

Selectmen Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2021

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio; Selectmen Carrier; Johnson; Kondrat and TA Collins.

Participants via zoom: Selectman Carrier.

Selectman Rideout excused.

6:00 p.m. Call to Order

Kondrat made a **motion to approve** the Public & Non-Public Minutes of January 11, 2021, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

Budget Committee joined the meeting.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen that they have the agency requests; draft warrant articles; revenues; public hearing handout; and informed the board of the filing dates for offices.

There was a discussion on the warrant articles. It was explained that the Department Heads make the request for items to be placed on the warrant. Items will also be included in the Capital Improvement Plan submitted by Department Heads.

The Selectmen reviewed the agency requests in the amount of \$53,760. The Selectmen would like to have the agency requests scanned and sent to them.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft public hearing handout.

Warrant Articles Discussed:

Article #11 and Article #13 – discussion took place whether to purchase or lease. It was pointed out that Article #11 should have the wording included to have the sum come from the year-end unassigned fund balance. Collins will add the wording. Different scenarios will be presented to the Selectmen on Monday evening for review and approval.

Article #14 - \$15,000 for an expendable trust fund for rail trail improvements. A joint application between Hinsdale & Winchester will be submitted to the Norther Borders Grant in May. There is a grant match requirement. Both Hinsdale and Winchester will be raising \$30,000.

Article #10 - \$60,000 for purchasing radios for the fire department. A breakdown of the number of radios and cost was requested.

A request was made for expendable trust balances for the Fire Station and various town buildings.

Article #18 – upgrading the Pine Grove Cemetery Drive in the amount of \$9,625. Frank Podlenski prepared the estimate and this is the cost for materials for the job to be performed by the Highway Dept.

Article #19 – purchase a commercial mower for the cemetery in the amount of \$6,400. Copies of the bids were requested.

The Selectmen will meet on Monday 25, 2021 for a public hearing on the petition to accept the boat landing as a Class V Road and proposed improvements that will take place. The Selectmen will vote on the warrant articles.

Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on the Town Hall on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with an additional date of Thursday, February 4, 2021 if needed.

Kondrat wanted to make sure that security measures are in place for Wednesday due to current events taking place. Collins and Chief Rataj assured the Selectmen that the PD will be vigilant. The offices will be closed to the public that day.

The donation of the router by James MacDonell will be installed by Rick.

Discussion took place regarding the Assistant Program Director salary line being dropped from the budget. This will need to be reviewed in order to see if the budget should be increased to accommodate the position.

The Chief discussed the need to have an ordinance that limits commercial plates for agricultural purposes. He will work on a draft of the ordinance. He also discussed the reduction of police staff on other PD Departments in the evening hours due to downsizing hours. The Chief will work on an on-call proposal for back-up officers on our department.

8:04 p.m. Carrier made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins
Town Administrator