the Admin email, so I'm also emailing each of you separately. Because I do not have Bill Taylor's or Ed Walker's email addresses, could one of you please share this with them?

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Nicole MacStay

From: M B <mb_nh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Nicole MacStay
Subject: Re: Masks in Peterborough

Thank you Nicole for your thoughtful and informative response. I support and appreciate our police and town officials. I already have a No Solicitors sign. I plan to avoid town while the Tent Revival people are around. This is certainly a challenging time like we've never seen before.

Kind regards,
Maribeth

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Date: Wed, Aug 12, 2020 4:58 PM
To: M B;SelectBoard;
Cc:
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From: M B <mb_nh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:36 PM
To: SelectBoard <selectboard@peterboroughnh.gov>
Subject: Masks in Peterborough

To whom it may concern,

Please reconsider a town mandate to require the wearing of face masks until the pandemic subsides. We have our elderly mom living with us. I feel unsafe simply going to the store or getting her a donut at Dunkins because this is a town that people come to visit from all over. I go to a store and see people going in and out, no masks, in groups and feel like I need to skip it. This makes quality of life here much less than it once was.

Please do the right thing. We'll get through the backlash. Be remembered in history as a town that took a stand for the safety of all.

Respectfully,
Maribeth Buchanan
Diane Champagne
Elizabeth Buchanan

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From: Jo Ellen Lindh <jelindh@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Nicole MacStay
Subject: Re: Invasion of No-Mask'ers

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Categories: Select Board

Not good enough. These people WILL get into stores.

On Aug 12, 2020, at 4:55 PM, Nicole MacStay <nmacstay@peterboroughnh.gov> wrote:

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From: Jo Ellen Lindh <jelindh@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 9:12 AM
To: administration@peterboroughnh.gov.
Subject: Invasion of No-Mask'ers

I just sent an email to Gov. Sununu asking him to mandate the wearing of masks in NH. (His email address is governorsununu@nh.gov.) See Thursday's [Ledger Transcript](#) front page article that says that a "Wake Up America — Big Tent Revival is set for Aug. 14 - 23 at state representative Paul Somero's Locke Road venue in nearby New Ipswich bringing with it a slew of followers who've been traveling the country." It says that this group does not believe in wearing masks but in the past they have gone door to door and into public places in order to seek recruits.

Can the Select Board promulgate a mask mandate?

Just heard new information from Senator Jeanne Dietsch:

It is important that the governor hears how many people are upset by the lack of mask requirements.

I have been working to decrease the likelihood of transmission during the revival by notifying businesses that they may set their own policies that require masks. A few customers have been refusing to wear masks and telling store owners that, since the governor did not make it mandatory, the store owner cannot, which is not true. Senator Levesque, who represents New Ipswich and Rindge, has helped me ensure that area police will support the decision of any business that posts a no-mask, no-entry policy.

Unfortunately, the revival is advertising Jack Daniels Motor Inn, Shaw's and Peterborough restaurants, in general, to revival attendees. And attendees are being told that during the final weekend:

we train people in obeying the call of Jesus to preach the Gospel, heal the sick, cast out demons, learn to be led by the Holy Spirit and we will be sending people out on the street

It's going to require so many requests to the governor to do this, so I hope you will pass this message (and email address) along to as many people as you can — and ask them to send it to their friends as well!

Thanks.

Jo Ellen (Lindh) D'Ambrosio

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Jo Ellen (Lindh) D'Ambrosio
jelindh@icloud.com

**Building
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: BP20-83
Parcel ID Number: U023-014-000
Address: 5 Winter Street
Owner: Herrick
Zoning District: Family
Description of Work: Repair rotted bathroom floor and add a shower.
Code Edition: 2015 IRC

New Addition Alteration

Town Water Town Sewer

Septic System No. _____

NH Architect: _____ License Num: _____

NH Engineer: _____ License Num: _____

Builder: Bruce Dionne


Electrician: _____ License Num: _____

Plumber: Justin-time P&H License Num: 185039

Gas Fitter: _____ License Num: _____

Estimated Construction Cost: \$6,500

Date Submitted: July 6, 2020 Date Approved: July 28, 2020



Tim Herlihy
Code Enforcement Officer

* Permit shall become invalid unless work is not started within 180 days or not complete within 2 years.
* All inspections listed on Inspection Sheet must be performed for Certificate of Occupancy.

**Building
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: BP20-84
Parcel ID Number: R007-034-002
Address: 538 Old Greenfield Road
Owner: Walsh
Zoning District: Rural
Description of Work: New Single Family 3 Bedroom with attached 2 car garage.
Code Edition: 2015 IRC

New Addition Alteration

Town Water Town Sewer

Septic System No. _____

NH Architect: _____ License Num: _____

NH Engineer: _____ License Num: _____

Builder: Phillip Marrotte

Electrician: Tom Harvey License Num: _____

Plumber: Al Devlin and Sons License Num: 3456

Gas Fitter: _____ License Num: _____

Estimated Construction Cost: \$200,000

Date Submitted: July 27, 2020 Date Approved: August 4, 2020



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**Building
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: BP20-85
Parcel ID Number: R007-029-000
Address: 223 Gulf Road
Owner: Weeks
Zoning District: Rural
Description of Work: Detached 3 car garage 32' x 32'
Code Edition: 2015 IRC

New Addition Alteration

Town Water Town Sewer

Septic System No. _____

NH Architect: _____ License Num: _____

NH Engineer: _____ License Num: _____

Builder: Donald Weeks

Electrician: _____ License Num: _____

Plumber: _____ License Num: _____

Gas Fitter: _____ License Num: _____

Estimated Construction Cost: \$25,000

Date Submitted: May 28, 2020 Date Approved: August 17, 2020



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**Building
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: BP20-86
Parcel ID Number: U018-073-001
Address: 6 Mercer Ave
Owner: McMillan
Zoning District: Family
Description of Work: Ductless Mini-split AC in 3 rooms.
Code Edition: 2015 IRC

New Addition Alteration

Town Water Town Sewer

Septic System No. _____

NH Architect: _____ License Num: _____

NH Engineer: _____ License Num: _____

Builder: _____

Electrician: Adrian Pinney License Num: 3103M

Plumber: _____ License Num: _____

Gas Fitter: _____ License Num: _____

Estimated Construction Cost: \$12,495

Date Submitted: July 13, 2020 Date Approved: August 17, 2020



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**Building
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: BP20-88
Parcel ID Number: U017-015-000
Address: 26 Grove Street
Owner: School & Grove LLC.
Zoning District: Downtown
Description of Work: Misc. Electrical Repairs
Code Edition: 2015 IRC

New Addition Alteration

Town Water Town Sewer

Septic System No. _____

NH Architect: _____ License Num: _____

NH Engineer: _____ License Num: _____

Builder: _____

Electrician: Phillip Neal License Num: 14368M

Plumber: _____ License Num: _____

Gas Fitter: _____ License Num: _____

Estimated Construction Cost: \$4,000

Date Submitted: July 22, 2020 Date Approved: August 17, 2020



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**Building
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: BP20-89
Parcel ID Number: U036-013-000
Address: 118 Lounsbury Lane
Owner: Paquin
Zoning District: Family
Description of Work: 12' x 18' deck and new sliding door
Code Edition: 2015 IRC

New Addition Alteration

Town Water Town Sewer

Septic System No. _____

NH Architect: _____ License Num: _____

NH Engineer: _____ License Num: _____

Builder: John Brum

Electrician: _____ License Num: _____

Plumber: _____ License Num: _____

Gas Fitter: _____ License Num: _____

Estimated Construction Cost: \$15,000

Date Submitted: July 1, 2020 Date Approved: August 17, 2020



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**Building
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: BP20-90
Parcel ID Number: R001-007-003
Address: 139 Cunningham Pond Road
Owner: Rozier
Zoning District: Rural
Description of Work: Roof Mounted PV system with Battery Backup
Code Edition: 2015 IRC

New Addition Alteration

Town Water Town Sewer

Septic System No. _____

NH Architect: _____ License Num: _____

NH Engineer: _____ License Num: _____

Builder: South Pack Solar

Electrician: Scott Perry License Num: 9074

Plumber: _____ License Num: _____

Gas Fitter: _____ License Num: _____

Estimated Construction Cost: \$51,000

Date Submitted: July 7, 2020 Date Approved: July 31, 2020



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**Building
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: BP20-91
Parcel ID Number: U017-067-100
Address: 22 Winter Street
Owner: Weststrate
Zoning District: Family
Description of Work: Rooftop PV Array on garage
Code Edition: 2015 IRC

New Addition Alteration

Town Water Town Sewer

Septic System No. _____

NH Architect: _____ License Num: _____

NH Engineer: _____ License Num: _____

Builder: South Pack Solar

Electrician: Scott Perry License Num: 9074

Plumber: _____ License Num: _____

Gas Fitter: _____ License Num: _____

Estimated Construction Cost: \$14,500

Date Submitted: July 22, 2020 Date Approved: August 25, 2020



Tina Herlihy
Code Enforcement Officer

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**Demolition
Permit**

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Office of Community Development - Building Official

Permit Number: DP19-14

Parcel ID Number: U017-089-000

Address: 10 High Street

Owner: Timber Home Properties LLC.

Zoning Districts: Family

Type of Demolition: Demo of House and Garage

Town Water: yes

Town Sewer: yes

Electric Utilities: no

Propane Tanks: no

Underground Tanks or Wells: no

Asbestos Present: yes certification of asbestos abatement needed before dem

Building Greater Than 450 Square Feet: Yes

No

Building Greater Than 50 Years Old: Yes

No

Demolition Review Committee Notification: Yes

No

Date application sent to Review Committee: October 21, 2019

Date found to be significant or not: October 30, 2019

Date of sign posted in right-of-way: _____

Date of public meeting: November 14, 2019

Date 10 day waiting period expires: _____

Date review was completed by CEO: _____

Comments: _____

Date Submitted: October 21, 2020 Date Approved: November 15, 2019



Tim Herlihy - Building Official
Code Enforcement Officer