

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2019**

PRESENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard; Chairman and Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Vice-Chairman

ABSENT: Mr. John Nason, Clerk

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of December 26, 2018 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

APPOINTMENT

Motion to appoint William Shoucair to the Historical Commission until June 30, 2019 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 53 & 54 dated December 31, 2018 in the amounts of \$36,822.60 & \$644,365.38 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 55 & 56 dated January 7, 2019 in the amounts of \$37,964.59 & \$343,555.73 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 4 for FY 17 to PVPC in the amount \$4,336.64 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – MOTIONS

The Board met this evening to discuss the motions for the upcoming Special. (SEE DRAFT MOTIONS)

Article 1-5 are approved as written.

Article 6 (Loader) was discussed. This issue continues to be the topic of discussion. As written, the motion would allow for the purchase (if approved) of the Volvo, which Capital Planning recommended. Mrs. Sturgis stated that their recommendation was based upon the fact that they did not have any concrete information to go by so they went with the information that their committee members gathered. Finance did not make any recommendation either way for the make/model.

Article 7-13 – are approved as written.

Article 14 – Transfer for dispatch communication – may need to be secret ballot

Article 15-17 – are approved as written.

Article 18 – Discussion regarding funding and the scope of the article. Can funds be taken from Free cash based on how article was written.

All motions are awaiting final review and approval of all motions.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Senior Center Director Hours: Mr. Richard requested that the Board discuss this matter once again. He cited the Board's recent actions on increasing the Police Department's Assistant from 28 to 40 hours per week. Mr. Nardi stated that this was done mostly due to the fact that dispatch was dissolved and the front desk needed coverage. Further, Mr. Nardi stated that he has met with COA on several occasions that this must be brought before the voters in May. Mr. Nardi also stated that the Director in West Brookfield is planning on retiring and suggested that the town look at possibly regionalizing.
- B. Fire Department Auction Revenue: It was originally approved to be on the warrant at the meeting on 12/26/18 however was removed at the January 2, 2019 meeting. Mr. Richard wanted to know why we were in the situation that we are. Chief Lavoie stated that it all comes down to lack communication. Finance recommended that the auction revenue could go towards the third and final installment of the turnout gear which is a project before Capital. Mrs. Soltys stated that the only reason why FinCom voted to pass on it was because they didn't know what type of equipment he was purchasing. Chief Lavoie stated that although he doesn't think that it was done intentionally, he did ask why FinCom would even have any reason to weigh in on what he wants. Mrs. Sturgis stated this evening that at that meeting, it was the first time that Capital heard about FinCom's suggestion. Mr. Nardi confirmed that Capital never discussed the issue. In the end, the Board is still in agreement that the funds will go back to the Fire Department.

The Chief reiterated the bigger issue of lack of communication. Mr. Nardi also stated to Mrs. Soltys as a member of Finance that he (Nardi) would like to see Finance provide their recommendation earlier than what has been the past practice. They (Finance) are to make their recommendations in order for the BOS office to move forward.

Mr. Richard requested that the Town Hall Boiler, custodial position and Resource Officer be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

