

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
January 11, 2022
MINUTES

PRESENT: Shawn Talbot, Chair; Bert Hamill and Jason Somero Selectmen
Susan Mallett

Also attending in audience: Alan Doyle, Peter Goewey

Open Meeting in the Town Office with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00

Budget review Continues:

Article 2 – Note the written amounts are wrong but the numbers for default budget is right, to be corrected.

Article 6 – Some discussion but nothing changed. Shawn and Jason agree on the \$75K but Bert is not in agreement (he wanted it raised)

Article 9 – Shawn suggests leaving the amount as it based on requests and last year budget amounts
Alan suggest give no money, and let the Welfare Officer assign amounts as she sees fit.
Agreement that the Welfare Officer should have a say in what the amounts are.

Article 12 – Bert MOVED to accept Article 12, Jason SECONDED, all were in agreement.

Article 13 – Bert MOVED to accept Article 13, Jason SECONDED, all were in agreement.

Article 14 – Bert MOVED to accept Article 14, Jason SECONDED, all were in agreement.

Article 15 – Bert MOVED to accept Article 15, Jason SECONDED, all were in agreement.

However the Board would like to try and make it clearer

Article 16 – Shawn doesn't feel this belongs in the warrant any further, Jason would like to add wording "funds to be expended by voter approval only" (for Police Station). Bert MOTION to approve Article 16 as written and amended.

Article 17 – Bob Boynton reviewed wording and approves. Bert MOTIONS to approve Article 17, Jason SECONDED, All approve.

Article 18 – RSA says money can't go to the General Fund. Bert would like to see Comcast contract and RSA. Jason MOTIONS to accept Article 18, Shawn SECONDS, Bert is against this Article.

Discussed Bert's referendum question regarding the Police Station. Mr. Doyle presented the Master Plan, it notes town people prefer less taxes over business and services. Much discussion on the Police Station Warrant vs. Referendum. Jason MOTIONED to delete Article 16, Shawn SECONDED, Bert Abstained

At 7:00 Shawn made a MOTION to open the **PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET**, Bert SECONDED, all in favor.
In audience are Brian Somero, Alan Doyle, Peter Goewey, and Roger Somero.

Shawn read each Article, no issue with Articles except as noted below:

Article 6 Brian Somero noted he has an issue with Capital Reserve amounts and feels they've gone up too much.

Article 16 for Police station will be removed

Article 17 becomes 16 and Article 18 becomes 17

Shawn MOTIONS to close **PUBLIC HEARING**, Bert SECONDED, all were in favor.

OLD / NEW Business:

Bert swung by 445 Turnpike Road. Shawn asked Rick to send the notes he was going to send to Scott B.

Rabies Clinic – Jason noted there is an upcoming rabies clinic. However, he is opposed to the mask requirement. There was some discussion of what the Animal Hospital requires, ie tables, signs, etc.

Shawn informed Jason they approved the Fire Dept. CDL test reimbursement at last meeting, with the stipulation that the test is passed.

Peter suggests if we reimburse for the CDL, we should random drug test like the Highway Department is. Roger questioned if medical card would be required.

Shawn will talk with Meredith for clarification on these questions.

Bert noted Congress issued final rules for AARPA funds.

Susan submitted the new Building Permit Fee Schedule from Rick for approval.

At 8:30 pm MOTION to adjourn, was made by Bert, SECONDED by Shawn, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Mallett, Land Admin

Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman:

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Jason Somero:

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Bert Hamill:

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