



**Board of Selectmen Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES – Draft

Present: Selectmen: Jim Qualey, Bob Hamilton, Roberta Oeser, Finance Director Laurie May; Members of the Community: Sharon Rasku, Roni Hamilton, Debra Qualey

Absent: Michele Christian, Executive Secretary, Town Administrator Joe Byk

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman convened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen's announcements: Joe and Michele are both out sick tonight. Laurie May is helping to fill in. Roberta stated that the school deliberative session starts in a half an hour.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There was no citizen's forum.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

Changes to the Consent Agenda

Approval of:

- a) Payroll 2-7-19
- b) Accounts Payable 2-7-19

Roberta made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Jim.
Approved 3-0-0

a) Wellington Road follow-up:

Roberta stated that she was very embarrassed that no research had been done on the property before we put it on the warrant. There is an issue with Fish and Game and there may be a lien on the property. Roberta said that she doesn't know if federal funds were used. This information became available in October and there were three months to research this before putting it on the warrant. Bob said that this was brought to their attention by Jed. Roberta stated that the Town Administrator should have researched it before putting it on the warrant. Bob said that the Town Administrator went to Kirk Stenersen and he didn't find anything. Roberta stated that you have to do the research with the registry of deeds. Jim stated that the research will be done if the article is approved by the voters. If the article is not approved by the voters that is work that we don't have to do. Roberta said that all the information is available on-line and it should not have been put on the warrant unless we had the authority to sell it.

b) Warrant Article recommendations – follow-up

Roberta said that Jim had the statute in front of him when they were doing recommendations on the warrant articles and she did not realize that there is actually two statutes which are exactly the same. The town passed the statute that indicates they want the Selectmen to vote on warrant articles. Roberta did not understand why the BAC voted on every warrant article. The statute does not exclude non-budget articles. Jim read RSA 32:5, V(a). Jim stated that the law requires votes by the budget advisory committee and the governing body on all special warrant articles. It does not say that the governing body and the BAC are required to vote on all articles. Sharon Rasku, BAC Chair, said that she thought that if the article was monetary that they had to vote on it. The BAC can vote on all the monetary articles but it is not required. Roberta said that Jim doesn't want people to know what his opinion is, there were a few articles that he did not vote on. She believes that the voters want the selectmen's opinion on everything. Roberta stated that Jim has chosen not to give his opinion on certain warrant articles. Jim said that he has chosen not to vote on petition warrant articles which are not special warrant articles. Bob stated that there were only three articles that were passed over. Bob said that he has read the RSA's and the warrant article that was passed by the town and it does not say that we shall vote on all the warrant articles. It says we shall record all votes taken.

Roni Hamilton said that all warrant articles and petition articles have to go the DRA so if they approve them doesn't that mean they are okay? Jim said actually the DRA doesn't have the authority to change petition warrant articles and neither does the Board of Selectmen. The Board can only change minor typographical corrections. Roberta said that DRA only checks monetary articles.

2. New Business

a) Voter Guide

The Selectmen discussed and made changes to the wording of the articles and explanations in the Voter Guide.

3. Informational Items/Communications Updates

a) Committee Updates

The Town Gown Meeting will be one week after we normally do and President Moody will be at the meeting for the first time. Roberta said that she had hoped she would participate more.

Other business to come before the Board

Roberta stated that Laurie e-mailed her the Vadar and Vision support bills. We will have to have Vision into next year because of the transition. Laurie can pay Vadar quarterly. If the warrant article passes we can get people from Vadar here to give a demo. Laurie will check with Vadar on payment schedule.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim. Approved 3-0-0

Adjournment 7:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

**Michele Christian
Executive Secretary**