



**TOWN OF
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SELECTBOARD**

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*Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, February 7, 2022*

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Dana Ketchen, and Steve Russo along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

6:00pm Eddie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed the rules for hybrid meetings.

Public Input

Tad said a “Candidates Forum” has been set for Thursday, February 24th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall meeting room. He said the next Selectboard meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22nd given the Presidents Day holiday on the 21st.

Approve Minutes

It was moved, and seconded, for the Board to approve the public minutes from the Monday, January 24th, Tuesday, January 25th, and Friday, January 28th meetings as written; Voted Yes 4-0. It was moved, and seconded, for the Board to approve non-public minutes from the Monday, January 24th (9 sets), Tuesday, January 25th (4 sets), and Friday, January 28th (1 set) meetings as written; Voted Yes 4-0. It was moved, and seconded, for the Board to unseal the non-public minutes from the Thursday, January 13th and Friday, January 14th meetings; Voted Yes 4-0.

Sign Warrants for Payment

It was moved, and seconded, for the Board to sign Accounts Payable Warrant #5 in the amount of \$1,048,286.07, and Payroll Warrant #6 in the amount of \$68,360.95; Voted Yes 4-0.

Announce Departure of Lead Transfer Station Attendant

Eddie announced that **Jim Solinas** has left his employment with the Town of Brookline and we thank him for his years of service at the Transfer Station. **Eddie** said, at this time, the position has been filled by existing Transfer Station employees and we will know in the coming weeks if there will be a need to post a job opening.

Conservation Bond Hearing Notice

The Board provided notice of a Bond Hearing set to be held on Monday, February 14th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall meeting room, to solicit public input on a proposed bond of up to \$1,249,500 for the purchase of conservation land.

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Discontinue Cable Access Fund Notice

The Board provided notice of a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:50pm in the Town Hall meeting room to consider rescinding the direction of 50% of Spectrum's "Cable Access Franchise Fee Payment" to the Town's "Cable Access Fund" with the return of any remaining funds, as of the end of December 2021, to the "General Fund".

Announce Job Posting – Full-Time Town Planner

Dana referenced the recent posting and said the Town of Brookline is accepting applications for a full-time Town Planner. This is a great opportunity to become part of Brookline's dedicated and experienced Town Hall staff. Applications and resumes must be received no later than 2pm on Friday, March 25th and can be sent to Town Administrator **Tad Putney** at tputney@brooklinenh.us or via regular mail to PO Box 360 Brookline, NH 03033. She said more information can be found on the town website.

Revised Certificate of Authorization for 2022 Milfoil Grant

Brendan signed the revised "Certificate of Authorization" for the 2022 Milfoil Grant.

Approve Payment From Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

It was moved, and seconded, for the Board to approve the payment of \$3,093, from the Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, to MHQ for work related to Truck #253; Voted Yes 4-0.

Announce Receipt of Petition Warrant Article – New Melendy Pond Leases

Tad said we received a petition warrant article to see if the Town will vote to permit new leases on the Melendy Pond property owned by the town (Lot B-55). He noted that **Patti** had confirmed at least 25 registered voters had signed the petition, so it will appear on the town meeting warrant.

Discuss /Confirm Date and Logistics for Annual Town Meeting

Tad said the Superintendent has made CSDA "mask optional" for tonight's deliberative session and the same has been extended to the upcoming all day voting and town meeting. Board members deferred to **Peter Webb**, **Patti Howard Barnett** and **Linda Saari** for their preference on whether a separate location be used for maskless voters during the all-day election on March 8th as they will be present for the entire day. **Tad** will check with them.

Discuss 2022 Library Budget

The Board agreed to defer this item to a later meeting.

Review and Approve 2021 Selectboard Report for Annual Town Report

It was moved, and seconded, for the Board to approve the "Selectboard Report" Tad had drafted for the 2021 annual town report; Vote Yes 4-0.

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6:25pm *It was moved, and seconded, for the Board to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and (l) legal; potentially others; Roll Call Vote Yes 4-0.*

6:34pm *It was moved, and seconded, for the Board to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote Yes 4-0.*

6:34 Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

Eddie Arnold

Brendan Denehy

Dana Ketchen

Steve Russo