



**TOWN OF
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*Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, January 28, 2019*

Selectboard members present: Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Tom Humphreys, Valerie Ogden and Ron Olsen along with Town Administrator Tad Putney. Also present: Finance Committee members Linda Chomiak, Brian Rater and Steve Russo, Ambulance Chief Jackson, residents Ann Somers, Drew Kellner, Roger Ogden, Rebecca Purdin, Eric Pauer, Peter Webb, Fire Chief Corey, Dave Joki, Dave Flannery, and Patty Crooker.

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

Public Input

Drew Kellner announced that registration is now open for the Hollis Fast 5K on June 13th. **Eddie** reviewed the open Town office seats for 2019 and the filing deadline. **Brian** noted there are also open seats on the school board, the COOP school board and the COOP budget committee.

Approve Minutes

Eddie moved, seconded by Val, to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 14, 2019 meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0. Ron moved, seconded by Val, to accept three sets of non-public minutes from the Monday, January 14, 2018 meeting as written; Voted Yes 5-0.

Sign Warrants for Payment

The Board signed Accounts Payable Warrant #3 in the amount of \$64,261.18, Payroll Warrant #4 in the amount of \$59,885.85 and Police Detail Payroll in the amount of \$1,045.00.

Review and Discuss 2019 Fireworks Contract

Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to authorize Brendan to sign the 2019 July 4th fireworks contract with Atlas PyroVision Entertainment Group(rain date July 6th); Voted Yes 5-0.

Review Preliminary Schedule for Department Head Meetings with the Board

Tad reviewed a preliminary list of 2019 meetings for department heads to meet with the Board. There were no changes to the preliminary list.

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Review and Discuss 2019 Milfoil Grant Agreement

Ron moved, seconded by Eddie, to accept the 2019 milfoil grant in the amount of \$10,999; Voted Yes 5-0. Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to authorize Brendan to sign the Grant Agreement with the State of NH for the milfoil grant; Voted Yes 5-0. Val moved, seconded by Ron, to authorize Eddie to sign the Certificate of Authority confirming that Brendan is the Selectboard Chairperson and is authorized to sign the grant; Voted Yes 5-0.

Discuss Temporary Closure of Springvale Ave on February 16, 2019

Tad announced that this year's Winter Festival will be February 15th through February 17th. Following discussion, Eddie moved, seconded by Ron, to authorize the closing of Springvale Avenue on February 16, 2018 from 10am-6pm for the Winter Festival's sledding event, so long as there is sufficient snow; Voted Yes 5-0.

Patty Crooker – Greater Nashua Public Health Network (GNPHN)

Patty reviewed with the Board and the public a municipal update from the GNPHN on the health and social services programs her organization delivers in the greater Nashua area.

Review Mail Folder

The Board reviewed the mail folder

The Board announced the resignation of **Jill Adams** as one of the Town's commissioners to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. The Board also announced Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Grace LaBombard will be retiring from her position on November 1, 2019.

Overview of Budget Packet Contents

7:02pm **Brendan** opened the annual Budget Hearing. **Tad** provided an overview of the contents of the budget hearing packet.

Ambulance – Chief Shawn Jackson – Proposed budget of \$251,809, decreased \$6,450. Reviewed ambulance-related warrant articles. There were no changes.

Police – Chief Bill Quigley – Proposed budget of \$902,447, decreased \$6,500. **Eric Pauer** noted the salary line of the budget reflected about a 10% increase, which is much higher than the agreed upon pay increases of 2%-3% for 2019. **Brendan** said the numbers will be reviewed and revisited at the continued budget hearing tomorrow night.

Fire – Chief Charlie Corey – Proposed Budget of \$376,716. Reviewed the fire truck warrant article. There were no changes. **Charlie** noted the Fire Department has received \$1,900 in Forestry Grant money.

Public Welfare – Rebecca Purdin – Proposed budget of \$15,000; level funded.

Health Agencies – Rebecca Purdin - Proposed budget of \$25,265.

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Recreation Commission – Rich Vertullo - Proposed budget of \$44,540. Budget to include \$6,000 for playground repairs at Ball Park facility.

Conservation Commission – Buddy Dougherty – Proposed budget of \$44,323. Reviewed: Warrant Article 13 to authorize Selectboard to convey a conservation easement to a qualified organization to oversee non-profit.

Highways, Streets & Bridges – Mike Wenrich – Proposed budget of \$755,601. Includes \$19,000 for an LED street light conversion project. Reviewed DPW-related warrant article. No changes made to it.

Sanitation – Mike Wenrich – Proposed budget of \$322,208.

Patriotic Purposes – Tad Putney - Proposed budget of \$8,750; level funded.

Legal – Tad Putney - Proposed budget of \$35,000; level funded.

Building Inspection – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$35,000.

Regional Association – Tad Putney – Proposed budget of \$3,949.

Communications – Tad Putney - Proposed budget of \$118,997.

Cemeteries – Tad Putney - Proposed budget of \$22,000, representing an increase of \$6,000. **Tad** said the budget has been \$16,000 since 2004 and basically covers maintenance. The Trustees have asked for an increase to have survey work done to outline future plots, gravel for pathways and tree work over a two-year period.

8:46 **Brendan** recessed the hearing until Tuesday January 29th at 7pm.

Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (d) real estate; 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 5-0.

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

8:55pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

Brendan Denehy

Tom Humphreys

Valerie Ogden

Eddie Arnold

Ron Olsen