

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OF JUNE 7, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.  
BURNHAM SCHOOL**

Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Laszlo Pinter

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Curtis Read, First Selectman.

Walter Barlow nominated Dennis MacDonald as Moderator. Seconded by Margaret Sullivan. Dennis MacDonald was voted Moderator for the meeting and read the Legal Notice.

Joel Thomas Presby moved this be declared a legally warned and assembled town meeting. Seconded by Catherine Vikstrom and so voted.

Curtis Read spoke briefly on the "state of the Town":

The tornado damage that hit the town in May cost approximately \$112,000. We have contacted FEMA for reimbursement help;

The Bridgewater Convenience Store gas leak over Easter weekend;

The winter weather has caused a strain on the budget;

Legal bills are mounting regarding the Joshua Heights Subdivision this year and is estimated to be over budget by approximately \$18,000;

OSHA came to town, performed inspections and we complied with their findings;

Dorothy Gustafson left \$225,000. in her Will to the Bridgewater Scholarship Fund;

The Town is working with the Library and Historical Society in digitizing records for historic research;

Town departments and commissions are for the most part fully staffed and working well;

Entryway to the Senior Center is completed and dedicated to Yoriko McClure;

Replaced the failing bridge by the town park and was completed last Fall;

Work is being done on rebuilding the Peck House;

Received an Energy Efficiency Grant and new lighting fixtures were installed in the town owned buildings which should save approximately \$38,000. over 10 years;

Center Street walkway has been extended with the Center Street grant and front steps were rebuilt at Town Hall;

Pavilion was dedicated to the Pratt Family who were the original donors of the recreation area;

Region 12 budget has dropped down slightly;

The Library will be getting new windows, the pavilion some new lighting and perhaps sides, and hopefully obtaining a grant for work to continue on Center Street;

The Christmas Tree will be replaced in the fall when the tree is dormant;

Ceremony celebrating Blue Star Families will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Peck House;

Mr. Read made a motion to add the following item to the agenda for the following purpose: to make an additional appropriation of \$90,000,00. from the general fund reserve fund balance to line item 202 in the town roads 2017-2018 budget to pay for storm related work by the contractors. Seconded by Walter Barlow.

Motion by Ronald Sullivan to act upon the Selectmen's budget as recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The tax when set, which provides the monies for the budget, shall become due and payable semi-annually. Seconded by Brad Goldstein. All in favor.

Motion by Margaret Sullivan to authorize the expenditure and approval of the transfer of \$185,000. from the Town's General Fund Reserve Account into the Capital Expenditures Fund for approved capital projects (trucks, mowers, chippers). Seconded by Walter Barlow and so voted.

Kathleen Creighton moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend any Federal or State grants for and by the Town of Bridgewater. Seconded by Walter Barlow and so voted.

Walter Barlow moved to make an additional appropriation for \$90,000,00. from the general fund reserve fund balance to line item # 202 in the town road budget for 2017 – 2018 for tree work to pay for storm related contractors. Seconded by Ronald Sullivan and so voted.

Other business: Grange update: Grange will be taken down sometime in the Fall.

Motion to adjourn by Margaret Sullivan. Seconded by Anne Marie Lindblom and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Pinkos  
Town Clerk