

SELECT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2019

The meeting for the Barrington Select Board for Monday, January 14, 2019 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectperson Ayer, Selectperson Hatch, Selectperson Knapp, Chairperson Bailey, Administrator Scruton, Deputy Town Administrator MacIver and Clerk McNeil. Selectperson Hardekopf was absent.

Chairperson Bailey welcomed everyone, reviewed his rules of order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Bailey opened the public hearing on a proposed bond in the amount of \$950,000 for the construction of a town hall at 6:33 p.m. Chairperson Bailey read the complete article. Administrator Scruton noted that there would be two articles to pay for the proposed town office, one for the bond and one from a capital reserve fund. There will be little tax impact for this bond - \$2.00 a year on a \$300,000 home. He gave further suggestions if the Board wanted to make this no tax impact. Selectperson Ayer wants to see the town office level funded. He would like to reduce the bond to \$875,000. Chairperson Bailey asked for public comment. Steve Saunders from the ABC had some suggested wording changes. The ABC would like more specifics on the proposed new town office article. Mr. Saunders feels the town has had too many cost overruns on other projects so more concrete information is needed. Peter Royce stated that the property tax impact for the library bond is approximately \$107 a year on a \$300,000 home. The ABC would like to see the two articles tied together with the bond and the capital reserve. Selectperson Knapp asked if there was a way to write it so there is only one article. Administrator Scruton stated that he doesn't want to change the bond article written by bond counsel. Any changes should be made to the Capital Reserve Article. Selectperson Knapp moved to reduce the bond request to \$875,000, seconded by Selectman Ayer. The motion carries. The hearing closed at 6:43.

Selectperson Ayer stepped down from the Board.

Chairperson Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on the issuance of a building permit for DE Ayer Industrial Service at 70 Castle Rock Road, a private road, Map 224 Lot 0066. Clerk McNeil noted that an application has been received for a new dwelling unit. Peter Cook viewed the road and stated that the road is in decent shape with a few pot holes that are frozen from water running across the road. He recommends that the road be graded after completion of the project and that Mr. Ayer join the road association. The Planning Board supported both of Mr. Cook's recommendations. Selectman Ayer noted that he plans on starting construction after the frost is out of the ground. The hearing closed at 6:47. Selectperson Hatch moved to support the issuance of the building permit and including the conditions as recommendations by Peter Cook, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. The motion passes.

Selectperson Ayer returned to the Board.

APPOINTMENTS

Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan from Mitchell Municipal Group introduced herself to the Board. Mitchell Municipal Group has represented the town for at least 20 years. They only represent towns and cities. She has been with the firm for 15 years. She will be the primary contact for the town and they are in the process of hiring a new attorney. She had done work for the town on occasion in the past. Currently we only have one abatement case that they are working on. Jae Whitelaw, who retired from the firm, will be representing the firm at Deliberative session and will talk with the Board via telephone at the Jan 28th Select Board meeting.

Bid Opening – Replacement of the Mallego Road Bridge –The following two bids were received: GW Brooks & Sons, Freedom, NH - \$621,336.00 and R. M Piper Inc., Plymouth, NH – \$979,950.25. Aaron LaChance from Hoyle Tanner opened the bids and reviewed that all paperwork that was requested was included. They will review both bids and will make a recommendation to the Board before the end of the week.

Public Hearing on the 2019 Proposed Warrant and Budget – Selectperson Knapp moved to adjust the Town Hall Capital Reserve Article (\$1,025,000) adding in the \$75,000 cut from the bond, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion carries. Selectperson Knapp wants these warrant articles clear to the public. Selectperson Knapp moved to add wording to the article “no funds will be expended to start construction until the total sum needed is appropriated by the town”, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. The motion passes. This article has no impact on 2019 property tax rates. Dale Silvia suggested moving the town hall capital reserve article after the bond article to have them next to each other. Selectperson Ayer moved to have the library bond article, the town hall bond article, the town hall capital reserve article and then the operating budget article in that order, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. The motion passes.

To keep a healthy fund balance, Administrator Scruton asked the Board if they wished to have the fire truck and bridge capital reserve articles instead of using fund balance use general revenue. Chief Walker does not support taking the fire truck capital reserve article off the warrant. Chief Walker did say that he could give up the \$10,000 fire equipment capital reserve for this year. Chairperson Bailey moved to take out the “funding source of fund balance” out of the fire truck capital reserve article and the bridge capital reserve article, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion passes.

Again, this year there is an article to vote to allow KENO in Barrington. Barrington received approximately \$113,000 in KENO funds this year that benefit the schools.

Chairperson Bailey asked if there was any public comment – Peter Royce noticed that there was an editing mistake in Art #17.

The public hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Peter Royce noted that at a public hearing at a Selectmen’s meeting in November regarding donation of the Rubinstein property for the Haley-Rubinstein-Panish easement there was no request from the Board for any payment. There is now a bill for \$1,066.15 for closing costs. Selectperson Knapp moved to have the Conservation Commission expend \$1,066.15 out of the Conservation Fund, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion passes.

Sam Boduch, Chairman of the Library Trustees, noted that they have a meeting Tuesday night. He asked if the Library would be able to show plans and discuss their library proposal at deliberative session. That would be a question for the moderator.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – January 7, 2019 – Selectperson Hatch moved to accept the minutes of January 7, 2019, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. Selectperson Knapp abstained as he was absent for that meeting. The motion passes.

STAFF REPORT

1. Administrator Scruton asked the Board for their recommendations on the various warrant articles. Selectperson Hatch moved to recommend articles 3 – 16, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. The motion passes. Chairperson Bailey moved to not recommend article 17 (Petition Article for a Bicycle Route Capital Reserve Fund), seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion passes. Selectperson Ayer moved to recommend article 18 (KENO), seconded by Chairperson Bailey. The motion passes. Selectperson Ayer moved to not recommend article 19 (Petition Article for signs for bicycle route), seconded by Selectperson Hatch. The motion passes. Selectperson Knapp likes the idea of establishing bike routes but would like to see how they would connect with other towns. Selectperson Knapp moved to not recommend article 20 (reclassify a portion of Marsh Road to a Class A Trail), seconded by Selectperson Hatch. The motion passes. Chairperson Bailey moved to recommend article 21 (discontinue no longer used Capital Reserve Funds), seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion passes.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on one current use application, vendor manifest dated 1/9/2019 and payroll manifest dated 1/6/2019 (2).

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A handout was developed by Deputy Town Administrator MacIver to capture the intent of what the Board wants to promote for the proposed new town office. Selectperson Ayer moved to approve the draft with several changes, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Feedback by the Board should be received by Friday, January 18th. The motion carries.

SELECTPERSON'S REPORT AND CONCERNS

Selectperson Ayer will be attending a Conservation Commission meeting in the next two weeks. The Land Committee will be doing a forest management plan on several town owned properties.

Selectperson Hatch didn't have any meetings to attend.

Selectperson Knapp attended the recent Planning Board meeting where there was a public hearing for a zoning amendment, one two lot subdivision with continuance, another two-lot subdivision that was approved, one site review, one private road hearing, and discussion of a turn-a-round on Wildcat Road. The Technology Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Chairperson Bailey will be attending the Library Trustees meeting on Tuesday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Someone donated having the new Fire Department pickup truck fluid filmed undercoated and Chief Walker would like the Board to accept this donation. Chairperson Bailey moved to accept this offer of undercoating the new pick-up truck, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. The motion passes.

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Selectperson Knapp moved to go into non-public session at 7:59 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II for personnel, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion passes.

Selectperson Knapp moved to exit non-public session at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Selectperson Hatch. Chairman Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey. The motion passes.

Selectperson Knapp moved to seal the minutes indefinitely as it would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person, other than a member of this Board, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.