

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 5, 2019

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **February 19, 2019**

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.

- **February 26, 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 #1042 for \$119,837.44**
- **General Warrant #1043 for \$219,278.29**
- **Payroll Warrant #18 for \$351,630.87**

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

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Treasurer Anne Jannette re: health insurance renewal

Treasurer Anne Jannette was present to review the recent actions of the Insurance Advisory Committee. (Attachment #1) Mrs. Jannette reported that after Fallon came in with a preliminary FY20 rate increase of 20% the committee decided to solicit bids from other companies. With bids ranging from 15.5% and 20%, Fallon reviewed another month's data and offered a 7.6% increase. The IAC voted to renew with Fallon for another year. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the recommendations of the IAC. So voted.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Electric Aggregation plan

The Board reviewed the Electric Aggregation Plan that was submitted by Colonial Power. (Attachment #2) Mr. Tripp noted that he is concerned about the automatic enrollment, people need to understand that if they do not opt out their electric supplier will be switched. Mr. Kiley noted that people can opt out at any time free of charge. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the plan. So voted.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resignation from NB Helps

Mr. Kiley reviewed an e-mail from Susan Waskewicz resigning from the NB Helps Committee. (Attachment #3) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the resignation. So voted.

B. Resignation from Conservation Commission

Mr. Tripp read a letter from Laura Demastrie resigning from the Conservation Commission. (Attachment #4) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the resignation. So voted.

C. Request for appointment to Conservation Commission

Mr. Petraitis read a letter from John Turner asking to be appointed to the Conservation Commission. (Attachment #5) Mr. Turner has attended all of the Commission's meetings this year as an associate member. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Mr. Turner. So voted.

D. CMRPC Traffic Count

Mr. Kiley reviewed a letter from CMRPC regarding the Town's annual traffic count. (Available in the Selectmen's office) Leslie will send the letter to Highway, Police and the Downtown Development Committee to see if they have any additional roads they would like to be counted.

E. Special Town Meeting @ 7 PM

There will be a Special Town Meeting at 7 PM.

F. Request for streetlight

Police Chief Mark Smith came in to ask that the Town install a streetlight on Pole #2 on School Street. The Chief recommends a 60W LED. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the light. So voted.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Election update

Mr. Petraitis reviewed the list of offices and candidates up for election at the May 6th Annual Town Election.

B. Dog licenses are now available

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

C. Rabies Clinic March 9th

Mr. Kiley announced that there will be a rabies clinic at the Second Chance Animal Shelter on Saturday, March 9th.

D. Planning Board hearing notice

Mr. Tripp read a notice from the Planning Board that there will be a public hearing on March 7th on a proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning By-laws by creating a new subsection on Recreational Use Marijuana.

VIII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

See attached list

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

There being no further business, at 6:25 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
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