

BLSG Special Board Meeting
June 24, 2021
Draft Minutes

Board Members: Mike Blaisdell, Jeff Whiting, Brad Lawe, Wayne Rausenberger, Richard Russ, Paul Vaczy, Jeff Schumann, Doug Perkins, Ben Lawton, Steve Belcher

BLSG: Will Mathis, Jim Foley, (Proctor?)

Guests: Keith Whitcomb, Heidi Willis

The Meeting was called to order. Wayne Rausenberger proposed amendments to the agenda that were accepted.

There were no public comments.

The Minutes of the BLSG Board Meeting of May 20 were approved as amended.

The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss legal challenges and employee matters. At 8:23, the Board came out of Executive Session.

On the matter of Salisbury, Paul Vaczy noted that the town has no plans to pay and does not expect services. Wayne Rausenberger moved to terminate services to Salisbury as of 12:01 am, July 1, 2021, and that services be suspended until the town pays its assessment.

Jeff Whiting moved to continue discussions with Salisbury. Doug Perkins noted that the By-laws committee already has one member from each town; it was agreed that Salisbury could send two representatives, as Jeff Schumann (LDFLA) and Paul Vaczy (Select Board) represent different constituencies in the town. The motion to suspend services, while continuing discussions, was passed.

A vote on the personnel issues was postponed until the next regular meeting. The questions involve pay-rates for different activities, and how overtime is calculated.

The By-laws committee needs to revisit some questions and will report at a later meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Brad Lawes reported updated figures on available funds and the status of invoices to the State. His report was approved.

Will Mathis had left the meeting when the Board went into Executive Session, and so approval of his report (delivered by email to Board members) was postponed until the next meeting.

On Public Relations, there was little to report.

On the position of Operations Manager/Executive Director, there are still unsettled points relating to the job description and to the pay rate.

Wayne Rausenberger then put forward questions about the State grant. One concerned the truck insurance, answered by Mike Blaisdell, per Patti Casey: trucks on the road need insurance; trucks off the road do not.

Under New Business, Doug Perkins reported a complaint from Leslie Wright, that her 'No-Spray' property had been sprayed. A State inspector is reviewing the complaint. A complication is that an additive had been added to the Malathion that would change its smell; Brad Lawes noted that pyrethrums are used on that particular route.

The meeting was then adjourned.

respectfully submitted,
Stephen Belcher