



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER CONNECTICUT

P.O. Box 216, 44 Main Street South, Bridgewater CT 06752

BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF FINANCE

Regular Meeting

January 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Nancy Hawley, called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

Board members present: Walter Barlow, Jen Gatti, Dennis MacDonald
Molly Stratton

Guests present: First Selectman, Curtis Read

PREVIOUS MINUTES REVIEW

- *Minutes of Regular Meeting of 11-18-2015 were reviewed and unanimously accepted, with a Motion by Walter and Second by Dennis. Molly abstained.
- *Minutes of Special Meeting of 11-18-2015 were reviewed and unanimously approved, with a Motion by Dennis and Second by Walter. Molly abstained.
- *Following correction of date, the Minutes of 11-30-2015, were reviewed and unanimously accepted, with a Motion by Walter and Second by Dennis. Molly abstained.

DISCUSSIONS and ACTIONS

- *Discussion with First Selectman Read, regarding the Library Fund. It was agreed that the Library Board should be given a reasonable amount of time to explore options, prior to the Town taking action.

- *Town Budget reviewed and discussed: Line item, Town Garage reviewed by the Committee

- *Town Auditor: Proposal from Town Auditor, Charles Heaven and Co., was reviewed by the Board. A Motion was offered by Walter, with a Second by Nancy, to accept the Auditor's Proposal to perform the Town Audit, for the next 3 years, ending in 2018.

Unanimously accepted.

Walter suggested Dennis be given the opportunity to negotiate a reduction in the 2018 price.

***Report from First Selectman**

Selectman Read reported on various Town building and project plans and discussed measures to finance same.

Discussion included, possible improvement of the Grange Building (approx. 500K) and the Senior Center (approx. 600K).



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Discussion of Land Trust properties within Town and the possibility of Town Meetings, for all of the above, within two months.

Discussion of the Town Recreation area and the need for future upgrades.

***Town Truck Discussion**

Walter reported the Town is in need of a small dump truck (1 Ton).

Repairs on current 2007 truck, would be 12-15K. Quote on a 2016 truck is 49K.

Curtis reported, 114K in the Town Aid Road Fund and receiving another 89K in March.

Following discussion, the Board agreed that the amount for the new truck, for the purpose of maintaining the roads, should not exceed 50K and could be taken out of the Town Aid Road Fund.

***Other Business**

Molly Stratton was welcomed to the Board by Chairman Hawley.

A Motion to adjourn at 6:22PM was offered by Jen I. and seconded by Walt.

Unanimously approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Barlow, Clerk