

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 6 PM with Mrs. Walter and Mr. Smith also present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **January 26, 2016**
- **January 26, 2016 exec**
- **January 28, 2016**
- **February 2, 2016**

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to approve the aforementioned minutes as written. So voted.

II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

- **Sewer Debt Warrant #1036 for \$28,331.25**
- **School Warrant #1037 for \$96,945.96**
- **General Warrant #1038 for \$109,208.24**
- **Payroll Warrant #16 for \$279,758.53**

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to approve the aforementioned warrants. So voted.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **The public has the opportunity to briefly comment on agenda items through the Chairman**

Mr. Hevy noted that anyone in attendance could comment on any of this evening's agenda items.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Letter from Senator Gobi re: budget process

Mrs. Walter reviewed a letter from Senator Anne Gobi outlining the steps in the development of the FY17 state budget. (Attachment #1) The Senator noted that the governor proposed a 4.3% increase in unrestricted local aid, and a \$72.1 million increase in Chapter 70 funding. According to Senator Gobi, the House should have their budget proposal ready by the end of April, and the Senate version should be available by the end of May. She asked that people contact her with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Walter noted that it would be difficult for anyone to attend the many budget hearings that will be held around the state. Mr. Smith said that local aid and Chapter 70 are two of the few areas of the budget that can be increased after funding items like health insurance and debt. He also noted that we still are not even near the 2008 levels of local aid because of the subsequent years of cuts.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sign contract with Sewer Superintendent

Mr. Hevy noted that the Selectmen have been negotiating with Sewer Superintendent Rodney Jenkins for the past few months. (Available in the Selectmen's office) This new contract will give Mr. Jenkins a 2% increase in each of the next three years. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to approve and sign the contract. So voted.

- **Move all executive session minutes related to the negotiation of this contract into open domain**

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to move all executive session minutes related to the negotiation of this contract into open domain. So voted.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. January Police Report

Mr. Smith reviewed the police report for the month of January as submitted by Police Chief Mark Smith. (Attachment #2) The Chief reported 40 incidents for the month. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

B. Recommendations of Insurance Advisory Committee

Mr. Hevy reviewed a letter from Treasurer Anne Jannette noting that the Insurance Advisory Committee has recommended that the FY17 health insurance contract be awarded to Fallon Health Care. (Attachment #3) Mr. Smith noted that the Selectmen asked the IAC to do a full RFP process this year, and the result is a 0% increase from Fallon. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to accept the recommendations of the IAC. So voted. Mr. Smith offered the Board's thank you to Mrs. Jannette and the IAC.

C. Sign warrant for March 1st primary

Mr. Smith reviewed the warrant for the March 1st state primary. (Attachment #4) Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to sign and post the warrant. So voted.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. May 2nd Annual Town Election

Mrs. Walter reviewed a memo from Town Clerk Sheila Buzzell listing the offices up for election and the current incumbents for the May 2nd Annual Town Election. (Attachment #5) The last day to file nomination papers is Monday, March 14th, and the last day to register to vote is Tuesday, April 12th.

B. Senator Gobi office hours

Mr. Hevy reviewed a press release from Senator Gobi's office noting the dates and times that District Aide Tyler Wolanin will be holding office hours. (Attachment #6) According to the memo, Mr. Wolanin will be in North Brookfield on Tuesday, February 23rd from 11 AM to noon at the Senior Center.

VIII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **See attached list**

The Selectmen agreed that their meeting next Tuesday, February 16th will be held at 3:30 PM in the Selectmen's office. On the agenda will be discussion of the FY16 and FY17 budgets, and further discussion on the development of an IT Advisory Committee.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **None**

There being no further business, at 6:45 PM Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant

PENDING/FUTURE SELECTMEN'S ITEMS

NBDDP/Aztec
Solar RFP
Purchase Orders
Creation of Financial Advisory Committee
Personnel policies
Cemetery Road
Bids on health insurance
98 Shore Road
DOR IT recommendations
Electric aggregation
Community Compact
FY17 Budgets
Meeting with EB re: Town Beach