



BARRINGTON, NH SELECT BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, December 9th, 2019

The Select Board meeting for Monday, December 9th, 2019 began at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Knapp, Selectperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Bailey, Town Administrator Conner MacIver, and Municipal Office Administrator Tiffany Caudle. Town Treasurer and Advisory Budget Committee (ABC) member Peter Royce was also at the table.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Knapp. Chairperson Knapp welcomed all in attendance, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and requested all silence their cell phones.

6:30pm. ABC member John Morris joined the table.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

APPOINTMENTS

Budget Deliberations

6:31pm. At the previous Select Board meeting, the Board supported the recommendations of the ABC, and no changes were made. The Board agreed to delay the vote to the 12/16 meeting to allow additional members of the Board to be present. Administrator MacIver will prepare materials as needed if there are any changes.

Proposed Warrant Articles

6:32pm. The Board agreed to review articles in reverse numerical order for placement on the warrant, and to withhold any votes on recommendations until additional members are present.

6:36pm. ABC member Dannen Mannschreck joined the table.

Article 20: Keno

6:42pm. Motion to place Article 20 on the warrant as written by Chairperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. *The motion passed.*

Article 19: Service-Connected Total Disability Credit - \$2,550

6:43pm. Selectperson Bailey shared that he is one of the 35 recipients in Barrington of this credit, and apologized for not disclosing previously. He encouraged the board to increase the credit to \$4,000 from the previously suggested \$2,550, and stated his intent to submit a petition warrant article following the Board's vote. Selectperson Hardekopf reiterated her support for incremental increases to this credit.

Motion to place Article 19 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Hardekopf, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. *The motion passed.*

Article 18: Elderly Exemption

6:47pm. Motion to place Article 18 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. *The motion passed.*

Article 17: Solar Energy Exemption - 100% of Value

6:50pm. Motion to place Article 17 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Hardekopf, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. *The motion passed.*

Article 16: Cemetery Capital Reserve - \$1,000

6:52pm. Motion to place Article 16 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Hardekopf, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. *The motion passed.*

Article 15: Library Technology Capital Reserve - \$3,000

6:53pm. Motion to place Article 15 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. *The motion passed.*

Article 14: Tricentennial Celebration Expendable Trust - \$5,000

6:53pm. Motion to place Article 14 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 13: Fire Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve - \$10,000

6:53pm. Motion to place Article 13 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Hardekopf, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 12: Emergency Communication Capital Reserve - \$50,000

6:53pm. The Board requested confirmation that \$50,000 per year is adequate, as well as a recommendation by the ABC. Fire Chief Rick Walker confirmed the funds will be sufficient. The ABC agreed at this meeting to the amount of \$50,000, with a further review and possible recommendation prior to the January 6th meeting.

Motion to place Article 12 on the warrant as written by Chairperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 11: Fire Truck Capital Reserve - \$55,000

7pm. The Select Board discussed this article at a previous meeting and agreed to a \$55,000 Capital Reserve contribution. The Board, Administrator MacIver, and members of the ABC discussed the balance and use of the Unassigned Funds Balance (UFB), significant expenditures raising the use of, and methods to minimize use of the UFB.

Fun word of the day: [Fungible](#)

Motion to place Article 11 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Hardekopf, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Roll Call Vote: Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

7:09pm. *Selectperson Ayer joined the table.*

Article 10: Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve - \$75,000

7:09pm. Motion to place Article 10 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Hardekopf, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 9: Highway Equipment Capital Reserve - \$100,000

7:10pm. Motion to place Article 9 on the warrant as written by Chairperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Roll Call Vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 8: Paving and Related Road Work - \$100,000

7:11pm. The ABC agreed by consensus to recommend committing to use \$100,000 from Capital Reserve instead of placing the warrant article on the ballot.

Motion to remove Article 8 from consideration on the current warrant, to instead utilize \$100,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund, with the intent and commitment by the Select Board that the article will reappear on the warrant in 2021 committing to utilize the UFB by Chairperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Roll Call Vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 7: Library and Community Center Capital Reserve Fund - \$200,000

7:13pm. The Select Board and ABC requested further details about the project, including bond options that have been explored. The ABC agreed to meet at 4:30pm on December 11th at Town Hall in order to review the bond information that was provided. The Select Board agreed to vote on this Article at the December 16th meeting, following review by the ABC.

Article 6: Greenhill Road Bridge Replacement - \$400,000/\$2,000,000

7:31pm. Motion to place Article 6 on the warrant as written by Selectperson Hardekopf, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Roll Call Vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 5: Operating Budget - \$7,300,847

7:32pm. The recommendations by the Compensation Study will have an impact of \$40,000 to the budget, which is within the \$50,000 set aside in anticipation of the results.

Motion to defer this vote until the December 16th meeting by Selectperson Bailey, Seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 4: Stormwater Asset Management - \$30,000

7:33pm. This project will only move forward if the grant money is received. The ABC agreed to review this Article at their meeting on Wednesday, December 12th.

Motion to defer the Select Board's vote until the 16th by Selectperson Bailey, Seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Roll Call Vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Article 3: Library and Community Center Bond - \$4,676,377

7:35pm. Library Trustee Chair Lindsey Maziarz and Library Director Melissa Huette shared with the Board the collected donations are \$241,000 with another \$163,000 having been committed. The amount is allocated for Furnitures, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E). The possibility of eliminating the contingency lines of the budget will be explored. The ABC agreed to review this Article at their December 11th meeting.

Motion to defer this vote until the December 16th meeting by Selectperson Hardekopf, Seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENT

7:57pm. There were no public comments. Public comment closed at 7:58pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – December 2nd, 2019

7:58pm. The Board requested: The addition of (UFB) following the first instance of “Unassigned Funds Balance” to explain further uses of the abbreviation, a notation that Selectperson Bailey requested a member of the Library Trustees confirm their presence at the meeting, and a correction of the spelling of Leigh Elliott's name.

Motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes with changes as noted. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Abstained, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

STAFF REPORTS

Property Tax Bills

8:01pm. Property Tax bills are due on the 16th. Tax Collector Linda Markiewicz has been working by herself as Deputy Tax Collector Payton Goodell has had her baby. Congratulations to the Goodell family!

Compensation Study

8:03pm. The report is in process of finalization, and the Compensation Study Task Force plans to meet this week to review and recommend their findings. Selectperson Hardekopf requested information be given to the board regarding the impact of wages on benefits.

December Work Anniversaries

8:04pm. THANK YOU to:

Richard Walker Jr.	Fire Chief	19 Years
Robert Brown	Highway Department	12 Years
David Getchell	Custodian	7 Years
Bryan Dodier	Highway Department	6 Years
Brian Badgley	Fire Department	6 Years
Susan Milioto	Library Desk Clerk	2 Years
Christopher Wareing	Fire Department	1 Year
Jake Roger	Fire Department	1 Year

Municipal Office Administrator Caudle requested signatures for:

8:05pm.

- Payroll manifest for check date 12/5/19
- A/P manifest for check date 12/6/19
- Notice of Intent to cut wood or timber
- 3 Abatements to make corrections due to the 2019 Revaluation

OLD BUSINESS

Electronic Time and Attendance

8:05pm. This was discussed at a previous meeting and tabled to allow the Technology Committee to review as well as to negotiate the price. The ABC will review this at the meeting on December 11th, 2019.

The Board agreed by consensus to defer this vote until the December 16th meeting.

Police Renovation

8:09pm. The renovation, approved in March of 2019, has been completed. Thank you to Chief Williams for stepping in as the general contractor upon the departure of the School Facilities Manager. The project was completed under budget, at a total cost of \$73,665, with \$8,000 remaining in the capital reserve account. There is one issue still to be resolved, but the repair is not expected to exceed the amount in capital reserve.

NEW BUSINESS

Elected and Appointed Officials with Expiring Terms

8:12pm. The filing period for elected Town office is from Wednesday January 22nd Through Friday January 31st, 2020. The office will be open on Friday, January 31st from 3pm-5pm.

George Bailey	Selectperson	3-year term
Dawn Hatch	Selectperson	3-year term
Patricia Gingrich	Trustee of Trust Funds	3-year term
Richard Walker	Cemetery Trustee	3-year term
Lindsey Maziarz	Library Trustee	3-year term
Traci Bisson	Library Trustee	3-year term
Nilda Janelle	Supervisor of the Checklist	6-year term
Ron St. Jean	Town Moderator	2-year term

Request to Reverse Involuntary Lot Merger

8:13pm. Pursuant to RSA 674:39-a lots which were involuntarily merged by a municipality must be unmerged at the request of the property owner.

Motion to unmerge Map 104, Lot 6 by Chairperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Nay, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye.

The motion passed.

SELECT PERSONS REPORT

8:15pm.

Selectperson Ayer did not attend the most recent Conservation Commission meeting. However, after reviewing the minutes, he has become concerned that

they are unwilling to fund the dam repairs. They are also considering purchasing a property on the border between Strafford and Barrington. He voiced his concern that currently owned properties should be managed prior to acquisition of additional properties.

Administrator MacIver shared that the Town has bid requests out for Engineering Services, which are due on December 18th at noon. At a recent Conservation Commission meeting, intentions to repair and maintain dams was requested. \$322,000 are currently in the Conservation Fund for use to purchase and maintain Town Lands. Selectperson Knapp reiterated the expectation that acceptance of properties requires the follow-through to maintain them. Selectperson Bailey requested copies of the most recent three petitioned warrants voted on by the Town voters regarding Conservation Funds.

Selectperson Bailey had nothing to report.

Selectperson Hardekopf formally requested under Right to Know the Recreation Commission post their meeting minutes in draft form within 24 hours of each meeting, and update the minutes when the Recreation Commission meets and approves.

Chairperson Knapp attended the most recent planning board meeting, where a continuance was issued until February 18th for Wildlife Encounters. TURBOCAM's application is under review, and is not ready for approval at this point. Chairperson Knapp recused himself from review of the application. A parcel on Franklin Pierce Highway was approved for a home business for antiques and glass, and a property to include high end storage units for cars and RV's is moving forward.

On the agenda for December 17th is a parking area for CV Bridge, and a request for the Planning Board to amend a 100 foot setback from wetlands/vernal pools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8:28pm. Casey O'Brien, 24 Hall Road, applauded the Highway Department for their work with the first winter storm of the year. The Town roads were safe and well maintained. He also encouraged the use of design/build services for the Library, he believes that option would have more voter support, and that the \$360/sqft cost is excessive.

Tracy Hardekopf, 48 Stone Farm Road, commended the Highway Department for the use of their heated garage to assist in USDA distribution of supplies, as well as the volunteers that assisted. In reference to the \$200,000 warrant article, she requested the Select Board consider some token amount showing support for the library building project.

Administrator MacIver shared that there is \$8,000 in the Operating Budget for bond council.

Fire Chief Rick Walker spoke to utilizing the UFB for funding warrant articles. He voiced his discontent with the sentiment that as the Fire & Rescue Department has voter and Select Board support, their needs typically have a tax impact rather than being funded by the UFB. He encouraged the Select Board to treat each department equally and hold all to the same standard.

There were no further public comments. Public comment closed at 8:34pm.

ADJOURNMENT

8:35pm. Motion to adjourn by Selectperson Hardekopf, Seconded by Selectperson Bailey. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Chairperson A. Knapp

Selectperson G. Bailey

Vice-Chairperson T. Hardekopf

Selectperson D. Ayer

NOT PRESENT

Selectperson D. Hatch

Date Minutes Were Approved

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SELECT BOARD AT THE DECEMBER 16th, 2019 MEETING. A SIGNED COPY IS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN HALL.