Town of Hooksett
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2020

The Hooksett Town Council met on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:00 in the Hooksett Municipal Building.

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Sullivan called the meeting of 12 Feb 2020 to order at 6:05 pm.

PROOF OF POSTING
Administrative Services Coordinator Donna Fitzpatrick provided proof of posting.

ROLL CALL
In Attendance: Councilor James Sullivan, Councilor Robert Duhaime, Councilor John Durand, Councilor James Levesque, Councilor Timothy Tsantoulis, Councilor Clark Karolian, and Councilor Alex Walczyk

Missing: Councilor Avery Comai and Councilor Clifford Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chair Sullivan called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA OVERVIEW
Chair Sullivan: If there is no objection, I would like to move New Business items 15.1 and 15.2 up for consideration after the Scheduled Appointments for presentation of Eagle Scout projects. The Town Engineer would like to present more information on Consent Agenda item 9.7, so I would ask that items 9.1 through 9.6 of the Consent Agenda be taken up first and that item 9.7 be handled separately. Regarding Approval of Minutes, I want to present some clarification of the rules. Finally, the Town Administrator will introduce guests during his report.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS
Charles Nelson, Eagle Scout Project – Lambert Park Picnic Tables (see item 15.1 for details)

C. Nelson: My Eagle Scout project is to build three picnic tables for Lambert Park by the boat launch. I will use pressure treated lumber and galvanized steel hardware. The estimated cost is $500.

Mr. Jeff Scott, Scout Master: The placement of the tables is up in the air at this time, pending a final decision by Parks & Rec.

Chair Sullivan: If the Pavilion passes, they may consider that location.

A. Walczyk: A question about the materials came up at the Parks & Rec meeting. Have you had an opportunity to consider the use of TREX (vinyl board) instead of pressure treated wood?

Charles Nelson: It would increase the price significantly.

J. Scott: It could triple the cost.
T. Tsantoulis: TREX isn’t as strong and doesn’t last as long. I am not a huge fan of pressure treated wood either.

Chair Sullivan: The tables would be protected under the Pavilion. There is more information in your packets about this project.

R. Duhaime: I know that TREX sags in the heat.

J. Levesque: I assume you will be using bolts and screws, not nails.

C. Nelson: That is correct.

J. Levesque: Will you use stainless or galvanized steel?

C. Nelson: I will use galvanized steel.

Chair Sullivan: As the information in your packets indicates, the Parks & Recs Committee approved this project on January 21, 2020.

A. Garron: Regarding Eagle Scout projects in general, we assume they won’t necessarily be replaced. The Town accepts these gifts for the life of the items.

J. Scott: That is correct. The Town accepts the gifts and we have no claim.

R. Duhaime motioned for the town to approve of Scout Charles Nelson proceeding with the project of constructing picnic tables to be placed at Lambert Park or other areas in town at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. C. Karolian seconded the motion.

Voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

Bennett Nelson, Eagle Scout Project – Trail Bridge Crossing (see item 15.2 for details)

B. Nelson: Thank you for having me tonight. My Eagle Scout project is a bridge on the Riverfront Trail. There is a section of rotting planks. The Conservation Commission asked if a Scout might be willing to undertake this project. A Scout is helpful, so I decided to do this. I have been working with Mr. Bruce Thomas, the Town Engineer, and another engineer in the troop.

Chair Sullivan: Bennett presented his project to the Conservation Commission at its December 9, 2019 meeting and received the Commission’s approval at its February 10, 2020 meeting.

T. Tsantoulis: Thank you for your project and for making yourself a better person by being a Scout.

R. Duhaime: This is a great trail. I am glad to see this park getting finished so that the residents can enjoy it. Will you have a plaque?

J. Scott: Yes, we put small plaques on all Eagle Scout projects.

A. Garron: There was a question regarding wetlands. Was that resolved?

B. Nelson: I believe so. The Conservation Commission said they would take care of it.
B. Thomas: It is being taken care of. There is no concern.

J. Scott: These two Scouts are very competent.

_T. Tsantoulis motioned for the Town to approve of Scout Bennet Nelson proceeding with the construction of a temporary bridge for the Town trail system. A. Walczyk seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor (7-0)._
T. Tsantoulis: I agree with what Mr. Thomas just said, but I disagree about giving back any money. I don’t like what he did at the site and the way that he disregarded the requests of Mr. Thomas.

B. Thomas: He didn’t disregard me. He cleaned up the wetland buffer immediately. He is trying to work with me, but he is unorganized and doesn’t know proper construction techniques.

J. Levesque: Did he pave the base coat over the gravel?

B. Thomas: Yes, he did.

J. Levesque: What about a finish coat?

B. Thomas: That has not been done yet.

C. Karolian: Regarding the two zoning issues of encroachment on wetlands, is there possible Code Enforcement Officer action regarding the zoning violations?

B. Thomas: I don’t know what the enforcement would be. He did remove it immediately on the buffer. In another year it will probably grow back. Also, there is another site plan in the works, another project, and the wetlands could be developed.

C. Karolian: So, part of the wetlands could be filled in? I assume they would need State permits.

B. Thomas: Yes. The developers are working on that.

R. Duhaime: I am glad that you came in because I have some concerns about this project. The State doesn’t allow paving below 45 degrees. You are right to test it. I assume you are willing to work with him to make sure it is done correctly.

B. Thomas: Yes, I will be working closely with him. I will tell him about this big conversation with the Town Council.

C. Karolian: Are the contractor and owner one and the same?

B. Thomas: Yes, Randy Owen is doing it himself. He should have hired a contractor a year ago. I do not believe he is a bona fide contractor.

Chair Sullivan: Are we ready to vote on the motion which is on the floor?

D. Fitzpatrick: Do you want to amend the motion so that it is more specific, including the original amount of the bond and the balance being retained?

R. Duhaime: I would like to amend my motion to say that the Town is reducing the bond requirement for the Owen Marine Site from $41,367 to $25,000.

Chair Sullivan called for a vote on the motion.

J. Durand, R. Duhaime and Chair Sullivan voted yea; J. Levesque, C. Karolian, A. Walczyk and T. Tsantoulis voted nay.
The motion failed (3-4).

J. Levesque: A priority is to clarify the asphalt test.

B. Thomas: Yes, it is and I will do that.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A. Garron: I have invited Brandon Kernen of the Hydrology and Conservation Division of NHDES to provide the Council with an update on the well water sampling project. He was here in October of 2019 when the project was starting. With him is Thomas O’Donovan, the Director of the Water Division of NHDES.

B. Kernen: I was last here at your October 9, 2019 meeting regarding additional analysis of private well water because of very high levels of uranium in samples taken prior to a rock blasting project. This is in southern Hooksett, and the uranium is probably naturally occurring. We have pulled together resources and are testing 150 wells, double the number for the original plan. In addition to uranium, the testing is for metals, radon in water, and PFAS compounds. I have provided a map of the study area, a sample one-page report and the supporting lab sheets. These tests, which typically cost $500 each, are being done for free. In 64% of the 55 completed tests, uranium exceeds the health limit, many by a lot. This is a unique cluster. Radon, which is also naturally occurring, is also high. In 17% of the wells tested, PFAS, which is manmade, exceeded recommended safe levels for one of the four PFAS compounds.

There is lots of work to be done on PFAS compounds. Per State law, we must notify homeowners within 500 feet of where exceedances of manmade contaminants are discovered, and we have done that. There are 100 deaths per year in New Hampshire because of radon in the air. Because we have doubled the size of the study, from 75 to 150 wells, we will not have the testing done until April, later than the original plan of January. It is taking the EPA longer to do the free analysis, given that they must work this into their regular workload. Some IT challenges have slowed us down as well. We are not including radon in the air in this study, but there is an inexpensive test that homeowners can do for radon in the air. I am hoping that Hooksett can schedule a workshop for April. We would make a brief general presentation and then have stations for specific questions. If the DES has the resources, they might expand the sampling efforts, as more work is needed in other areas. This might start in late spring or early summer, after this project is complete. In my one-page Town Council update, I have suggested options for follow-up work in Section 7c. One suggestion is to provide direct outreach to homeowners outside the current study area, strongly suggesting that they test their drinking water. Another option is for town personnel and volunteers to complete testing in partnership with NHDES, perhaps using paid contractors to complete the sampling or partnering with a private lab to obtain discount pricing. These are just suggestions.

C. Karolian: Thank you for your presentation. There are two major blasting areas -- one in my district and another in district 5. Were any wells tested prior to blasting? I am referring to the area of Smyth Road and Londonderry Turnpike and also Londonderry Turnpike and Auburn Road, across from JP Noonan Trucking.

B. Kernen: The results are based on pre-blasting testing.

C. Karolian: Did they show elevated levels at that pre-blasting point?

B. Kernen: Yes, they did.

C. Karolian: Did the levels increase post-blasting?
B. Kernan: We haven’t done the post-blasting testing of uranium, just of nitrates. I could send you the reports. There is no reason to believe that uranium levels would change because of blasting.

C. Karolian: I am getting feedback from people. They say that there was no problem prior to the blasting, but problems with nitrate, radon and uranium now. Nitrates could be from septic systems, right?

B. Kernen: Yes, and from lawn fertilizer.

C. Karolian: And explosives?

B. Kernen: Yes. In the Prescott Heights Road area, there were two increases that didn’t make sense. They were isolated, and there was no way to connect them to the blasting site. Additional investigation pointed to pool chemicals.

C. Karolian: What about Auburn Road?

B. Kernen: There was nothing significant.

C. Karolian: Can you rule out uranium and radon from blasting?

B. Kernen: Yes, and PFAS shouldn’t be associated with blasting. We are trying to find an ideal field test.

R. Duhaime: Thank you for coming in tonight. The residents will want this information. Can they control this and re-use their wells? There is an old house where the well is under the center of the house, so the radon is coming up through the floorboards.

B. Kernen: They don’t need a new water source. Inexpensive testing kits are available, as well as more elaborate ones. It is not unusual to find radon in private wells in New Hampshire. We need to educate the residents.

T. Tsantoulis: Thank you for returning. How concerned should homeowners be at this point? Are there any red flags?

B. Kernen: It is about being informed more so than being concerned. All contamination is treatable at the homeowner level. It is not an emergency. They should educate themselves and take appropriate action.

J. Durand: If homeowners are testing high on uranium and radon, should they look at treatment on their own?

B. Kernen: Yes. The State doesn’t have a program for private wells.

Chair Sullivan: The NHDES has provided a letter to all homeowners in the area with a lot of information.

B. Kernen: There is a long list of tools and links. They can email us.

R. Duhaime motioned to direct the Town Administrator to set a date in April for a workshop with NHDES regarding well water safety. C. Karolian seconded the motion.

Voted unanimously in favor.
J. Durand: Will you have available the types of treatments and the companies providing these products and services?

B. Kernen: We will give an overview and then residents can visit tables to address specifics. We will send letters to the 150 homeowners in the study area. Anyone else is also welcome to attend.

Chair Sullivan: We can use the town website for a general invitation.

C. Karolian: Just to clarify, letters have been sent to those being tested, correct?

B. Kernen: Yes.

C. Karolian: Is the water safe to drink now?

B. Kernen: On the report of test results which we distributed, anything highlighted in yellow represents a health risk.

T. O’Donovan: To offer a deeper answer, there is an important exception: Pregnant women should avoid arsenic while pregnant and in the first years of a child’s life.

C. Karolian: I get phone calls from people. What do I tell them about the long term versus short term risk? Is it five, ten, fifteen or twenty years? Common sense would tell me to put in a system. Bottled water costs an arm and a leg. I need to ask this on behalf of the people I represent.

B. Kernen: If there are exceedances, they should drink bottled water and put a reverse osmosis system in their kitchen sink to cut off exposure.

T. O’Donovan: Existing health risks multiply the problems. This is poison. As an analogy, if your gas tank is on E, how long do you wait to fill your tank? We do these workshops regularly, and one-on-one counseling is available.

B. Kernen: Anyone can call me directly at 271-0660. Don’t wonder; just call.

A. Walczyk: Thanks. It is good to get this information. Will the workshop offer general information but also specific data? Should individuals bring printouts or electronic versions of their reports? The workshop is a great idea.

B. Kernen: We will have general information and then opportunities for one-on-one discussions about specific situations. People who are already informed and taking action could skip the workshop.

T. Tsantoulis: I appreciate Mr. O’Donovan’s comment regarding the red service light in your car. There is personal responsibility involved.

T. O’Donovan: As the Water Director, I am responsible for all water sources and uses in the State. I appreciate the concerns of your Town Engineer about protecting the wetlands and its buffer.

J. Levesque: Do you have data for the west side of Route 93?

B. Kernen: Yes. I can get that to you.
C. Karolian: The reason I am asking these questions is that people are saying that prior to blasting there were no issues, and now there are lots of issues and they are terrified.

B. Kernen: We need to get the sheets of paper on the table. Uranium was not tested before, so the old data does not show uranium levels.

C. Karolian: Why I have asked about pre and post blasting is because this is information that the homeowners did not have before.

A. Garron: Thank you for your time and for cobbling together the funds for this testing. I know it is a big project, and I certainly understand budget constraints. I appreciate this update for the Town Council.

T. O'Donovan: I worked on the water committee in my town prior to taking this position. I know that others have sent thank you letters to the EPA lab for the free testing. Federal employees are often underappreciated.

A. Garron: I would be happy to do that.

R. Duhaime: We have had our share of quarries – granite and sand. I remember the long-gone hillsides. People used to have dug wells and they would lower a child into the well to claim a seam during summer droughts. Things have changed. Water flow is a puzzle. Now the City of Manchester has a large well in the Merrimack River, and they claim it has high quality water. We need to stick to this and resolve it.

A. Garron: There was a question from the last meeting when we heard a TIF presentation. Mr. Karolian asked whether or not water is included as an infrastructure item. I posed the question to the Town’s legal counsel and sent him the information from our last meeting. Article 2 was passed last year, and it mentioned ‘sewer and other infrastructure improvements.’ Our legal counsel says that water can be included as infrastructure. He said that warrant articles must be liberally construed, since the drafters often don’t express their intentions with precision. He said Article 2 seems to include water.

A. Garron: Also at the last meeting, there was a question about how a road is accepted in Hooksett. This referenced Bernice Drive. The answer is that the Town Council would accept a road after the Planning Board has reviewed and approved the road.

Chair Sullivan: So, it is still a paper street?

A. Garron: It is not so much about a paper street. The town owns the right of way.

A. Garron: Heating issues at the Court House were brought to my attention by the DPW. As it was a dire situation, we ordered the replacement unit needed.

R. Duhaime: We don’t want frozen pipes.

A. Garron: I met last week with HYAA as part of a continuing dialogue on the use of fields and sharing the electric bills for lights. I have been meeting with Mark Chagnon since I first came to Hooksett last May. We are working on a Memorandum of Intent on the issues of maintenance, scheduling and security, as well as the donations and warranties. Chair Sullivan was there, which was very helpful. We have donations such as picnic tables and lacrosse walls, and we need to clarify responsibility for maintenance and define their useful lives. The HYAA has been very professional during the discussions on these matters.
Chair Sullivan: It was a very productive meeting.

R. Duhaime: Thank you for doing this. I understand that the DPW was there, along with the Finance Director and Brian Soucy.

PUBLIC INPUT - 15 MINUTES

Marc Miville, 42 Main Street: The primary went extremely well; 4,731 votes were cast. At the Deliberative Session, I had a fainting spell, and it was just a fainting spell because I was overheated. It was not a seizure. I spent several days in hospital and I am fine now. It was a pleasant surprise and a joy to receive flowers from the town employees. Thank you. I was overwhelmed by the support and concern with which I was bombarded.

OLD BUSINESS

Deliberative Session 02/01/2020

Chair Sullivan: I am not sure why this item is on the agenda.

D. Fitzpatrick: It is placed on the agenda every year in case further discussion is needed on anything.

C. Soucie: At the Deliberative Session, the citizens increased Article #5, the operating budget, by $900 for the Trustees of the Trust Funds stipend. There was also a question about adding information in the Voters’ Guide about Article #25, the citizen petition item. Do you want to start that precedent?

T. Tsantoulis: It is the responsibility of the voters to educate themselves. There are several sources of information.

C. Karolian: I would add to that, we had the Deliberative Session. This article was supposed to be drafted by the petitioner. We can't change that. The rest of the people should not be paying the Town Attorney to help with the drafting of a warrant article. We should only be making a recommendation – for or against.

Chair Sullivan: This is for the Voters’ Guide, not the ballot. It would only provide the number of private hydrants.

R. Duhaime: I disagree about not providing additional information. We should provide anything we can to inform and educate the voters. You should ask the petitioners. Maybe they are not aware that they can put information in the guide.

A. Garron: Has the Council done this in the past?

R. Duhaime: It has been a long time since we have had a petition warrant article.

Chair Sullivan: I don’t think it has been done in the past.

A. Garron: What you say in the Voters’ Guide might be misconstrued.

R. Duhaime motioned to indicate in the Voters’ Guide that Article #25 would cover the rental fees of 111 private residential fire hydrants. J. Durand seconded the motion.
C. Karolian: How do we know the number of hydrants? Who did the research?

C. Soucie: I did the research because the voters approved $48,000 last year, and I reached out to all three of the water companies to determine the number of private residential hydrants.

C. Karolian: Does the number include future growth?

C. Soucie: No, it does not. It is the number as of the beginning of this fiscal year.

C. Karolian: This is a slippery slope. Why are we doing this now?

Chair Sullivan: We are doing this because there was a request at the Deliberative Session about whether or not we could include information about a petition warrant article in the Voters’ Guide.

T. Tsantoulis: As far as I am aware, the petitioners appear satisfied with the Deliberative Session. I call the question.

Chair Sullivan: I will allow one last question because Mr. Karolian had his hand up.

C. Karolian: What is the purpose of adding the exact number of hydrants if not to circumvent the recommendation?

Chair Sullivan: We can discuss this issue in a future workshop.

Chair Sullivan called for a roll call vote on the motion to include the number of private residential fire hydrants in the Voters’ Guide.

Roll Call Vote #2

R. Duhaime  Aye
J Durand      Nay
C. Jones      Not present
J. Levesque  Nay
A. Walczyk    Nay
A. Comai      Not present
C. Karolian   Nay
T. Tsantoulis Nay
J. Sullivan   Aye

The motion failed (2-5).

NEW BUSINESS
Quarterly Financial Report for December 31, 2019

C. Soucie: In your agenda, beginning on page 39, is my unaudited financial report through the first half of this fiscal year. Overall, the budget is looking good, both for revenue and operating expenses. As of the end of December 2019, spending is at 49%. The Administration budget is 52% spent. The budget includes encumbrances of about $60,000 for IT projects. I am watching the legal line, but I believe it will be okay. Lower health insurance costs have helped. The Fire Department is down one firefighter and is 47% spent. This department has high vehicle maintenance and overtime costs. The Police Department
is at 46% and will probably come in under budget. It takes a long time to fill vacant positions in this
department. The Highway Department is 48% spent, with $265,000 left for roadwork. They have one
open position. Overtime for road maintenance includes a 46-hour storm in December resulting in
$22,000 for overtime and a 37-hour storm in January resulting in $15,000 in overtime expenses. The
use of salt increased because of these storms as well. The Recycling budget is always one month
behind because of tipping fees. This budget is doing well, considering the elimination of single-stream,
curbside pickup. Turning to revenue, overall revenue as of the end of December was at 58%, even
though that budget was increased. A lot of the items relate to the economy. Motor Vehicle revenue is at
49% collected, in spite of the fact that the revenue budget for motor vehicles was increased by
$600,000. Interest and penalties on property taxes are at 27% because most of this revenue is
collected in the Spring when liens are placed. Building permits are at 61%, even though this budget
was increased by $50,000. State revenue is 92%, and most of what Hooksett gets has already been
collected.

Chair Sullivan: What would happen if total expenses exceeded revenue in a year?

C. Soucie: That would reduce the fund balance by the amount of the exceedance.

C. Soucie: I report once a year on the Ambulance budget because it is on a calendar year budget. Calls
have been steady, increasing from 1,595 per year to 1,636 over three years. For Medicare patients,
Medicare only pays a fixed, allowed amount. In 2019, rates were adjusted to the Medicare allowed
amount plus a percentage. Therefore, the Ambulance Service accumulates a large uncollected amount
which the Town Council writes off periodically. For this budget, expenses were high in 2017 because of
the purchase of a third ambulance. In 2018, a third fire fighter was added and in 2019, Ambulance 2
was replaced. The balance at the end of 2019 was negative, but it returned to a positive balance in
January 2020.

1822-2022 Town of Hooksett, NH 200 Year Bicentennial Celebration

A. Garron: At our last meeting, it was determined that a committee should be established in anticipation
of the bicentennial. Two years go by quickly.

Chair Sullivan: This should be a citizens’ committee, with representation from the Town Council.

Chair Sullivan motioned to establish a Bicentennial Committee to prepare for the 200th
anniversary of the town, including preparing a list of activities and a budget to which the Town
should consider making a contribution. R. Duhaime seconded the motion.

D. Fitzpatrick: Per RSA 91-A, if one or more Councilors sits on the committee, procedures for posting
meeting notices, agendas and minutes must be followed.

R. Duhaime: I want a big celebration, with a parade and a big picture of all residents participating. Even
if I am not on the committee, I want to be involved.

A. Garron: Do you want to limit the size of the committee?

A. Walczyk: I don’t think we need to limit it at this point.

T. Tsantoulis: Social media has made a big change over the last 25 years. There are lots of ways to be
involved, even for those who don’t wish to sit through lots of meetings.
Chair Sullivan called for a vote on the motion to establish a Bicentennial Committee.

Voted unanimously in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sullivan: I first want to refer to the rules of procedure regarding the approval of minutes which we adopted on September 11, 2019. According to Section 17 of those rules, corrections to the minutes must be presented to the Council Secretary on or before the start of the meeting, with a copy for the Town Administrator. We should be following that procedure. Mr. Karolian has submitted two corrections for the January 8, 2020 meeting, as he had stepped out during the approval of minutes.

C. Karolian motioned to strike “and that’s all” from line 573 and to add the following: “J. Levesque: We should stick to the rules. Talk twice then shut up!” Line 612 should read as follows: “C. Karolian: In response to an earlier comment by another Councilor, if that Councilor got involved instead of coming to meetings and taking up space...everyone here has the right to get engaged and involved.” Chair Sullivan seconded the motion.

Voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

Public: 01/22/2020

T. Tsantoulis made a motion to approve the public minutes of January 22, 2020 as written. A. Walczyk seconded the motion.

C. Karolian: Why is it that some of the roll call votes indicate at the end which Councilors voted nay and sometimes not.

Chair Sullivan: There were two different transcribers involved. The minutes don’t need to say who voted nay when that is already recorded in the roll call.

Chair Sullivan called for a vote on the motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2020.

Voted unanimously in favor (6-0). J. Levesque abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

Public: Special Meeting 02/01/2020 12:10 pm

T. Tsantoulis motioned to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2020 Special Meeting as written. J. Levesque seconded the motion.

Voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

Non-Public: 01/22/2020

T. Tsantoulis motioned to approve the non-public minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting as written. J. Durand seconded the motion.

Voted unanimously in favor (6-0). J. Levesque abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
J. Durand: The HYA met just prior to this meeting and selected Youth Achievers for March and April. The February Youth Achiever will be joining the Town Council’s February 26, 2020 meeting for recognition via FaceTime.

R. Duhaime: The Planning Board had to continue lots of items at their meeting, for various reasons, so the next meeting will have a full agenda.

J. Levesque: I will present my report at the next meeting.

Chair Sullivan: The Heritage Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, beginning at 6:30 pm on the demolition of the former home of Fred C. Underhill at 53 Martin’s Ferry Road. The building is circa 1900 and the Commission found at its last meeting that the building might be of historical or architectural significance, meeting three of the criteria for potential preservation. The Heritage Commission also is reviewing a demolition permit for the old farmhouse on Whitehall Road and Whitehall Terrace. The barn in the back is being saved. There are lots of old building in town which the Heritage Commission looks at for preservation because we are losing a lot of old buildings. Also, a committee will be established on the memorial portion of the Lilac Bridge. On Friday, March 6, 2020, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held at the Library at 5:00 pm for Alex Gannon. I hope that a Councilor is able to attend that event.

T. Tsantoulis: I may be able to attend. I will let Ms. Fitzpatrick know.

Chair Sullivan: On the EDC agenda for next Wednesday will be RSA 79-E, a property tax relief program which encourages investment in town centers and rehabilitation of under-utilized buildings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*J. Levesque motioned to adjourn at 8:27 pm. C. Karolian seconded the motion.*

*Voted unanimously in favor (7-0).*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Donnelly

Recording Clerk

Please see subsequent meeting minutes for any amendments to these minutes.