

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017**

PRESENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman, Mr. James A. Gagner, Jr., and Mr. Marc W. Richard, Clerk

ATTENDEES: Stanley and Beverly Soltys, Barry Mongeon, John Nason, Chief Spiewakowski, David Delanski, Tom Boudreau, Tim Bailey and Roxanna Nowak

Opened the Meeting at 9 AM and dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Nardi set the ground rules for the meeting that this is a work meeting and there will be no audience participation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request as presented for a total of \$41,000.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

ACCOUNTANT

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request as presented for a total of \$71,024.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

ASSESSORS

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request as presented for a total of \$102,545.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

TREASURER

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request as presented for a total of \$72,027.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

TAX COLLECTOR

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request as presented for a total of \$72,339.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

TOWN CLERK

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request as presented for a total of \$71,587.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request as presented for a total of \$12,233.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

TOWN PLANNER

After a discussion, the Board voted and motioned to reduce the salary line to \$20,000.00 for a total department budget for FY 18 in the amount of \$20,500.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$8,849.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$27,319.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

FORESTRY

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$26,500.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard - unanimous.

VETERANS AGENT

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$86,900.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

CEMETERY

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$26,538.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$47,057.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. (The increase in the budget for this department reflects the trash/recycle removal for the town being under this department)

LIBRARIES (WARREN & WEST WARREN)

All were in agreement that until a merger is complete, the line will be level funded. Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget in the amount of \$156,742.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

PARK & RECREATION

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$48,900.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

After a discussion with the Highway Surveyor, the following motion was made: Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$519,768.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$93,794.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Based on recommendations by our Auditors, portions of the salaries have been broken out therefore the following motion was made: Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$442,686.00 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi 2 Yes, 1 Abstention (Mr. Gagner)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Board, Finance and Police Chief have met several times to discuss the department's FY 18 budget. With the new CBA in place for the dispatchers and the mandated retirement of the Sergeant, the salaries lines were discussed. The overtime for the officers was also a point of discussion. After a lengthy discussion, all were in agreement to meet again and discuss on a final number.

SELECTMEN A

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$112,949.00 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

SELECTMEN B

In light of the state mandated Records Access Officer and the duties and responsibilities it entails, the Board of Selectmen have made that position as an addition to the Administrative Secretary’s responsibilities. Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$50,520.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

SELECTMEN C

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$258,765.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve the overall Selectmen’s FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$426,234.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

BENEFITS

Motion to approve the FY 18 Budget request in the amount of \$1,193,048.00 made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

After a discussion the Selectboard made the following motion: Motion to approve \$396,482.00 above minimum for FY 18 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. *Finance Committee passed over this department as they will be meeting again to discuss their recommendation.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

After a review and discussion on housekeeping matters, the following motion was made: Motion to approve and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant as presented made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Chairman Nardi requested that all of the boiler plate Articles be placed at the beginning of the Warrant. The members agreed. The only other discussion was on the following:

- Article 18 – Recommendation from Counsel based on the Municipal Modernization Act.
- Article 24 – Request for \$40,000.00 for window replacement at the Town Hall. Mr. Nardi motion to place Article on Warrant and Mr. Richard seconded. Mr. Gagner voted NO. Motion carries.
- The Articles for Highway were voted as follows: \$93,000.00 (purchase of new trackless) and \$12,000 (repair of existing trackless) Motion made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk

