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**APPROVED**  
**TOWN OF PELHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN - MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 5, 2019**  
APPROVED – March 19, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER** - approximately 6:30PM

**PRESENT:** Mr. Hal Lynde, Mr. William McDevitt, Mr. Doug Viger, Ms. Heather Forde,  
Town Administrator Brian McCarthy

**ABSENT:** Ms. Amy Spencer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES REVIEW**

**February 19, 2019**

**MOTION:** (Forde/McDevitt) To approve the February 19, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.

**VOTE:** (3-0-0) The motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one came forward.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Police Sergeant Glen Chase: Recognition of 20 Years of Service to the Town of Pelham**

Mr. Lynde read the Twenty Years of Service award statement aloud. Mr. McCarthy spoke about Sgt. Chase's history with the Police Department, department recognitions and dedication to the Town. He stated Sgt. Chase was a great role model for the community and they were honored to have him serve the Town for twenty years. The service award was accompanied by a 20-year Service Pin. The Selectmen congratulated Sgt. Chase.

**Kara Kubit: Applicant for an alternate position on the Conservation Commission**

Ms. Kubit was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. McCarthy informed she would be present for the March 19, 2019 meeting.

**Nate Boutwell: Mobile Vietnam War Memorial Wall**

Mr. Nate Boutwell came forward with Don Mitchell, American Legion. Mr. Boutwell spoke about the possibility for the Mobile Vietnam War Memorial Wall coming to the Town of Pelham May 23-27, 2019. He explained that the Cemetery Board of Trustees had discussed the wall and after reaching out to the wall foundation they learned it was available for those dates. After discussing a location, the

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Trustees felt the Village Green area between the Fire Department and Police Department would be the perfect location. He believed it would be a wonderful opportunity for the Town and the surrounding towns to enjoy. He asked that the Town consider being the primary sponsor (\$5,000 cost). Mr. Boutwell discussed the details of hosting the wall and what it would entail. He believed a lot of the things that would be needed could be attained through donations. The American Legion would also work hard with regard to fund raising.

Mr. Lynde thought it would be a great thing. He wanted to better understand the 'scope' of hosting the wall. Mr. Boutwell explained it was half the size (approximately 250ft. long) of the original wall in Washington, D.C. He spoke with Boyden Landscaping about the location being at the village green and if the Board approves will ensure the underground utilities are not affected. The exact location hasn't been determined. Mr. Boutwell thought the dates were perfect as the display would end on Memorial Day.

Mr. McDevitt felt it was a terrific idea. He understood there were details to be worked out, but they paled in comparison to the good that would come from having the wall in Pelham. He said there were things they could do to accommodate larger crowds.

Mr. Viger was in favor of having the wall come to Pelham. He inquired how the wall traveled and where it traveled to. Mr. Boutwell explained there were two moving walls, one in the west and one in the east. He believed the dates became available because they were trying to move it from one location to another. Mr. Mitchell added that there was another wall traveling in New Hampshire.

Mr. Boutwell told the Board that the wall foundation group provided them with a 'cheat sheet' of things that may need to be addressed and suggestions for how to have the event run smoothly. Ms. Forde stated she was in favor of having the wall in Pelham. She suggested reaching out to Parks and Recreation to ensure there were no activities happening on the village green during the days the memorial wall was in Town.

Mr. David Hennessey of the VFW came forward and told the Board they were having a meeting on Thursday night to discuss the memorial wall and knew there was support for it. He has visited the mobile wall at other location within the State, but felt Pelham had one of the better sites for it. He was excited for it to come to Pelham. Mr. Mitchell noted there was an aging population of Vietnam Veterans and for those who have not been to Washington, D.C. it would give them an opportunity to touch the wall. It would also be a good learning tool for students. He thanked the Board for the consideration.

Mr. Lynde stated that the Board supported having the mobile wall come to Pelham, although they understood they needed additional details. Mr. Boutwell said the process would move quickly and asked if the Town would be the primary sponsor with the American Legion being in a support role to help fundraise, advertise, set up/take down etc. Mr. McDevitt believed coordinating the event would be important. Mr. Boutwell replied they were provided with simple guidelines to follow. Mr. Mitchell commented they could potentially approach the high school to get students involved in the event for community service hours.

Mr. McCarthy told the Board he would be the point person to work with Mr. Boutwell. He stated they would need to provide a deposit. Mr. Lynde felt there should be community-wide support. Ms. Forde suggested creating a kick starter so anyone could contribute. Mr. McCarthy noted they needed a \$2,500 deposit. He felt if the Town could absorb that amount it would start the process, then there could be a discussion about the remaining funding.

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**MOTION:** (McDevitt/Viger) To have the Town of Pelham pay (the deposit of) \$2,500.00 to get started on the moving Vietnam Memorial Wall. The funding will be taken from the Town Celebrations budget.

**VOTE:** (4-0-0) The motion carried.

Mr. Boutwell stated a committee would be formed to coordinate. Mr. McCarthy added that Police Chief Joseph Roark would also be involved given there was a security component to consider.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Hawkers & Peddlers Policy review**

The Board had previously reviewed and amended the policy. They were satisfied with the final draft.

**MOTION:** (McDevitt/Viger) To adopt the Hawkercs & Peddlers Policy.

**VOTE:** (4-0-0) The motion carried.

The Board discussed the process of obtaining an application and it was confirmed that a State license was required prior to obtaining a license from the Town.

#### **Use of Hobbs Community Center**

Mr. McDevitt stated the Garden Club was looking to use the community center, however, there was no policy for its 'public' use. The current activities at the center were sponsored by the Seniors or Park & Recreation. There was no provision for third-party usage. Mr. McDevitt told the Board he wanted to speak to Mr. McCarthy and see if they could implement rules similar to those for Sherburne Hall, although he recognized it would be more complicated.

Mr. Viger recalled using the conference room at the Library for Boy Scout meetings and suggested they might be able to implement similar provisions.

Mr. McDevitt told the Board he would work with Mr. McCarthy to draft a policy.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

- March 10, 2019 – Tribe to Nation presentation, a musical journey through the history of Ireland with Tom O'Carroll at Pelham Library beginning at 1pm – no cost
- March 12, 2019 - Town Election held at Pelham High School – polls are open 7am-8pm

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR / SELECTMEN REPORTS**

Mr. Viger thanked Ms. Spencer for her dedication and support. He said she had been a team player on the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen and would be greatly missed. He hoped she would find time to return in the not to distant future.

Mr. McDevitt commented that the present Selectmen Chair, Hal Lynde was running for re-election and he wished him best of luck. It was currently the end of Mr. Lynde's 31<sup>st</sup> year.

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Ms. Forde reached out to Enterprise Bank to set up a time to informally speak to residents, take complaints, comments etc. She will be available Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 9:30am-10:30am.

Mr. McCarthy informed that the Town Report had come out fantastic and took the opportunity to commend Lynne Slattery, Diane Hurd, Jean Olson, Charlene Takesian and Brian Demers who were instrumental in putting it together. He thanked them for everything they had done.

Mr. Lynde stated a candidate's forum was held at the Hobbs Community Center. Most candidates were present, and it was well attended.

**REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

**MOTION:** (Forde/Viger) Request for a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II,a (Personnel)

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Lynde-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Viger-Yes; Ms. Forde-Yes

It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take any other action publicly, except to possibly seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the meeting. The Board entered into a non-public session at approximately 7:12pm.

**MOTION:** To leave non-public session.

**VOTE:** (4-0-0) The motion carried.

The Board returned to public session at approximately 7:30pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charity A. Landry  
Recording Secretary