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Town of Grantham

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2019

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:05am on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, by Chairman Kimball. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; and Pavel Zagadailov

NEW BUSINESS

Town Administrator: Town Administrator White informed that the language in Warrant Article 2, Land Purchase (Sawyer Brook Headwaters), needed to be revised because they have to gross appropriate. She revised it to read ". . . to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$515,000) for the purchase of . . . Two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) to be raised from state, federal, and private funding sources." She explained that the overall amount did not change, nor did the subject matter of the warrant article. It was just a matter of gross appropriating. The Selectmen reviewed the changes and signed the revised 2019 Town Meeting Warrant and Budget.

White informed that she finalized the 2019 MS 636 which is the proposed budget of the Town. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the 2019 MS 636.

Selectman Jones asked White how the Highway Department was doing. White said they have been busy with the recent storms and Road Agent Hastings went to the Recreation Park on Saturday morning at 4:30am to get it prepared for the Sled Dog Race.

NON-PUBLIC

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II-e, a motion was made by Selectman Garland and seconded by Selectman Jones to enter into a Non-Public session at 8:14am. Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; and Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper

Roll Call vote to enter non-public session: Chairman Warren Kimball – Yes; Selectman Constance Jones – Yes; Selectman Peter Garland – Yes

A motion to leave Non-Public session and return to Public Session at 8:36am was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Garland. **Unanimously approved.**

A motion to seal the minutes of this non-public session was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Garland. **Unanimously approved.**

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White reported that a resident called Town Clerk/Tax Collector Ken Story to express how unhappy he was that the town is not yet taking credit cards for payment of property taxes even though the Selectmen approved it. Story tried to explain that there is a process involved to put it in place that involves paperwork and takes a little time. Sheridan Brown explained, after having worked on the legal side on some of those contracts, that it is more complex than people realize because you don't want anybody with access to town funds other than your Treasurer and they usually have something in there where they need access to some sort of account for reversals in case there is a chargeback or whatever if someone's card doesn't go through. Those things need to be ironed out because the way a town handles those issues is a lot different than how a regular business would handle them. White added that when this is finalized, any fee applied by the vendor will be passed on to the end user as a service charge which is a requirement of the statute.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Garland; *by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 8:42am.*

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2018** at 5:00pm in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Jasper
Administrative Assistant