

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2018

Chairman Kiley called the meeting to order at 6 PM in the Town Offices with Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Tripp also present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **December 11, 2018**

Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted, with Mr. Petraitis abstaining because he was not present at that meeting.

- **December 18, 2018 Executive Session**

Mr. Kiley asked that page 2 of these minutes be amended to include language that Item #5, Shift Differential, will be increased to \$2 per hour in year 3 of the contract. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as amended. So voted.

II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

- **School Warrant #1030 for \$87,031.82**
- **General Warrant #1031 for \$359,428.86**
- **Payroll Warrant #13 for \$358,589.48**

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve these warrants. So voted.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Bay Path assessment reduced

Mr. Kiley reviewed a letter from Bay Path Regional Vocational School announcing that the FY19 assessments of its member towns have been reduced. (Attachment #1) North Brookfield's assessment will drop by \$6,658.00.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Solar Letter of Interest

Mr. Kiley reviewed a letter of interest that representatives of Symbiont Energy have asked the Selectmen to sign. The letter allows Symbiont to go forward in determining the feasibility of a solar project on the North Brookfield landfill. (Attachment #2) The expression of interest does not obligate the Town in any way, and there is no cost to the Town. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the expression of interest. So voted.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for appointment to Planning Board

Mr. Kiley reviewed a letter from Planning Board chairman Bill King asking that John Turner be appointed to fill a vacancy. (Attachment #3) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Mr. Turner until the May 2019 election. So voted.

Per Mr. King's request, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Jeff Smith as an alternate to the Planning Board. So voted.

B. Letter from NBEMA

Mr. Kiley reviewed an e-mail from Anne Adams of the Emergency Management group noting that Director Doug Blood has not attended any meetings. (Attachment #4) Ms. Adams asked that someone be appointed to replace Mr. Blood. Mr. Kiley asked that Ms. Adams give the Selectmen three recommendations for a replacement. This will be on old business for the next meeting.

C. Finance Committee

The Selectmen were joined by Karen Kiley and Kristen Walther of the Finance Committee. Ms. Kiley asked that Ms. Walther be appointed as an alternate to the FinCom. Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Ms. Walther, so voted.

Ms. Kiley noted that at the last Finance Committee meeting, Fire Chief Joe Holway came to let them know of his need for 22 air packs for his department. The current tanks are due to expire; replacement cost is approximately \$7,000 each. Ms. Walther called the two companies that had provided quotes and got the price reduced for the seven-year lease agreement.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to place an article on the January Special Town Meeting requesting money for the air packs. So voted.

D. Thank you from Friends of the Town House

Mr. Kiley reviewed a letter from Joan Small and the Friends of the Town House thanking the Selectmen for their recent efforts in repainting the building. (Attachment #5)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Kiley announced that the public has the opportunity to briefly comment through the chair.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Dog licenses are now available

Mr. Kiley made this announcement.

VIII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

See attached list

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

There being no further business, at 7 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant

PROJECT STATUS AND PENDING/FUTURE SELECTMEN'S AGENDA ITEMS

PROJECT

Aztec/Mass Dev grant
Solar contracts on Municipal Property
Personnel policies
Electric aggregation
Town House restoration project
Bates Observatory
Cable license renewal
Disabilities Commission

STATUS

Pending
Pending
In progress
Pending
FOTH Capital Campaign
Pending
Pending
Pending