

**Merrimack Town Council
Nonpublic Minutes
March 11, 2021**

Present: Chairman Tom Koenig, Vice Chairman William Boyd, Councilor Finlay Rothhaus, Councilor Peter Albert, Councilor Lon Woods, Councilor Nancy Harrington and Councilor Barbara Healey. Also in attendance was Town Manager Eileen Cabanel, Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager Paul Micali, Human Resources Coordinator Sharon Marunicz, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Trippett and Attorney Keriann Roman (via Zoom Call)

Chairman Koenig called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

MOTION – Councilor Harrington moved, seconded by Councilor Rothhaus, to enter into nonpublic session at 6:04 PM for **RSA 91-A:3, II (c) - Personal and RSA 91-A:3, II (f) - Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.**

Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-0.

Vice Chairman Boyd arrived at 6:08 PM

RSA 91-A:3, II (c) - Personal and RSA 91-A:3, II (f) - Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present

TC/TC Trippett along with Attorney Roman updated the Town Council as to the tax deeding process for the upcoming year. The Council was reminded that the RSA states that deeding will occur unless the Town Council states otherwise. Currently there are a number of properties that appear on the list for the first time. In addition, some of the properties still owe from the 2017 deeding process that were put on hold due to COVID-19.

MOTION – Vice Chairman Boyd moved, seconded by Councilor Healey, to move that the Council not accept Tax Collector's deeds at this time because it would be contrary to the public interest due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to the declared NH State of Emergency, Executive Order 2020-04, as extended.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call 7-0-0.

Human Resources Coordinator Marunicz, TC/TC Trippett and Attorney Roman left the meeting at 6:53 PM

RSA 91-A:3, II (c) - Personal

Assistant Town Manager/ Finance Director Micali discussed the upcoming reevaluation with the Town Council as it relates to the elderly exemptions. Mr. Micali noted that there are about 232 on the elderly exemption program. The current exemption amounts have been in place since 2002 and with the reevaluation these individuals will be affected negatively with their values expected to increase as much as 30%.

MOTION – Vice Chairman Boyd moved, seconded by Councilor Harrington, to close the public session at 6:58 PM.

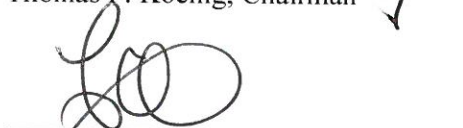




Motion passed unanimously by roll call 7-0-0

MOTION – Councilor Healey Woods, seconded by Vice Chairman Boyd, to seal the minutes

Motion passed unanimously by roll call 7-0-0

MOTION – Vice Chairman Boyd moved, seconded by Councilor Healey, to adjourn the public session at 7:00 PM.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call 7-0-0


Thomas P. Koenig, Chairman
Finlay C. Rothhaus, Councilor
Peter Albert, Councilor
Nancy M. Harrington, Councilor
William W. Boyd, III, Vice Chair
Barbara Healey, Councilor
Lon Woods, Councilor

Respectfully submitted by Paul T. Micali