

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes March 05, 2019

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Robert Mantegari, Chair  
Andrew Artimovich  
David Menter  
William Faria  
Phyllis Thompson

Mantegari called the meeting to order. The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Please see last page to view report.

Kip Kaiser, Building Inspector, had the following permits to be signed this week:

- Anthony Eleanor, 110 Pickpocket Road, electrical for remodel: signed by Board
- Mike Plourde, 40 Spruce Ridge Drive, remodel basement with no sleeping rooms: signed by Board
- Mike Plourde, 40 Spruce Ridge Drive, electrical for basement remodel: signed by Board
- Bob Gilbert, 339 Middle Road, install a solar array: signed by Board
- Bob Gilbert, 339 Middle Road, electrical for solar array: signed by Board
- Justin Prokocimer, 313 Rte. 125, sign: signed by Board.

Kaiser said there was a pre-bid conference today for the siding replacement at the town office. He said he is also working on obtaining another quote for the repair work needed at the grange.

Mantegari presented Mary Clancey with the 2018 town report dedicated in her honor. He thanked her for her years of service.

Mantegari presented Becky, Mike, and Jessica Sanborn with the 2018 town report in memory of Robert Sanborn. He will be missed.

Dick Chamberlain was present to review the town meeting warrant to review some questions he anticipated being asked.

1. Article 1: General Municipal Operations

Specific (hot?) issues that might arise?

Policy on amending specific departments, issues, amounts?

Anything especially NEW in the \$153,319 increase over last year that might be questioned?

Mantegari said health insurance increased by 10.5% across the board. There were also several wage adjustments in various departments to get the rates in line with those from like communities.

Chamberlain asked what the board's thought was on amendments to the budget from the floor. Wages being discussed on the floor is a slippery slope. There could be performance issues and the adjustments are not binding.

2. Article 2: Southeast Land Trust (SELT) & Martin Property

Explanation of 'non-lapsing / 5 years, etc.'

Pilgrim Church's positive 85 acre conservation easement experience with SELT & Federal Dept. of Agriculture

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They will have up to 5 years to expend the funds for this purpose. Jeff Donald will speak to the article at town meeting.

3. Article 3: Solar Array

Present location now generally accepted by folks?

Yes, the solar array seems to be accepted by the majority of residents.

4. Article 7: Maintenance of Town Buildings

Routine, or special item (s)?

This is for larger repairs needed at the grange hall and doors needed at the town office to increase ADA compliance.

5. Article 10: Bridge Maintenance

Which bridge (s)?

Mill Road Bridge

6. Article 12... Road repair

Which roads?

Rowell Road and Bartlett

7. Article 13... Police Station

What issues will we be dealing with ...such as not voting for putting yearly monies in a Fund instead of later having a \$2-3 million bond issue., etc.

Saving to reduce the bond payment. This can also be used for engineering and permit fees.

8. Articles 15-19. Do we have representatives to speak about these charitable organizations? (CASA, Haven, One Sky, TASC) Chamber Children's Fund)

Do you have an answer to the annual question about 'why not leave this up to each person instead of monies out of tax dollars?

Clement will confirm which vendors will be sending a representative to town meeting.

Article 23 is to answer the question on leaving this up to each person and leave out of tax dollars. Many organizations help to reduce welfare expenses. The board would like to have the welfare director, town administrator, and a board member involved in disbursing these funds.

9. Articles 20-23, anything especially unusual or controversial here? (Veteran Credit, POW, NED By-Laws, Vendor Payments)

Nothing here appears to be controversial.

Chamberlain asked if the board anticipated Rowell Road improvements being problematic. Ward Byrne said the town has done everything they needed to meet their obligation and repair the road the right way. He said all of the residents on the road are in favor of it except the orchard; however, they did not attend the meeting on the road improvements.

Whitehouse said he had an NHMA article stating that specific line items can be amended at town meeting. It appears that may contradict the legal opinion already received by the town that the increase is to the bottom line and then up to the discretion of the selectmen. Doug Cowie said the legislative body has the right to do a lot of things, include being wrong. Faria said when he was on the budget committee he understood that they had authority over the bottom line and if cuts were going to be made, then they could provide a line item recommendation. Mantegari read the article provided by Whitehouse (on file). Clement will review and obtain further clarification.

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Byrne asked if the board would honor such amendments that were made on the floor. Mantegari said they would need to meet and consider all of the information including performance. Performance and compensation would be grounds for nonpublic session. Robin Wrighton said the board may not be obligated to but they have some responsibility to the people.

The board reviewed the warrant and decided who will speak to each article at town meeting.

Menter made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faria to approve the public minutes of 02/26/2019 as written. The motion carried with Artimovich abstaining.

Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Faria for Mantegari to sign the Unifirst Contract declining the maintenance program. All were in favor.

Menter made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to sign the 2019 intent to excavate for Magnusson. All were in favor.

Menter made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to release the Difeo Bond per the recommendation of the town engineer and planning board. All were in favor.

Mantegari read a clarification on certification of an out of state officer. The council can approve to accept out of state or federal certifications. What this means is that an officer may receive a waiver from having to go to the NH full time academy. In lieu of the academy, they will need to complete the law package and physical. For further information, a recent rule change allows a new officer who has been granted PT&E (prior training and experience) to work as follows: Each newly appointed or sworn uncertified police, corrections, or probation/parole officer shall work only in the direct presence of a New Hampshire certified police, corrections, or probation/parole officer, as applicable, until such time as he or she shall satisfactorily complete the police, corrections, or probation/parole basic training program, except:

If the council, upon review of an uncertified officer's prior training and experience, grants certification based successful completion of a reciprocal certification process, and the officer has completed the agency's field training program, the uncertified officer may work under normal supervision pending completion of the reciprocal certification process.

Faria said he would object to any officer patrolling on their own prior to a physical. Clement said they would have to complete the physical agility test within 6 months or request an extension which may be granted for up to 2 years. Whitehouse asked if the board had waived the requirement for a physical agility test. Mantegari said not to his knowledge. Whitehouse said there may be instances where a waiver makes sense, he went on to say that his point is that he would hope that the chief would inform the board of all of the circumstances and the board could make the decision knowingly with all of the information.

Adam Veinotte said it is rumored that Captain Roy submitted his resignation. Mantegari said he does not have anything official.

Artimovich said the audio visual equipment will be installed on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. He went on to say that he was looking into Vimeo to livestream the meetings and post them on the website.

Thompson asked about the building committee for the highway department. Mantegari said that has not been formed.

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Faria said that he received a legal opinion on what constitutes a subcommittee. He said if he is at the town office and another selectmen stops by that is not a subcommittee. Artimovich said they are not making policy during those sessions.

Byrne said Roy has submitted to the chief that he is retiring. Artimovich said if there was a delay in that information being relayed to the board, the board would research why. Faria said he has spoken to the chief and there is a contingency plan in place. Veinotte asked if Faria had spoken to Arcieri before or after the rumored departures. Faria said before; it has been a week or two.

Faria made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Clement

WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT				
<b>DATE:</b>		<b>3/5/2019</b>		
<b>Citizens General Fund:</b>				
	Previous Balance:	25,700.38		
	Deposits:	65,052.55		
	Payroll:	27,027.71	DD: \$22740.03	CK: \$4287.68
	FICA:	6,806.98		
	to Impact Fees			
	A/P: Regular	\$218,704.78	Swasey: \$185,000	
	Trans to Rec			
	void checks			
	From MMA	180,000.00		
	TO MMA			
	Account Balance:	18,213.46		
	Interest Earned YTD:	6.38		
	CD's	3,000,000.00		
<b>MMA:</b>	Unrestricted Balance	775,362.70		
	Total Invested Funds:	3,775,362.70		
	Interest Earned YTD:	5,279.07		