

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

April 11, 2016

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2016 BUDGET HEARING**

#### **AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BUDGET HEARING THE SELECTMEN WILL CONVENE THEIR REGULAR SELECTMENS MEETING.**

Daniel A. Eaton, Moderator, had the officials at the head table introduce themselves.: Patricia Putnam, Treasurer and Administrative Assistant; Margo Santoro, Selectperson; John Halter, Selectman; Stephen McGerty, Selectmen; James Coffey, Town Administrator.

Daniel A Eaton read each article and asked for any comments or questions.

Article 2 – General Municipal Operations - \$372,833. George Davenport asked what the Executive line included – salaries? George Davenport also called for a report to show every person on the payroll including their individual compensations. George Davenport moved and Joseph Sarcione seconded for the Selectmen to provide the salary schedule for all employees. Fred Ward called for a breakdown of page 3 of the Budget to extend for the complete budget. George Davenport wanted the \$99,799 in the Executive function broken down by personnel by name with their compensation.

Fred Ward wanted the Town Warrant posted on the Town's Web Site prior to the Budget Hearing.

Articles 3, 4, 5, and 6 had no questions or comments.

Article 7 – Fire and Rescue Department – Joseph Sarcione called for a breakdown of the Fire and Rescue Department to be available at the Town Meeting.

Articles 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 had no questions or comments.

Article 13 – Stoddard Transfer Station – Fred Ward asked what the return was on recyclables. He was told that the \$192,994 was net and the town did not receive anything for recyclables.

Articles 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 20, 21, 22 and 23 had no questions or comments.

Article 24 – Abolish the optional elective Board of Fire Ward. It was explained that this board does not meet and hasn't done anything over the many years it has been in existence.

Article 25 – Voting Machine - \$8,500 – George Davenport asked what this machine does.

Daniel A. Eaton said it is a scanner that the ballots are fed into by the voter and it scans the votes, spitting out any with write-ins on them. George Davenport suggested that the title be changed to Vote Counting Machine. Daniel A. Eaton said he would check with the Secretary of State to learn if the title of the machine could be changed. He thought there might be something in the State regulations that required it to be called a Voting Machine. Bill Steinger asked what happened if the machine broke. Daniel A. Eaton told him that the votes would then be counted by hand, as they are now handled.

Article 26 – Forest Fire Warden Budget - \$2,900 – Joseph Sarcione reported that he had submitted a \$6,150 budget and asked how the article was written at \$2,900. He said he needed all the money so he could apply for Forestry Grants along with equipment purchase, a small contingency, Payroll and training. Jim Coffey reported that he did not receive any budget submittal fax from Joseph Sarcione.

Randy Weaver thought they should check out the complete pencil line hose supply to see if it is too brittle and needing a complete replacement.

There was a discussion on the hose that was ruined at a Forestry Fire, which the Town of Lempster paid for, and Joseph Sarcione didn't think any replacement was purchased.

Article 27 – Fire Department Truck Ramp paving - \$10,000. Geri Bailey stated that the fire department warrant amount should be revisited as the estimating company explained to her that

the total and individual estimates for all town properties listed are good only for a total combined job of all properties on the estimate. She inquired of the paving company as to what the library price would be alone and the price she got was 25% higher. The library is not looking for warrant money and should be taken out of this budget discussion. The library will get estimates after a civil engineer plan is drawn up and technical specs are known. We will then look for a funding source (library, FOL, grant or remaining addition warrant) but it will not be for a new warrant article this year.

Joseph Sarcione thought the amount in the article should be increased by \$500 to pay for a camera inspection of the culvert running under the ramp before paving the area. He remembered having problems with the culvert in the past and suggested the look see might be accomplished prior to the Town Meeting so, if the \$500 was needed to cover culvert expenses, the article could be amended from the floor.

Jim Coffey reported that this budget is approximately \$207,000 less than the current budget so the tax rate would be lower for the ensuing year.

The Budget Hearing closed at 8:05.

The regular Selectmen's meeting convened at 8:20.

Attendees included John Halter, Selectman Chair, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Margo Santoro, Selectperson, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Dean Huber was also in attendance.

#### APPOINTMENTS:

None but Harry Power – presented a building permit for Tax Map # 116, Lot # 32 – David & Mary Jane Ferner – 180 Red Coat Lane – 16 Solar Panels – approved.

Harry Power reported that Tax Map # 408, Lot # 5 – Nancy Murdough, 3760 Route 123 North – has received an Approval to Construct a State Approved Septic System, as required when a property changes from a seasonal to a year round use.

#### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Steve McGerty reported that he was purchasing paint, wood and sheet rock for work on the Fire Station.

#### SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Minutes of March 28, 2016
2. Appointment of Mary Lou Stymest to the Trustees of Trust Funds
3. Appointment of Karen Bell to the Trustees of Trust Funds
4. SFD Payroll authorization for Julie Thibodeau
5. SFD Payroll Authorization for Wally Weaver
6. Forest Fire/Report Bills for March 12 and 25
7. Pistol Permits, (2)
8. Application for Elderly Exemption - Damato
9. Town Hall Rental – Friends of Davis Library – 8/5/2016
10. Intent to Cut – Charles Pratt

All the above were signed.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Dean Huber, referring to the letter that Fred Ward send to all postal customers in town, wanted to know if the Selectman's position was indeed open. It was explained that any position coming up for election is referred to as an open position. Dean also asked John Halter if he was

running for the position again and John said yes, he had filed on March 31st.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence from Attorney Bradley, Wilder/Holland – The court requires there be mediation between the Town and the Wilders (heirs of Kenneth Holland). A mediator is in the process of being appointed.
2. Letters from Compliance Officer to Attorney Serge and Richard & Debra Weaver. There was a general discussion on compliance issues in town. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to approve Steve meeting with Richard and Debra Weaver to discuss their property, the board approved. Harry Power objected as he is the Compliance Officer and is following up on the non-compliance issue. He has had no response to his several letters on the situation and if the Weavers continue to be in non-compliance, he will be asking for an Administrative Inspection to visit the property, obtain pictures and inventory the items that have to be removed.
3. PSNH Appeal Status Report – The Board of Tax and Appeals ruled in the Town's favor and PSNH has appealed to the Supreme Court.
4. Fire Warden Payroll Correspondence – These were tabled pending a salary guideline from Brad Simpkins of NH Forestry Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resignation of Kimberly Rumrill from the Trustees of Trust Funds – Jim Coffey read Kimberly Rumrill's letter of resignation, effective immediately. The board accepted.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 9:27, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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John Halter

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Stephen McGerty

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Margo Santoro

**AGENDA  
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MEETING WILL OPEN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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**MISC CORRESPONDENCE**

None