

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

The Selectmen's meeting for February 4, 2017 started at 11:45 a.m. after the conclusion of the Deliberative Session at the middle school. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to sign the deeds and other closing documents to and from Liberty Truck, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The Board reviewed and approved the Report of the Board of Selectmen for the Town Report.

Selectman Hatch moved to sign vendor manifest dated 2/2 and payroll manifest dated 2/3, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Knapp had a question on a discrepancy on one of the plow bills.

Administrator Scruton asked the Board if they wanted to make any changes to their recommendation on warrant articles based on discussions from Deliberative Session. The only discussion was on article #32 and the "termination of employment". The article was amended to read: "To see if the Town will vote to retain the employment of Town Administrator, John Scruton as long as the Board of Selectmen desire to do so". Attorney Whitelaw had recommended that the Board vote and add a Selectmen recommendation to all articles as voted by town meeting in 2009.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to support article #32 as amended, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Knapp – aye. O'Brien – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative to support the article.

Administrator Scruton and an attorney representing a local company have been discussing an agreement and various clauses regarding approvals and town meeting votes. It was decided to wait until after the town meeting

vote to finalize the agreement. But to discuss various other clauses at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint Doug Bogen as an alternate to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint Peter Royce as Treasurer for one year and Linda Markiewicz as Tax Collector for one year, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The Board approved One Intent to Cut for Steven & Lynn Murdough, and two Intents to Excavate for Brox Industries.

Jill Hilfiker noted that the Board of Selectmen appoint members to the Recreation Commission, including herself, because they have confidence in these appointments that the Commission will do a good job. She feels the Board needs to support and advocate for the Commission. Some of the comments that were made at the Deliberative Session about the Recreation operating budget and its presentation to the Board were not true. She feels the Board needs to stand up and correct these inaccuracies publically. She further stated that the Commission needs to know that the Board "has their backs".

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.