

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2019**

PRESENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard; Chairman and Mr. John Nason, Clerk

ABSENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Vice-Chairman

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Chairman Richard opened the Meeting and dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Michael Baril is in attendance and acknowledged his taping of this evening's meeting.

The Board met this evening to once again review and vote on the articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting. After the meeting on December 26, 2018, additional discussion took place among Board and Committee members and the Board felt that it was best to meet again to finalize.

Article 1: Yes - amount went from \$99K to \$50K from FC into Capital Stabilization

Article 2: Yes - \$84K from FC to Regional AC Building Project

Article 3: Yes - \$23,401.55 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Regional AC Building Project

Article 4: Pass – Mr. Nason was a yes, however it was with reservation. He feels that it should be generalized funders towards further procurement of equipment. The Finance Committee said they do not want a new line and the funds should go to Capital to offset the third and final installment of the department's turnout gear. Based on the recommendation of FinCom, the Board was in agreement to hold off with this article until May.

Article 5: Yes – Vendor due the money on the sweeper attachment for Highway.

Article 6: Yes – There was debate surrounding this article. Mr. Nason was in agreement to keep the article for the purchase of a new loader on. Finance was in agreement to keep it on also, however they voted to modify the wording. The fact remains that Highway needs a new loader. Mr. Nason stated that the board voted on a new loader, however struck the original recommendation of wording of "hydrostatic" transmission, which would force the department to purchase a Volvo. Mrs. Sturgis, Chair of Capital Planning stated again this evening that there could be a *potential* \$20K savings. Mr. Mongeon, Chair of suggested that it be two separate articles. As of the December 26, 2018 meeting, it was originally presented as two articles. Mr. Kirk feels that this purchase is a high ticket item and further discussion needs to be had to compare apples to apples.

Article 7: Yes - \$10K from Street Lighting to Street Lighting Maintenance.

Article 8: Yes - \$10K from FC to Legal

Article 9: Yes - \$3K from FC to Ambulance Overtime – BOS want to keep it on as the Chief has noted this pattern for some time now. Finance is not in favor and wants to pass on this as the funds are not expended as of yet. They (Finance) are willing to do a year end transfer.

Article 10: Yes - \$24K from FC to Landfill Stabilize Banking. Finance is not in favor at this time as they have too many questions.

Article 11: Yes - \$750 from FC to BOH secretarial

Article 12: Yes - \$25K from FC to purchase new server

Article 13: Yes - \$8K inter-department line transfer

Article 14: Yes – Yes – transfers from inter-department lines to cover town's cost of dispatch services with Rutland.

Article 15: No - After a discussion, it was agreed that the camera for the BOA will be purchased out of the IT line.

Article 16: Yes – 10K for inter-department transfer

Article 17 & 18: No – The COA provided two separate articles both to increase the Directors hours. One article was for a three hour increase per week and the other for a seven hour increase per week. Finance is not in favor and is voting to pass over at this time. Mr. Mongeon stated that he warned the COA not to address the problem this way. Mr. Mongeon further suggested that the BOS and COA get together. Ms. Meli understood and will take that information back to the COA.

Article 19: Yes – Zoning

Article 20: Yes - \$150K from raise & appropriate for **FY 2020** funds. Mrs. Sturgis stated that the school has come before Capital Planning a few times.

Changes made this evening will be sent to counsel for a final review prior to posting.

HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT – HEAL, INC.

Town Counsel has provided recommended changes to a Host Community Agreement that Heal, Inc. has submitted. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to allow KP-Law to work directly with Heal, Inc. on a revised Host Community Agreement made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c30A, Section 21(a)(2) & (3), to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or collective bargaining sessions and to discuss strategy with respect to collect bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares” (NEBPA, Local 195).

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

