

APPROVED FEBRUARY 13, 2018



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2018
6:00 PM**

Attendance: Chairman Ronald Frederick, Vice Chairman James Lyman, Selectman Matthew Everett, Charlotte Curtis and Joshua Chartrand. Town Manager Richard LaBelle, Office Clerk Sharon Dodge, Bookkeeper Peter Lyman, Fire Chief David Jones, Fire Captain Todd Pineo, Fire Captain Steve Ireland, Fire Lieutenant Jeff Jones, Joseph Viles, James Hilton, Kerri Everett, and Sharon Sagat-Stover, and Crystal Veilleux.

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Frederick.

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Review/Approve Minutes of January 3, 2018

Selectman Lyman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed.

4. Discussion/Action on Fire Department Budget Proposals

The Board had a discussion regarding the budget request for a new fire truck. Members of the fire department spoke in support of the full funding request. There was discussion related to timing, as well as potential sources of funding.

There was discussion regarding a joint committee composed of the Board of Selectmen and representatives of the Fire Department in order to develop and maintain a 10-15 year capital plan.

Selectman Everett made a motion to warrant an article for the appropriation of up to \$350,000.00 for the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department; \$100,000.00 to be appropriated from the Fire Equipment Capital Account and \$250,000.00 appropriated from the Undesignated Fund. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed 4-1, Selectman Chartrand opposed.

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Selectman Curtis made a motion to recommend Board approval of the Fire Truck Appropriation article. Seconded by Selectman Everett. Motion Passed. 4-1, Selectman Chartrand opposed.

5. Selectmen's Reports

No Report

6. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

7. Discussion/Action to Approve January 17, 2018 Warrants

- a. 2017 General Warrant #26 (accrued expenses)
Selectman Lyman made a motion to approve 2017 General Warrant #26 in the amount of \$80,683.68. Seconded by Selectman Chartrand. Motion Passed.
- b. 2018 General Warrant #2
Selectman Everett made a motion to approve 2018 General Warrant #2 in the amount of \$170,257.61. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed 4-1, Selectman Lyman opposed.
- c. 2018 Airport Warrant #1
Selectman Lyman made a motion to approve 2018 Airport Warrant #1 in the amount of \$17,924.37. Seconded by Selectman Chartrand. Motion Passed.

8. Discussion/Action on January 17, 2018 Sewer Commitment (\$16,909.10)

Selectman Curtis made a motion to sign the January 17, 2018 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$16,909.10. Seconded by Selectman Everett. Motion Passed

9. Other Business

Selectman Lyman spoke regarding the 35 mph speed limit recommended by MaineDOT for Ward Hill Road. The Board has requested an appeal of the speed limit, but Selectman Lyman states that he still has concerns. He is requesting that the Town Manager get an estimate on striping Ward Hill Road.

Chairman Frederick shared similar safety concerns about a lack of striping. He requests a price quote for striping Frederick Corner Road, at the intersection of Route 2.

Selectman Lyman made a motion to add 2017 Contingency Expenses to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed.

Selectman Lyman made a motion to expend \$23.00 from Contingency to offset 2017 expenses for the Unclassified Accounts. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed.

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Selectman Lyman made a motion to add consideration of automatic foreclosure waivers to the agenda, pursuant to Town Meeting Article 39. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed.

Selectman Curtis made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosure on Real Estate account 2276, in the event of non-payment of taxes prior to February 2, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Lyman. Motion Passed.

Selectman Lyman made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosure on Real Estate account 902, in the event of non-payment of taxes prior to February 2, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed.

Selectman Curtis made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosure on Real Estate account 1479, in the event of non-payment of taxes prior to February 2, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Lyman. Motion Passed.

Selectman Lyman made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosure on Real Estate account 1151, in the event of non-payment of taxes prior to February 2, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed.

Selectman Lyman made a motion to add consideration of writing off taxes as uncollectible to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed.

Selectman Curtis made a motion to write off taxes committed to Rhonda Watson, Real Estate account 2103, as uncollectable. Seconded by Selectman Lyman. Motion Passed.

Selectman Curtis made a motion to write off taxes committed to Jean Brown, Real Estate account 233, as uncollectable. Seconded by Selectman Lyman. Motion Passed.

10. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)

Resident Joseph Viles asked how Selectmen plan to list the Budget Committee's recommendation on the fire truck appropriation article within the Town Meeting Warrant. The Town Manager states that the Budget Committee is an elected body that operates independently of the Board. The Town Manager will contact the committee chair to determine whether or not she would like to convene another meeting to reconsider the recommendation. Unless another meeting is convened, the recommendation will stand and will be listed in the Town Meeting Warrant.

11. Discussion/Action on \$2,500 Eastman Charitable Foundation library grant

Selectman Curtis made a motion to accept the Library Grant from the Eastman Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00. Seconded by Selectman Lyman. Motion Passed.

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12. Discussion/Action on Town Report Cover

Selectman Curtis made a motion to approve the cover for the 2017 Town Report, which includes a collage of new gateway signs. Seconded by Selectman Chartrand. Motion Passed.

13. Discussion/Action on Board Report for Town Report

Selectman Curtis made a motion to approve the Board's Report for the 2017 Town Report. Seconded by Selectman Everett. Motion Passed.

14. Discussion/Action on 2018 Budget

Selectman Curtis made a motion to sign that Town Meeting Warrant after the Budget Committee finalizes recommendations, should there be any final adjustments. Seconded by Selectman Everett. Motion Passed.

15. Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Records, consideration of hardship/poverty abatement request, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F)

Selectman Curtis made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) at 7:33 PM. Seconded by Selectman Everett. Motion Passed.

Selectman Lyman made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. Motion Passed.

Selectman Lyman made a motion to deny the poverty abatement on Real Estate account 526. Seconded by Selectman Chartrand. Motion Passed 4-1, Selectman Curtis opposed.

Selectman Lyman made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosure on Real Estate account 526. Seconded by Selectman Chartrand. Motion Passed.

16. Adjournment

Selectman Curtis made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Seconded by Selectman Everett. Motion Passed.