



Selectmen Meeting 1/24/2018

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Louise Lavoie, Bernie O'Grady, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley; member of the public Bob Bergeron.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Louise at 7:32 PM.

Approvals:

- Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of 1/16/18 were reviewed. Bernie motioned, second from Charlie, to approve the minutes as written. Three votes to accept as written.
- Proposal for sampling inside the Mann House from RPF Environmental was discussed briefly. Charlie motioned, second from Bernie, to accept both parts of the proposal. Unanimous vote to accept the proposal. Louise further motioned that AA Kathy Wile be approved to sign on behalf of the Town; second from Bernie, unanimous vote to approve her signing.
- Appointment papers had been prepared for Kenneth Greene as alternate Ballot Clerk, and Sandra LeClair as Ballot Clerk. All copies were signed by selectmen.

New Business:

- Polling hours for the Town Election were set for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 11:00 AM-7:00 PM at the Mason Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.
- Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Mason Elementary School, 13 Darling Hill Rd.
- Regularly scheduled meeting of BOS on the second Tuesday of March, will be re-scheduled from Tuesday March 13, 2018 to Monday March 12, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House. This change in meeting date will be posted.

Old Business:

- Budget was reviewed.
Warrant Articles reviewed, agreed to be correct.
All line items were reviewed, increase to bottom line was noted to be due in large part to having taken on the Highway Dept Building bond. The following line items were reviewed and changes made:
Lines 6024-01 and 6025-01 will be reviewed by Brenda for more equitable distribution of salary.
Line 6001-28 decreased from proposed \$1000 to \$800; historically this line has never been fully spent, many clerks do not request/accept their pay for the time.
Line 6004-Legal Expenses – Louise consulted with Chris Drescher, and they agreed the amount of \$12,000 proposed was a good baseline with no new litigation pending.
Line 6006-12 NRPC Assistant the amount of \$5040 is correct contract amount for the circuit rider
Line 6022-02 Animal Control – is a placeholder, in case the town decided they needed to spend anything in that area this year, the line needs to be there. Keep at \$1.00.

Line 6013 Ambulance – no amount set by Brookline yet, should be at or below the 2017 number of \$21,870, will keep that number in until certain.

Line 6014-16 Fuel – will confirm the number of \$61.91 for fuel as 2017 actual

Line 6014-18 Air Bottles is a new line item, replacing the annual request for a warrant article as they are not a special expenditure.

Line 6021-01 Wilton Recycling – final number will be available Th 1/25, Charlie will get it to Brenda after the meeting that evening

Figuring in a 1.5% salary increase for most positions, the budget will be up 4.6%. 3% of the increase is due to debt service for HD bond, so only a 1.6% of total other spending.

- Discussion of request from legal counsel for a copy of the sealed minutes of a non-public session relative to potential litigation. Charlie motioned to unseal, copy and reseal the minutes requested. Second from Bernie, three votes in affirmative.

Informational Items/Communication:

Public Forum:

Bob Bergeron mentioned how much he enjoys seeing the selectmen work as a team, each person contributing and respecting the opinions of the others.

Non-Public: none

Adjourned: There being no other business Louise motioned, second by Charlie to adjourn the meeting. Three votes to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Next meeting will be the Budget Hearing, posted for Tuesday January 30, 2018 at 7:30 at the Mann House.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:30 at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant