

Selectmen Meeting
Monday, January 20, 2014

Present: Chairman Darcy; Selectmen Ebbighausen; Gallagher; Morel; Rideout; and TA Collins

Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Morel made a motion to approve the water budget with revisions in the amount of \$469,794, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to tentatively approve the municipal pool budget in the amount of \$29,664 on the condition that the date of the defibrillator is checked and does not need to be replaced, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve Article 6 - Purchase of Backhoe in the amount of \$83,000, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to Table Article 7 - \$80,000 for repairs to the 1999 Pumper Truck and to have Chief Matuszewski come to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this article, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to Table Article 8 - \$80,000 for Fire Apparatus Fund and to have Chief Matuszewski come to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this article, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve Article 9 – to enter into a lease in the amount of \$72,000 for 2 Ford Interceptor Utility Police Vehicles, second by Ebbighausen. Discussion: Place a second warrant article on the warrant in case this article fails. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to Table Article 11 - \$60,000 for the Highway Capital Equipment Fund and to have Supt. Podlenski come to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this article, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve Article 11 - \$50,000 for Monument Road Reconstruction Fund and to add a sentence that the article will be passed over if Article 2 passes, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve Article 12 – Resurfacing Tennis Courts in the amount of \$18,000, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel made a motion to approve Article 13 - \$16,000 for the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to table Article 14 - \$15,500 for transit service until they can get information on the rider ship, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve Article 15 - \$5,000 to the Community Center Building Improvement Fund from the fund balance of 2013, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on wording for Article 16 took place. Selectman Morel made a motion to approve Article 16 – Set Salary in lieu of fees for Town Clerk with changes, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on wording for Article 17 took place. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve Article 17 – Elderly Exemption from property tax for a resident 65 years of age to 74 with changes, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on wording for Article 18 took place. Selectman Morel made a motion to approve Article 18 – Elderly Exemption from property tax for a resident 75 years of age to 79 with changes, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on wording for Article 19 took place. Selectman Morel made a motion to approve Article 19 – Disabled Exemption with changes, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on wording for Article 20 took place. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve Article 20 – Veteran’s Tax Credits with changes, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on wording for Article 21 took place. Selectman Morel made a motion to approve Article 21 – Deaf Exemption with changes, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

The Chairman stated the articles that are table until next week.

Article 2 – Monument Road Phase II was discussed. Selectmen Rideout made a motion to approve Article 2 - \$1,416,687 to be bonded for the reconstruction of Phase II Monument Road, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectmen Morel pointed out to the members of the budget committee that were present, the budget committee should discuss having an article to reduce the members of the committee, if they desire to do so.

Selectmen Morel pointed out the two warrant articles ratifying the acceptance of the COPS grant for the SRO should be on the warrant.

Selectmen Ebbighausen made a motion to approve the estimated revenues for 2014-2015, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to sign the lien release for Southwest Community Services Main Street properties, second by Rideout. Discussion: The liens were placed on the property in 1997 & 1998 to insure federal compliance with CDBG funding for the rehabilitation of the property. Federal compliance and CDFA has approved the release of the liens. Motion passes unanimously.

7:33 p.m. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to adjourn, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator