

Minutes
SELECT BOARD
Monday, April 30, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Town Office, 32 Main Street

Select Board members present: Robert Baker; Bob Armstrong; John O'Rourke, Chair, Absent

Others present: Tom Hutcheson, Town Administrator; Lisa Turowsky, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Robert Baker called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes

- **On a motion from Robert Baker to approve the minutes of Monday, April 23, 2018, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Warrants

- **On a motion from Robert Baker to approve the vendor warrant of \$71,024.04; the payroll warrant of \$99,976.27; and the payroll deduction warrant of \$24,947.32, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Meetings Attended by Select Board Members

Bob Armstrong attended the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness meeting with DOEEA promoting the concepts involved in resiliency; Armstrong also attended the Sunderland Town Meeting to listen to the electricity aggregation discussion; aggregation passed in Sunderland. Armstrong went to an energy meeting in Colrain regarding aggregation and Green Communities ideas.

Citizens' concerns *None.*

Old Business *None.*

New Business

Set date for discussion of Boice Germain Scholarship applications:

The proposal to meet on May 10th was accepted but the time for the meeting wasn't set until it can be discussed with John O'Rourke.

- **On a motion from Robert Baker to set the day of the meeting to discuss Germain Scholarship applications for May 10th, time TBD, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

Item Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting *None.*

Town Administrator update

Committees

I have received a notice from the Conservation Commission that they now agree that reducing the number of members on the committee would be best. I have put that in a file for the next Town Meeting, whether annual or special.

Departments

I am pleased to report that the final cost for the oil spill came in about \$3,000 lower than what we had budgeted for, and we avoided an additional \$2,000 cost by getting the task completed within sixty days.

With the warrant you signed tonight, the Town has paid that, and also the cost of replacing the well at the Conway Grammar School.

We have received a written copy of an offer on Mr. Rose's property, so I will add consideration of the acquisition of real estate as an executive session item on next week's agenda.

I checked with the Highway Superintendent regarding the fountain on the triangle at the intersection of Shelburne Falls Road, Main Street, and Pine Hill Road. He says that he will see what can best be done, but that he believes that the problem is a drain that is intended to be below grade.

Town Meeting

We have given you copies of the motions and a slightly revised “sources and uses” chart. The only change to the chart is that there had been an extra \$550 in the bridge repair borrowing article, which represented finance charges for the Bond Anticipation Notes; the charge has been moved to account number 751, “Debt Service.” In the motions, the petitioned article on renewable energy has been changed to be a “resolution” and not a “by-law,” as it in fact is.

On the article for the ambulance equipment, I did not change the “no recommendation” of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee” to a “recommended,” which it was, unanimously. Dana Goodfield and I, and I’m sure the Ambulance Director, would appreciate this being mentioned when presenting the motion.

If the warrant article to extend the moratorium on commercial marijuana enterprises fails, the Planning Board has requested a special fall Town Meeting to consider their proposed by-law. In addition to that, we have the Conservation Commission request mentioned before to reduce their number, as well as having Town Meeting grant the Select Board the authority for negotiating a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) with the solar energy company NexAmp.

Concerns of the Selectmen

None.

Mail The Select Board received a certified letter from Greg Rose and a letter from Comcast regarding cable television franchise renewal.

Announcements

There’s a Pre-Town Meeting tonight.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

At 6:20 p.m., on a motion from Robert Baker to adjourn, seconded by Bob Armstrong, the vote was unanimous in favor.