



**Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Town Office  
Wednesday, 1/22/2020  
6:00 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Selectmen: Bob Hamilton, Roberta Oeser, Karl Pruter, Town Administrator Sara Gravell, Finance Director Laurie May, Members of the community.

### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

**Selectmen's Announcements** – Bob requested the word 'illegal' be stricken from the agenda. He also reminded all of the upcoming election dates and a reminder that Deliberative Session is Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Citizen's Forum** – Craig Clark said that he had sent a request for the Chamber of Commerce send out a mailing regarding the bond providing the possibility of town-wide broadband. Roberta thought that if it is in the best interest of the Town to supply information and not endorsing, that according to the Secretary of State it is not 'electioneering' for the Town to send out a mailer. Ron Ossimo thanked the Board for obtaining the new defibrillator because it could save lives. Roni Hamilton asked if the Board was going to receive public input on the warrant articles. She asked about the three petition articles and if the Town's attorney's letter would be available to the public? The Board will make it available. Roberta suggested that one of the articles (on the roads) could be amended at Deliberative.

**Changes to the Consent Agenda:** None

- 1. Consent Agenda**
- 2. Approval of:**
  - **Payroll 1/23/2020**
  - **Accounts payable 1/23/2020**
  - **Minutes 12/18/2019, 1/13/2020, 1/15/2020**

Karl made a motion to approve the consent agenda as posted. Second by Roberta.  
Approved 3-0.

**Old Business:**

**Warrant Articles/Final language:** Before starting the discussion: Roberta said she hoped we could finalize the Warrant so that we could get back on a bi-weekly meeting schedule; Sharon Rasku wanted to clarify the BAC votes on the articles as one was incorrect on the draft warrant.

Roberta queried if the Board wanted to reorder the sequence of the articles before posting. Karl asked about the budget not being Article 2 as customary. Roberta explained that the bond and capital lease articles had to precede the budget. General discussion ensued about the warrant to be posted. Roberta suggested two additional articles: one regarding the BOS and the BAC to vote on all articles (not just the ones that are appropriations) and one to have the Tax Collector an appointed position. She explained her reasons for the Tax Collector as Carol is planning on retiring in her next term (if re-elected) and that the position should be made part-time and if appointed a qualified replacement could be hired and trained when Carol decides to retire. Kellen Geiger thought it unfair to do this. Jim Qualey thought the same. Charlie Eicher thought it would be easier if not at same time that the position is on the ballot. Discussion about how the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector positions both became full time. Roberta said she could not find where the positions were both made full time in the old Town Reports. Jim Qualey thinks it too late to add this article as two candidates have already signed up to run. Bob also thought it too late to add and that more information is needed. In discussion about the article about votes on all articles Bob didn't think it necessary as he didn't think the voters needed to be told how to vote and it has been the custom to record votes that are taken. Roberta said that many people want to know where the Board stands on issues as the Board will generally have more information about the articles. As there was not support, these suggested articles were not added to the Warrant.

Roberta made a motion to post Articles 2-16 to the Warrant as written. Second by Karl. Passed 3-0

Roberta made a motion for the Board to recommend Articles 2-10. Second by Karl. Passed 3-0

Roberta thought the Board should vote on recommending the other Articles, especially the one for the Optional Veteran's Credit as it has a financial impact. Craig Clark said that it is for those 100% disabled while serving in the military. Roberta thinks that it is excessive to double the existing credit. Karl thinks it may need to be amended. Jim Qualey said he personally doesn't need to have a BOS recommendation on the article.

**New Business:**

**Alarm Ordinance – Appeal Board:** Chief Anair has requested that an appeal board be in place before enforcing the ordinance on false alarms. Roberta said that Chief Donovan

has been enforcing for years without one as there have been no appeals. Roberta suggested the appeals board be the BOS. Bob read from the Ordinance that the appeal board could be appointed by the BOS or the Town Administrator. Town Administrator, Sara Gravell appointed the three selectmen as the appeals board. Roberta motioned for the BOS to accept the appointment by the Town Administrator as the Appeals Board for the Alarm Ordinance. Second by Karl. Passed 3-0. Bob explained what the parameters are for charging for 'false alarms' and the fact that false alarms have increased dramatically in the last year.

**Auction Property – Fire Department burn? 44 Twin Coves** (incorrectly posted as 22 Twin Coves on Agenda) This is a Town owned tax deeded property and is 'seasoned'. The Board discussed the condition of the camp on this property and the possibility of having it burned as a training exercise by the Fire Department. Roberta thought that it would sell for more if the camp was gone. Chief Donovan did take a look at the property and is interested in using it for training, but it needs to be checked for asbestos. Roberta motioned to authorize the Fire Department to have Map 49 Lot 14 inspected for asbestos and to have a training burn at the property. Second by Karl. Passed 3-0

**Intent to Cut – Map 9 Lots 18 & 21:** Karl motioned to approve the application for Map 9 Lots 18 & 21. Second by Roberta. Approved 3-0 (Note: it was later discovered that these lots are in 'unproductive forest' current use category and cannot be timber harvested)

**Informational items/Communications/Updates:**

Roberta gave an update on covering assessing. Karl reported that the Rec Department is increasing activities. He also mentioned they are looking for an alternative for delivery of meals for the Senior Dinner as the PD had several calls and the meals were not delivered in a timely manner.

**Update on ongoing Projects/TA:** Sara gave a brief update on the items the Board had encumbered funds for: the defibrillator has been delivered, the plow for the FD utility truck is installed. She also informed the Board that the addendum to the KRT contract for assessing services has been signed and she is presently working on the Voters' Guide.

Bob said that the next meeting for the Town Gown will be in February.

**Next Meeting: February 5, 2020**

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Karl, Second by Bob. Passed 3-0

Roberta Oeser