

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING JANUARY 22, 2019**

Chairman Kiley called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 6:05 PM with Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Tripp also present.

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **January 8, 2019**
- **January 15, 2019 Executive Session**

Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted.

### **II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

- **School Warrant #1034 for \$173,853.96**
- **Water and Sewer Warrant #1035 for \$24,555.00**
- **General Warrant #1036 for \$161,608.08**
- **Payroll Warrant #15 for \$325,083.25**

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

### **III. FINANCIAL ITEMS**

#### **A. Request for approval of auction**

Mr. Kiley reviewed an e-mail from Treasurer Anne Jannette asking for permission to sign a contract with Zekos Auctioneers for a tax title auction to take place in April. (Attachment #1) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the contract with Zekos. So voted.

Also, Mrs. Jannette had submitted a letter to the Selectmen asking for permission to delay her retirement. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to allow the postponement. So voted.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Request for Holden funds**

Mr. Kiley reviewed an e-mail from Fire Chief Joe Holway asking for "as much money as possible" from the Holden Hospital Fund for the North Brookfield Emergency Squad. (Attachment #2) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve \$8,000 for the squad. So voted.

Mr. Kiley noted that the Fire Chief has said that he will be having a shortfall in his Fire Department budget for this fiscal year.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Request for appointment to DDC**

Mr. Kiley reviewed an e-mail from Marilyn Borst asking to be appointed to the Downtown Development Committee. (Attachment #3) Mr. Kiley noted that Ms. Borst is

well known to the Selectmen, and he has no problem appointing her. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Ms. Borst. So voted.

#### **B. Resignation from DDC**

The Selectmen reviewed an e-mail from Adam Gillette resigning from the Downtown Development Committee. (Attachment #4) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the resignation. So voted.

#### **C. December Police report**

Mr. Petraitis reviewed the Police Department report for the month of December as submitted by Chief Smith. (Attachment #5) The Chief reported 35 incidents and 12 arrest/summons for the month. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

#### **D. December Fire report**

Mr. Tripp read the Fire Department report for the month for the month of December as submitted by Chief Holway. (Attachment #6) The Chief reported that there were 3 building fires and 5 small cooking fires for the month. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **A. There will be a Special Town Meeting Friday night @ 7 PM**

Mr. Kiley reminded residents that there is an important meeting Friday night that will affect the Town's finances. He urged everyone to attend.

#### **B. Election update**

Mr. Petraitis reviewed an update on the May 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Election as to the offices up for election, the current incumbents, and who has taken out nomination papers. There will be weekly updates until the election.

#### **C. Dog licenses are now available**

Mr. Tripp announced that dog licenses are now available from the Town Clerk.

#### **D. Public hearing on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> re: CDBG application**

Mr. Kiley announced that there will be a public hearing at the February 5<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting on the Town's application for CDBG funds.

#### **E. Hearts for Heat spaghetti dinner**

Mr. Petraitis announced that Hearts for Heat will hold their 11<sup>th</sup> annual Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday night from 5 PM to 7 PM at the elementary school.

Mr. Petraitis said that he has heard complaints about the Highway Department and the plowing that was done over the weekend. He asked residents to be patient, North Brookfield has over 87 miles of road, more than twice as much as any of the other Brookfields. Also, residents should remember that the state takes care of Route 9, so that should not be used as a comparison.

#### **VIII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

See attached list

#### **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

There being no further business, at 6:35 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  
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