

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2021
10 Meetinghouse Road**

1. ROLL CALL: A meeting of the Bedford Town Council was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 10 Meetinghouse Road. Participating were Dave Gilbert (Chair), Bill Carter, (Vice Chair) and Councilors Bill Duschatko, Lori Radke, Denise Ricciardi, and Sue Thomas. Also present was Town Manager Rick Sawyer. Councilor Murphy had an excused absence.

Chairman Gilbert opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Councilor Carter.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recognition of Retired Board and Commission members

Chairman Gilbert read the names of the retired board and commission members.

Receiving Certificates of Appreciation

Sarah Elise Braese – Energy Commission – 1½ Years
Christine Donati – Parks & Recreation Commission – 4½ years
Randy Hawkins – Planning Board – 3 years
Kevin Duhaime – Zoning Board – 5 years
Gregory Schain – Conservation Commission – 2 years
Kelleigh Murphy – Planning Board – 2 years

Receiving plaques

James Drake – Conservation Commission – 8½ Years
Sharon Stirling – Zoning Board – 13 years
Jon Levenstein – Planning Board – 18 years

Chairman Gilbert stated that including the 18 years on the Planning Board, Jon Levenstein has been involved in Town boards and commissions for 25 years.

Prior to Jon's involvement with the Bedford Planning Board, he served on Bedford's Conservation Commission from 1996 to 2003 serving six years as Chair. He was also the Planning Board representative on that Commission from 2003 to 2006. Jon also served as an alternate member of Bedford's Historic District Commission from 1996 to 1999.

b. Approval of renaming of Chubbuck Field

Chairman Gilbert stated that in January the Town Council approved a new Town Parks, Fields and Recreation Facilities renaming policy that was brought by the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Bedford Men's Club is requesting that the Town of Bedford change the name of Chubbuck Road Field to Hawkins Field in honor of Ken Hawkins. He was a long-time resident involved in Bedford and contributed many good causes that benefitted the Town of Bedford. He was a native of NH, a 38-year resident of Bedford, and served in the US Marines. He passed away in April, 2018. He has made a tremendous amount of contributions to the Town and was involved in the following organizations: He served as a representative in the State House for 10 years from 2003 – 2013; he also worked tirelessly to reform the Retirement System for public employees. He was involved with the Jaycees, he was their president; he was also a National Vice President. The Jaycees actually turned in the Bedford Men's Club back in the late 70's. He worked hard at BCTV; completely involved with Bedford Off Broadway, and was involved with Bedford Friends of Recreation. He wrote the application for this, so if they take a vote, he would be recusing himself.

Councilor Thomas stated that the Parks and Recreation already looked at it and approved it. She stated that she knew Kenny for a long time and he was the guy that you would turn around and there he was helping. He was always helping. He had a grill in his car, he had chairs, and he had cases of water if you needed it; he was always that guy that you turn around and there he was at every event. She couldn't think of a more fitting thing to do than to name this field after Ken Hawkins.

Councilor Duschatko stated that he wasn't going to recuse himself, but he was going to support the naming of this field. Kenny was his first neighbor in Bedford and for as long as they have both lived here.

Councilor Radke echoed the comments. She has been in Town for almost 20 years, and he was probably one of the first persons she met while she was interviewing for one of the boards and commissions as he worked in BCTV and she remembers seeing him at all of the Councilor forums; he was always running that. It's a very fitting memorial to Mr. Hawkins.

Chairman Gilbert stated that Ken Hawkins was the one who asked first if they could do the candidate forums on BCTV. He added that if you every bought a Christmas tree from the Bedford Men's Club, you probably bought one from Kenny.

MOTION by Councilor Radke that the Bedford Town Council approve the Parks & Recreation Commission recommendation for renaming "Chubbuck Road Field" to "Hawkins Field". Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 5-0-1. (Gilbert abstained).

c. Approval of SRO Memorandum of Understanding with SAU 25

Chief Bryfonski explained that this arose as a result of action taken by the Bedford School District's School Board. In December of 2019, the School Board passed a motion that required an MOU between the Bedford Police Department and the School District. There had been, and still exists, a Memorandum of Understanding that had existed between the School District and the Bedford Police Department that had been in place for a number of years if not a decade or more. That particular MOU did not get into or discuss or lay out with specificity and granularity exactly how the School Resource Officer (SRO) program was to be administered, the duties and responsibilities of both the Police Department, the SRO's as well as the School and staff. As a result, the Bedford Police Department developed an MOU draft which was reviewed by the Town Manager as well as the Superintendent of Schools. This is a draft of that proposed Memorandum of Understanding that governs the duties and responsibilities that also includes a fiduciary arrangement between the Town of Bedford and the Bedford School District.

Councilor Radke thanked Chief Bryfonski for the time and energy put into the MOU. It's a very lengthy document, but very informative. After reading it, she learned a lot and how important the collaboration between the School and the Town works.

MOTION by Councilor Ricciardi that the Bedford Town Council accept the SRO related Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Bedford and the Bedford School District and authorize the Town Manager to sign the document. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0.

d. Amending/reaffirming of TC Rules of Procedure, Code of Conduct, Town Media Policy, Social Media Policy

Councilor Radke stated that under the Rules of Procedures, under Boards and Commissions, #8, she was wondering if they should consider a timeline. Number 8 says, *'All newly appointed members will sit at the 1st meeting of their respective board once they've been officially sworn in.'* She stated that there was no end date to that and was wondering if they should give them a time for them to be sworn in. They could wait two months to get sworn in.

Chairman Duschatko thought they addressed that. Chairman Gilbert stated that they address it by saying that appointments to boards and commissions start on May 1st. Ms. Boufford stated that there were many appointees that never got sworn in last year, probably because of COVID. Sally used to go to the meetings and swear people in, but the Town Council is the only board meeting in person. If she doesn't hear from people after a couple of weeks, they would reach out and tell them that they have to get sworn in, because they can't vote, but she didn't know if they wanted to put a timeline on it.

Councilor Thomas was assuming it was written pre-COVID, so that was not the issue, but what if it's, *'they will sit at the 1st meeting after their appointment.'* That way they have to get sworn in. Councilor Radke stated that she used to go to the meetings and swear them in, but that's not a requirement of the Town Clerk to do that.

Chairman Gilbert suggested something that said, *'Newly appointment members will sit at the 1st meeting after their appointment of their respective board to be officially sworn in or go to the Town Clerk to get sworn in before they can vote.'* Councilor Radke suggested, *'they must get sworn in 20 days after they've been appointed.'*

Councilor Duschatko thought it was a matter of notice to them that they know they have to be sworn in. In the past the Town Clerk would show up to the meetings that was sort of mute. In the COVID case, he would think that anybody that didn't get sworn in that particular way was only because they didn't know they had to be sworn in. Just put the new ones on notice that before they can attend the meeting they have to go in and see Sally and be sworn in.

Councilor Thomas suggested something like, *'All newly appointed members will ensure that they are sworn in prior to those first meetings.'* Put it on them that they will make sure that they are sworn in and then sit at the 1st meeting.

Chairman Gilbert suggested, *'All newly appointed members will sit at the 1st meeting of their respective board and must be sworn in before being able to vote.'* Councilor Thomas stated that means they can go to the meeting and not vote.

Councilor Ricciardi suggested, *'Prior to your first meeting, please come to the Town Offices to be sworn in.'* Councilor Duschatko stated that appointees would not see this document. Councilor Ricciardi stated that they will tell them when they get their appointment. Councilor Duschatko thought they should also follow Lori's idea and put that here's the requirement, so in the future somebody's aware that this is the process. It becomes important that they are sworn in, particularly if they are voting members, because the first meeting is an organizational meeting.

Chairman Gilbert suggested that they wordsmith this and vote on it at the next meeting. Councilor Radke stated that she would work with Dawn and maybe they can come up with something. Ms. Boufford stated that she notifies people that they need to contact the Town Clerk to arrange to get sworn in. If they want, she can add *'you must be sworn in before you are able to vote.'* Councilor Radke thought that would be perfect. Ms. Boufford stated that they could put it on her and Sally to follow up if they haven't heard from them. She didn't like the restriction, because sometimes they were appointed affective May 1st and their first meeting is too close like the next day, so they might not have time to come in and get sworn in. Chairman Gilbert stated that Councilor Radke can work with Ms. Boufford to come up with something for the next meeting.

Chairman Gilbert had suggested changes for the last page of the Rules of Procedure under 'Attendance at meetings of all Boards and Commissions'. The last paragraph states, *'A majority of the Council may after investigation and hearing declare a vacancy if a member has missed three (3) regularly scheduled meetings...'*, he proposes to change that to *'two (2)'*. It then says, *'in sequence...'* and he proposes to change that to *'not in sequence'*, and then it says, *'without leave of the Council; has missed one-third (1/3) of all meetings...'*, and he would propose that it says, *'one-quarter (1/4)'*. He was trying to

be a little more strict and stringent to make sure that they all follow the rules and don't have any way to not follow the rules. He wanted to make sure that it's said that they all make sure that they are here, because it's very important that they are here. It's really unexcused absences. That's the real problem.

Councilor Duschatko wanted to know what happens when an emergency comes up just before a meeting, and the person doesn't show up because they have to tend to that emergency. Chairman Gilbert thought there could be leeway for something like that.

Councilor Thomas wanted to know if that covers just the Council or all the boards and commissions. Chairman Gilbert responded that this covers the Council. Councilor Thomas stated that if it's just the Council, she doesn't have a problem with it. If it's covering all boards and commissions then that's pretty tight. Chairman Gilbert stated that this particular item is just the Council. That's the reason they keep attendance at board meetings and when they are reappointing people they take that into account. If there is an issue and somebody doesn't show up. This just covers the Council itself, and he doesn't want to have any impropriety. They haven't had that much trouble, but he doesn't want to be very lenient with this; he wants to be strict with attendance.

Councilor Radke wanted to clarify that these were unexcused or just excused. Chairman Gilbert responded without leave of the Council. To notify the Chair or Rick that you are sick and can't make it, that's okay. To just not to show up and not say anything, that's what they are trying to avoid.

Councilor Radke wanted to know how they would change it from '*missed one-third of all meetings*' to '*one-fourth of all meetings*', because you've already missed two meetings. You don't need to miss one-third of it. Councilor Thomas said that it was three in a row or one-third whereas if they are just going to make it two in a row, then the one-third doesn't matter. Chairman Gilbert agreed.

Mr. Sawyer stated that the paragraphs before this section refer to this section. So the paragraphs before are for all boards and commissions, so they need to look at it in its entirety. If you read the section before it, it refers to this for all boards and commissions. Chairman Gilbert stated that the key phrase is '*without leave of the Council.*' Councilor Thomas thought that was too tight for boards and commissions. If they are trying to get volunteers to sign up that is putting a big onus on them. She had no problem with the Council. Chairman Gilbert suggested leaving it at three, but not in sequence. Three over the life of a particular year. Mr. Sawyer stated that they can also write a separate section for the Council. Councilor Duschatko thought if they did that, then they have to have something for the other boards and commissions. Chairman Gilbert stated that they would have one for boards and commissions and one for the Council. He will work on it and bring it back at the next meeting.

e. Other New Business

Mr. Sawyer stated that there was a request brought forward by a couple of Councilors to have a letter sent to the senate regarding their upcoming work on the budget. That letter was drafted in consultation with the Chairman and provided to the Council today. It's asking them to commit to what they did with SB99 where the Senate approved that bill unanimously that looks to restore rooms and meals tax for all municipalities at the level that the law calls for. The Senate showed leadership in approving that bill unanimously and the Council would be asking them to do the same as they draft the full budget in the coming weeks. It would be appropriate for the Council to make a motion to send that letter to the Senate as drafted or as amended.

MOTION by Councilor Radke that the letter be sent to the Senate as written. Seconded by Councilor Carter. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0.

5. OLD BUSINESS – None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Budgetary Town Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2021

MOTION by Councilor Carter that the Bedford Town Council approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Budgetary Town Meeting. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0.

b. Organizational Meeting/Public Session – March 15, 2021

MOTION by Councilor Radke that the Bedford Town Council approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Organizational Meeting and Public Session minutes. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0.

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- 1) Clean Up Bedford Day – April 17th, 9AM - 3PM. Bags can be picked up at the Transfer Station, Library, Safety Complex, EFJH, and there is a limited supply at the Town Office. Filled bags can be brought to the Transfer Station, otherwise someone will be by over the next few days to pick them up. He thanked Councilor Carter for spearheading this effort. Many Town employees will be joining in this great activity by adopting the roads in and around the “village” adjacent to the Town Office and Town Hall/Library. He mentioned the organizations that were supporting this effort including the Men’s Club, Rotary Club, School District, Police, Fire, the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill, Bedford Living, and Conservation Commission.
- 2) COVID-19 Pandemic – Bedford like the State has unfortunately has seen an increase in the number of cases with 59 current COVID-19 cases. I strongly encourage all residents to follow the CDC and State of NH recommendations for protecting yourself

including wearing a face covering, washing hands as often as possible, and to get vaccinated. Our Fire Department has been very busy with administering vaccinations to teachers, students, Town employees, those in senior/assisted living facilities and others. He thanked Chief Hunter, Captain Selleck, and the entire Fire Department for their efforts.

- 3) Drought conditions in NH have worsened over the winter and the area that is defined as “Abnormally Dry” has expanded to all of southern NH. Without a significantly wetter than normal spring it is likely that we will return to severe drought or worse this summer and watering restrictions will need to be considered.
- 4) PFAS – NHDES and Saint Gobain are testing a large number of private wells in southeastern Bedford and many residents have called or emailed looking for an update as to when solutions will be provided or with just general questions and concerns but unfortunately NHDES has not made any decisions yet while they wait for more data. We have asked that NHDES hold a public information meeting as soon as possible and we expect that they will hold a virtual meeting within the next 3-4 weeks. If you have received a request for well testing it is critical that you sign the agreement and return the paperwork as soon as possible. Through a number individual private well tests along Bedford Center Road from North Amherst Road to Primary Plaza it has been determined that there is a cluster of PFAS contamination north of Route 101. Unfortunately, the consent decree between NHDES and Saint-Gobain stops Saint-Gobain’s responsibility at Route 101 for any results less than 70 ppt. Without an identified responsible party the individual property owners are left to work with NHDES to determine how to move forward. As we have this portion of Bedford Center Road in our 2021-2022 roads program it would make sense to extend public water to the area from Bell Hill Road in conjunction with the roadway work. A preliminary cost estimate has been completed by DPW at \$700,000. We are exploring all possible funding sources to complete this work. The Town Office Building well has tested below the PFAS limits but is not drinkable due to other contaminants. We were also notified that the New Boston Air Force Tracking Station is now a known PFAS contamination contributor. In this case their PFAS pollution comes from use of materials on the base that leached into the groundwater. They are currently investigating the extent of the contamination but are only responding to issues above the federal PFAS standard of 70 ppt vs the lower State standards (varies 11-18 ppt).

Chairman Gilbert wanted to know if you live in that area and Golder hasn’t reached out to you, can you reach out to them and Mr. Sawyer responded yes. There is an 800 number that is available; it’s on the Town website and also on the NH DES website.

Councilor Ricciardi thought that the State had the ability to come out where Bedford Center Road is and determine the actual cause. It’s her understanding that with Saint-Gobain it isn’t just in the ground, it’s airborne, so it isn’t out of the realm of possibility that it could have caused that. Mr. Sawyer believed it would be Saint-Gobain contamination. You can tell by the chemical signature of the pollutants in the water whether it’s Saint-Gobain or another source. Saint-Gobain’s signature is higher PFOA levels than PFOS or the other two PFAS chemicals. The problem is there is a consent decree. There is a court order that says Saint-Gobain is not responsible north of Route 101 and that was put in

place in 2018 when the State and Saint Gobain agreed to that. Councilor Ricciardi thought it would be worth it to have the State conclusively say where it came from. Mr. Sawyer would love to see that as well, but didn't know if they would do that. Councilor Ricciardi stated that she was going to look into that.

Councilor Radke found it interesting that the contaminated area borders Route 101 and wanted to know if they just used that as a guide; it seemed very convenient. Mr. Sawyer stated that it had nothing to do with the science of the pollution and everything to do with the geographic line that they chose to write.

Councilor Duschatko stated that he and Rick attended one of the first meetings in Litchfield when they came out with this map. The thing that is missing is when the consent decree was set up, they didn't have a very low limit and it made sense at that particular time to accept. When the Legislature turned around with no knowledge of what the whole thing was and came up with a very low concentration rate, all those things changed.

Mr. Sawyer clarified that Saint-Gobain could be held responsible north of Route 101 if the limits were above 70/ppt. These contamination levels are coming in between 12 and 20's.

Councilor Ricciardi thought determining whether it was Saint-Gobain even if they can't be responsible, that may persuade the State to be more proactive on helping them with the problem. Mr. Sawyer stated that the State had been very good so far. It's brand new; it's a month old and they have been completely helpful in pointing them in the right direction. He didn't want to give the impression that they hadn't been. It might make sense to extend the water lines or put in treatment at each office building or home along the way, but who pays for that and who does the work.

Councilor Duschatko wanted to know if they put sleeves underneath Route 101. Mr. Sawyer responded that they did, but in this case they already have water across Route 101; it runs to this building, Town Hall, and the Library. It comes across Route 101 at Nashua Road to Bell Hill and up to Bedford Center Road. Councilor Duschatko stated that his point was when the water goes down Chestnut Drive and picks up those people and then across to Harvest Market and up; which would be cheaper. They have a couple of alternates. Mr. Sawyer stated that they potentially do. The water lines currently aren't proposed to be coming down Chestnut from any of the construction that's taking place. Councilor Duschatko mentioned it going to go to Shorty's. Mr. Sawyer stated that that's service connection. The water main itself comes off of the high school property onto the Bow Lane property and doesn't extend beyond that and they are just service connections; there is no main extension through the Bow Lane project. The sleeves were intended primarily for sewer and potentially water if necessary, but the sleeves were put in so if they ever did sewer, the sleeves would be there and you wouldn't have to tear up 101.

5) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Bedford has been identified to receive \$2,240,191.06. No specific details have been released on this yet. 50% will be available in 2021, 50% will be available 12 months after that in 2022 and all of the funds must spent by the end of 2024. Awaiting US Treasury guidance.

- 6) Federal Community Project Funding (earmarks) – Congressman Pappas announced a brief filing period to request federal funding for one-time small to medium sized allocations for projects of local importance. We submitted 5 projects: 1) Police Station \$15 million, 2) Fire Station \$4.2 million, 3) Dirt Road Paving Program \$1.44 million for the paving of Polly Peabody Road and Tinker Road, 4) Bedford Center Road waterline extension \$700,000, 5) Beals Road Bridge replacement local match at \$223,000. Across the district over 250 projects were submitted and it is my understanding that no more than 10 projects with a total value of \$30 million will ultimately be selected with announcements coming in August. The Congressman is utilizing a Community Advisory Board made of 5 individuals to review the projects and make recommendations. The police station project has already been cut due to it not being “shovel ready” enough. The Fire Station is considered more shovel ready as a site with utilities has been identified. Should an alternative fire station location be determined and the project receives funding it is my understanding that would not impact the award. We have also since removed the Beals Road Bridge from consideration because we were made aware of federal labor rate and reporting requirements that were going to increase the cost of the project by as much as 15% so it no longer made sense to continue. SNHPC submitted funding for the widening of US Route 3 (South River Road) from Hawthorne Drive to the airport access road. It is my understanding that each Senator will provide a similar opportunity for funding later in the year. The public is invited to review the projects and provide comment (support) at <https://pappas.house.gov/cpf>
- 7) Sportsman Field – Reconstruction has started again with the concrete footings and fence posts installation. Anticipated completion date is June 1st.
- 8) National Public Safety Telecommunications week – We thank them and recognize them. They are behind the scenes, but doing great work. He mentioned the Police Department’s autism awareness patches, which are available for purchase.
- 9) April is designated as Distracted Driving Awareness Month and as part of the campaign the Bedford Police Department is reminding everyone about the importance of attentive and engaged driving, and is focusing on the dangers distracted driving poses to everyone on the road.
- 10) April 24th – National Prescription Drug Takeback Day, Bedford Safety Complex, 10 AM – 2 PM. It’s also available for drop off 24/7 all year round.
- 11) Dogs Licenses must be obtained from the Town Clerk by April 30th each year.
- 12) Registration for Camp Witzel summer camp and other summer camp programs are now open and information is available through the Recreation page of the Town Website <http://www.bedfordreonline.com/info/activities/default.aspx>

8. COUNCILOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Councilor Ricciardi stated that BCTV-WBNH had a meeting. They continue to work really hard to help the community and the Town is fortunate to have their own station. They have worked hard on focusing on the elections, budget hearings, the Bedford high School playoff sports action, all the PSA’s that they do and the radio announcements. She stated that COVID had been really long and difficult for everyone and she felt like BCTV is the heart and soul of Bedford keeping everyone connected throughout the entire pandemic.

Councilor Duschatko stated that there was a Planning Board meeting and there was only one item, which was approval of a home occupation. It was an interesting operation where the owner expedites delivery of hunting rifles throughout the country. If you have a licensed firearm and go away on a hunting trip, you consign the firearm to him and he arranges transportation to another dealer where you are hunting and then you go pick it up without any hassles or problems getting it through the various states. When you are finished hunting, you can turn around and reverse the process and pick up your equipment back in Bedford. The Planning Board approved it. They had a short meeting that dealt with procedural changes that were going to have internally and reviewed the last draft of the Master Plan, which had a few more edits made over the past couple of days and will hopefully be ready for printing and distribution by no later than the end of May first of June.

Councilor Carter mentioned that at the Conservation Commission met last night and there was a Dredge and Fill for 501 Route 101, a 3-lot subdivision. That was sent with their recommendation. They had a wildlife discussion. One of the biologists from the high school is doing a wildlife camera study. He had some grants and gave them up to date information, so that as he moves further along they can work with him with some of the protected lands in Bedford. It was also Karin Elmer's last meeting. She has served the residents for 19 years. They wish her the best. She did a lot of great work for the Town of Bedford and she will be sorely missed. He mentioned that the Autism patches from the Police Department are \$10 each and has had a couple coming his way. Over the weekend, the Animal Rescue League had their annual fundraiser, which was a silent auction. They had some really nice sports memorabilia and there is a Dustin Pedroia signed bat sitting on his mantel right now, because his wife is a big Pedroia fan. He talked about the CUB road clean-up program. He thanked all of the sponsors: the Rotary, the Men's Club, the Town of Bedford, SAU 25, and the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill. BCTV is going to be out there and do some footage on the roads. He thanked BCTV for helping him with the video and the radio public service announcements. If you have pictures you can send them to wcarter@bedfordnh.org and then they can show those pictures at their next meeting.

Councilor Radke stated that they had a Historic District Commission meeting and they had one applicant that went very well. They also had a public hearing to amend the rules of procedure. With the new change in the law, the HDC no longer needs to post public hearings in the paper. They will be posted on the website, Town Office building, and BCTV. The Police Citizen's Academy will be postponed until August. Congratulations to the Fire Department employees on their promotions. She wished Miriam Johnson, the new Library Director and Caitlin Loving, the new Assistant Library Director, the best of luck. She gave a shout out to the DPW parks person. He has done a fabulous job on the Bedford Center Park. She was in awe of how beautiful it looks. They have taken out all of the shrubs. She sees people using the park, so because they've gone the extra mile to do that, people are actually going to use it. She gave kudos to the DPW and the parks person. They are going an amazing job. She thanked all of the volunteers whose terms have expired and are not coming back. Their service has been appreciated.

Councilor Thomas stated that she attended the Energy Commission meeting and is still learning about that. There is a lot of discussion about the potential for solar power in Bedford and places they could put it. The people on the Commission are great and have great ideas. Councilor Radke stated that the letter for Solsmart did go in and they got a response back. There is a myriad of things they need to do in order to get some designation. She will be talking to the Commission at their next meeting and sharing that with them. Councilor Thomas stated that she participated with Chairman Gilbert on the Parks & Recreation Commission and Zoning and she is an alternate on both. She commended all the volunteers in Town. She stated that on Zoning there was one application having to do with a setback that they approved. At Parks and Rec they talked about the renaming of the field for Kenny and Boy Scout projects that were approved.

Councilor Radke mentioned that the Highway safety Committee and they approved the crosswalk at Joppa Hill.

Chairman Gilbert mirrored his comments about Karin Elmer. She's been great and she's done a great job with Zoning and they will miss her. As far as the crosswalk goes, he has met with Jeff Foote and Earl Sanford and they've defined what they are going to be doing. He stated that at the EFJH they have put up their big tent. They are going to have to close trails on Monday the 19th through Friday, the 23rd. They are doing a project to run water and electrical lines, so they are doing a lot of trenching. Next month will be the grand opening for their farm stand on Saturday, May 22nd.

9. NON-PUBLIC – RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Acquisition of Land

MOTION by Councilor Radke that the Bedford Town Council go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (d) the consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of any real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interest are adverse to those of the general community. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko.

Roll Call Vote: Thomas-aye, Ricciardi-aye, Duschatko-aye, Gilbert-aye, Carter-aye, Radke-aye.

The public meeting ended at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Boufford