



**TOWN OF
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SELECTBOARD**

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*Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, January 14, 2019*

Selectboard members present: Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Tom Humphreys, Valerie Ogden and Ron Olsen along with Town Administrator Tad Putney. Also present: Ann Somers, Loring Webster, and Drew Kellner.

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

Public Input

There was no public input.

Approve Minutes

Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to approve the minutes from the Monday, December 31, 2018 meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0.

Sign Warrants for Payment

The Board signed the final 2018 Accounts Payable Warrant #55 in the amount of \$207,739.96, 2019 Accounts Payable Warrant #1 in the amount of \$915,550.97, Payroll Warrant #2 in the amount of \$57,720.26 and Police Detail Warrant in the amount of \$380.00.

Announce 2019 Budget Hearing Dates/Times

Brendan read the following public notice: A public hearing will be held at 7pm on Monday, January 28th and Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 1 Main Street to review the 2019 proposed budget and warrant articles for the Town of Brookline. An additional public hearing will be held on Monday, February 11th at 7pm, if necessary. Budget information will be available beginning Friday, January 18th at the Town Hall between 8am and 2pm. It will also be posted on the town website.

Announce Filing Period and Positions for Upcoming Elections

Eddie read the following notice: the filing period for the open town office positions is January 23 – February 1, 2019 by 5:00pm. Positions include:

Selectboard Member: 2 – three year terms; Town Treasurer: 1 – one year term;
Board of Assessors: 1 – three year term; Fire Ward: 1 – three year term;
Finance Committee: 1 – three year term; Library Trustee: 2 – three year terms;
Town Trustee: 1 – one year term; Cemetery Trustee: 1 – three year term;
Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 – five year term.

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Announce Bond Street Bridge Informational Session – Feb. 25th

Brendan announced a public informational session will be held during the Selectboard meeting on Monday, February 25th in the town hall meeting room to discuss the engineering study to evaluate the replacement and rehabilitation alternatives of the existing Bond Street bridge.

Announce Job Posting - Grove Manager

Eddie announced the job posting for the seasonal position of Grove Manager. Applications must be received by noon on Friday, February 8th, 2019.

Review Draft 2018 Selectboard Report

The Board reviewed and accepted the draft report for inclusion in the 2019 town report.

Review Annual Audit Questionnaire

Brendan reviewed the questionnaire with the Board and there was agreement on its content. *Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to authorize Brendan to sign the completed questionnaire for submission to Plodzik and Sanderson; Voted Yes 5-0.*

Review and Discuss Annual Licensing Agreement – Channel 192

The Board signed the 2019 licensing agreement with Pepperell Community Media.

Discuss Potential Conversion of Street Lights to LED

Tad said over the past two years a number of NH towns have converted their street lights to LED's and realized a considerable savings. Brookline has 72 street lights that cost about \$1,000 per month in electricity. He said he would like to pursue such an effort in 2019 and asked for the Board's support to conduct additional research over the next two weeks to determine what, if any, funds will be needed in the 2019 operating budget to complete the project. **Drew** said Hollis is embarking on a similar project. The Board agreed on getting potential costs for the program. **Loring** asked that the crosswalk in front of the Town Hall be included in the lighting project.

History Committee Warrant Article

Tad said History Committee member **Keith Thompson** told him they will be taking a vote at their meeting tonight for a possible \$10,000 warrant article for 2019. He said the book is about 100 pages longer than originally expected and the committee would like to ensure that there are sufficient funds available. The Board agreed that **Tad** should include a warrant article for Budget Hearings later this month.

Review mail folder

The Board reviewed the mail folder

Food Pantry Questions

Val asked if the Brookline Food Pantry is available for Hollis residents. **Tad** said since the Hollis Brookline Middle School has provided significant funding for the food pantry in recent years, we have expanded it to include Hollis if anyone has a need. **Drew** noted that the Hollis Brookline Rotary has also been a regular donor.

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Review Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Budget Hearings.

Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and (l) legal; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 5-0.

7:16pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

Brendan Denehy

Tom Humphreys

Valerie Ogden

Eddie Arnold

Ron Olsen