



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2022**

Present: Karl Pruter, Chair, Bob Hamilton and Marybeth Quill, Selectmen; Laurie May, Finance Director; Amanda Urmann, Secretary; and members of the public.

Public session opened at 6:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen announcements:

Bob announces that the Deliberative Session is going to be held on February 5, 2022 at 9am at Rindge Middle School. The “snow date” will be February 6, 2022 due to the snow date needing to be held before 5 days after the original date and Monday and Tuesday are school days and the middle school will not be available to use. The meeting will be broadcasted on Zoom but it is to be noted that if you are viewing through Zoom, you will not be able to participate.

Citizens’ forum:

Ronnie Hamilton asked if the petition warrant articles and Judy Unger-Clark’s ordinance was sent to Town Council. Karl said they were sent to the Town Clerk, and Laurie May said they were not sent to Town Council. They were sent to the DRA.

Roberta Oeser mentioned that there will be no POOR Meat Raffle this year due to high counts in the school and not enough volunteers to run it. She also mentioned the November minutes not being posted and for Tuesday morning meetings, which were done for approving department head payroll and the bills the TA usually approved and she wanted to know how this was getting done and mentioned how there needs to be two different sets of eyes, meaning two different entities, to do this. Karl was designated to be the one to do this due to the other selectmen not having the availability on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Phil Motta asked when the Town Administrator will be returning and Karl said 2 weeks from Monday. It was also mentioned Deb Douglas will be returning next week.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of:
 - Minutes 11/18/2022, 1/19/2022
 - Payroll 1/27/2022
 - Accounts payable 1/13/2022. 1/27/2022

Consent Agenda will not be approved at this meeting due to a new system that is still being adjusted to. Minutes to also be postponed to be approved.

2. Old Business

a) Finalize Warrant Articles

Article 2: Budget

Operating Budget to be \$4,698,349

Default Budget to be \$4,581,835

Bob motioned to post Warrant Article 2. Karl 2nd 3-0-0

Karl motioned to recommend Warrant Article 2. Bob 2nd. 3-0-0

Article 3: Fire Rescue 3rd Payment

\$55,011.17 to be change to \$55,011

Bob motioned to post Warrant Article 3 with the amended change. Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

Bob motioned to recommend Article 3. Karl 2nd. 3-0-0

Article 4: Engine One 5th Payment

Bob motioned to post Warrant Article 4. Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

Bob motioned to recommend Article 4. Karl 2nd. 3-0-0

Article 5: Capital Reserve Fun – Highway Equipment

Bob motioned to post Warrant Article 5. Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

Bob motioned to recommend Article 5. Karl 2nd. 3-0-0

Article 6: Cemetery

Bob motioned to post Warrant Article 6. Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

Bob motioned to recommend Article 6. Karl 2nd. 3-0-0

Article 7 and 8: Body Cameras and Police Feasibility Study

Bob motioned to not post Article 7 and 8. Marybeth 2nd. 2-1-0

Articles 9, 10, 11: Meeting House Maintenance Expendable Trust (9), Ingalls Library Capital Reserve (10), Cyclical Revaluation (11)

Bob motioned to post Articles 9, 10, and 11. Karl 2nd. 3-0-0

Bob motioned to recommend Articles 9, 10, and 11. Karl 2nd. 3-0-0

Article 15 to be changed to Article 10. (10th Police Officer)

Bob motioned to post Article 10. Karl 2nd. 3-0-0

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. 1-2-0

Due to original Articles 7 and 8 being removed, Articles 9, 10, 11 to be changed to Article numbers 7, 8, 9. The remaining Articles to be re-numbered as appropriate.

Karl motions to post the new Article numbers 11 through 15. Bob 2nd. 3-0-0

b) KRT Settlement Recommendations

Karl motioned to table recommendations until clarification from KRT on the settlements. Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

3. New Business

a. Safer Grant for additional fire fighter(s)

Fire Chief Rick Donovan spoke about this grant. He explained there would be no cost to the town in applying for this grant but it would benefit the fire department greatly if they were eligible.

Bob motioned to allow to apply for the Safer Grant, Marybeth 2nd. 3-0-0

b. Grants and Donations

Bob mentioned the Roy A Hunt Foundation Grant that was received and then there was a matching check that went to something else. There is some confusion on this Grant and it is needed to be figured out to continue this topic.

Bob also mentioned that the checks for these donations and grants are deposited and it appears that we have accepted the money when it hasn't necessarily been accepted. He said that these checks should be put with the Town Clerk until the board of selectmen have accepted them on behalf of the town so that there is no confusion about whether the monies have been accepted or not.

c. Who will be presenting the Warrant Articles at Deliberative Session?

Article 1: Charlie Eicher

Article 2: Karl Pruter/Laurie May

Article 3: Bob Hamilton

Article 4: Marybeth Quill

Article 5: Karl Pruter

Article 6: Bob Hamilton

Article 7: Marybeth Quill

Article 8: Karl Pruter

Article 9: Bob Hamilton

4. Informational Items/Communications/Updates

Bob mentions the Deliberative Meeting again on February 5th.

There was a house bill that was passed last year- house bill #108 that affects RSA 91A that takes effect January 1, 2022. It states that there now has to be a list of certain things, like the date of non-public meetings and time of these meetings, the board, the RSA exemption number, the date they were sealed, etc. It doesn't mention who should be keeping this list but it should be kept with the Town Clerk and the Executive Secretary so it's available for when someone asks to see it.

5. Any other official business to come before the board.

Roberta Oeser mentions that the assessor's database still says it hasn't been updated since August. This will be another topic to bring up to KRT/Avitar.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Urmann
Executive Secretary