

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2020

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u> Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rick Surette, Selectman Rich Zacher, Marilou MacLean, Laurie Champy, Rose Zacher, Frank Frazier, David Champy II, Terry Ward, Peter Holland, Ed Ingalls, Martha Pike, Dianne Smith, Bob Nielsen, Mark Stengel, Stephen Berry, Fred Cann

This Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30pm as properly noticed in the Granite State Newspaper. This was a Budget, Warrant Article, and Ordinance Hearing.

Each budget line item was read aloud by the Selectmen with time allowed for public questions and/or comments. Several questions were asked and answered. Dianne Smith did request the Selectmen to consider creating a special contingency fund in place of annual contingency line items that go unused but impact the tax rate. Selectman Robischeau requested she provide information pertaining to the fund she is referencing. The Selectmen agree to consider her request.

MOTION: Selectman Surette motioned to present this budget to the Town. Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Each Warrant Article was read aloud and a time for public input was provided.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to approve and recommend to the Town all of the Warrant Articles, except #14, which will be discussed in a few minutes. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Citizen Petitioned Warrant Article #14 was read aloud. There were several areas of concern mentioned by the public but it was determined that discussion should take place at Town Meeting.

MOTION: Selectman Surette motioned to not recommend the Article. Selectman Zacher abstained. Selectman Robischeau seconded, motion carries.

A member of the public requested an explanation on the lack of support from the Selectmen. Selectmen Robischeau and Surette cited financial concerns as they believe it will have a large financial impact on the taxpayers.

The proposed new *Unlawful Placement of Snow and Ice Ordinance* was read aloud by Selectman Robischeau and a time for public feedback was provided. Frank Frazier asked who would be responsible for enforcement. The Selectmen stated they will respond to complaints of violation and will be responsible for enforcement.

Mark Stengel asked if this pertained also to the Road Agent as he is not plowing Brice Drive properly. The Selectmen redirected this conversation to the topic and asked Mr. Stengel if he was in favor of the Ordinance. He stated he is as long as it applies to everyone. A member of the public asked if this applies only to Town roads. The Selectmen confirmed that is the case as the state has their own policies and ordinances and would need to address them. No further public comments.

MOTION: Selectman Surette motioned to accept the Ordinance. Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020, at 6:30pm, in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Champy Administrative Assistant