



**TOWN OF
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*Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, February 11, 2019*

Selectboard members present: Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Valerie Ogden and Ron Olsen along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

Also present: resident Ann Somers and Public Works Director Mike Wenrich.

6:30pm Brendan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Tad announced the winner of the 2019 Town Report Cover Photo Contest is Ann Somers for her picture of the Brookline Annual Tree Lighting. **Tad** also announced that the Brookline Transfer Station will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday, February 12th, due to the storm and will be open on Wednesday, February 13th instead. He also announced that the Winter Festival sledding and snowshoe events for this weekend have been cancelled due to the lack of snow. **Brendan** announced that the Hollis Brookline Rotary Club is doing a Candidate Forum at the Hollis Town Hall on March 3rd at 1pm.

Approve Minutes

Eddie moved, seconded by Val, to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 28, 2019 meeting and budget hearing as written; Voted Yes 4-0. Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, January 29, 2019 budget hearing as written; Voted Yes 4-0. Eddie moved, seconded by Val, to approve the non-public minutes from the Monday, January 28, 2019 meeting as written; Voted Yes 4-0. Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to unseal the non-public minutes; Voted Yes 4-0. **Brendan** explained the subject of the non-public minutes is the purchase of about 17 acres of land on North Mason Road by the Conservation Commission. He said there will be a public hearing on the purchase tomorrow night.

Sign Warrants for Payment

The Board signed Accounts Payable Warrant #5 in the amount of \$941,900.76, Payroll Warrant #6 in the amount of \$57,549.96 and Police Detail Payroll in the amount of \$760.00.

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Review Petition Warrant Articles; Announce Public Hearings

Tad said the deadline for petition warrant articles was February 5th and the Board received two this year. The first petition warrant article is a 2% tax cap. **Tad** said it has been suggested by DRA that we add in italics after the wording of the petition, that this is to be done by secret ballot, polls will be open for 1 hour, and a 3/5 majority vote is required. A public hearing will be held on Monday, February 25th 2019 at 6:50pm in the Town Hall meeting room for this petition warrant article. He said the second petition warrant article seeks to allow the operation of Keno games. **Tad** said the RSAs mandate that if there is a petition warrant article, the Selectboard must include it on the warrant, so the Selectboard should defer to the petition warrant article and withdraw its planned Keno warrant article. He said a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 25th 2019 at 6:45pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room for this petition warrant article. ***Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to withdraw the Selectboard's warrant article to allow Keno within the town; Voted Yes 4-0.***

Review and Discuss Town Meeting Warrant and Budget Form

The Board signed the Town Meeting Warrant for 2019 and discussed the presentation of the three Melendy Pond Warrant Articles at Town Meeting. **Tad** suggested Melendy Pond Planning Committee members Tom Solon, Webb Scales, Eddie and he get together to prepare a background presentation on the Melendy Pond warrant articles for town meeting. **Eddie** also suggested handing out reference material regarding the warrant articles when people sign at town meeting. Board members agreed with these suggestions.

Discuss Amendment to Ambulance Billing Evaluation Report

Tad reviewed a minor recommended amendment to the Ambulance Billing Evaluation Report. ***Ron moved, seconded by Eddie, to accept the amendment to the Ambulance Billing Evaluation Report; Voted Yes 4-0.***

Update on Street Light Conversion Project

Tad shared a draft Request for Bids that Hollis has prepared for their LED street light conversion program. It includes information on Brookline's street lights so bidders have Brookline's information. He said he would like to piggyback off of Hollis's effort and choose the same vendor in order to avoid duplication of effort. He said the Hollis DPW Director was involved in a similar conversion project in Portsmouth and is therefore very familiar with the process. **Tad** said Hollis is hoping to have the project completed in July. The Board agreed.

Josif Bicja (Hoyle Tanner) re Update on Bond Street Bridge Engineering

Sean James and **Josif Bicja** of Hoyle Tanner presented preliminary engineering observations and discussed options for either rehabilitating or replacing the Bond Street Bridge. A Public Information Session will be held at 7pm during the Selectboard meeting on Monday, February 25th.

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Review and Discuss Request to Purchase Used Backhoe

Public Works Director **Mike Wenrich** asked the Board to approve his request to use the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a 2017 New Holland B110C Backhoe from Chapell Tractor for \$96,900, including warranty. *Eddie moved, seconded by Val, to request the Trustees of the Trust Funds, sign a check for \$96,900 to Chappell Tractor from the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund for the backhoe; Voted Yes 4-0.*

Review Invoice for Bond Street Bridge Engineering

Eddie moved, seconded by Val, to request the Trustees of the Trust Funds sign a check for \$14,802.24 to Hoyle Tanner from the Bond Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund; Voted Yes 4-0.

Review Mail Folder

The Board reviewed the mail folder

Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation; Roll Call Vote Yes 4-0.

Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote 4-0.

Eddie moved, seconded by Val, to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 4-0.

8:04pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

Brendan Denehy

Eddie Arnold

Valerie Ogden

Ron Olsen