

## **Selectboard Meeting February 27, 2019**

### **MINUTES**

Members present: John Freitag, Lauri Berkenkamp, Brian Johnson. Toni Pippy and Kate Siepmann were absent.

Others present: Lisa Bragg, Gil Robertson, Jennifer Brown, John Hawkins  
Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### **Citizens Concerns**

No citizens' concerns were presented to the board.

#### **Road and Highway Report**

Brian reported that the heating units in the town garage have been cleaned  
FY21 transportation capital projects prioritization (from TRORC). Brian will talk with road crew foreman to determine projects to put forward to the Transportation Advisory Group for consideration to be put on the list.

Estimate on bridge work: Miller Cranes gave an estimate on spot repairs and repainting bridges on the Brook Road and Tyson Road. The estimate for each bridge was over \$100,000. This is not in the budget for FY19. The board will talk with Ed Hathaway at the EPA due to the extensive traffic of their trucks over the bridge.

Plowing and sanding contracted services costs to date due to vacancy: Town spent more than \$7,000 in January and has not yet received bills for February. It was noted that this has been a difficult winter, with many storms. The board appreciates the hard work of the road crew in maintaining the roads under such challenging conditions.

#### **Approve Minutes of February 13**

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of February 13. Board approved minutes.

#### **Correspondence**

Email from Carol Bushway re: Route 132. Board acknowledged receipt of email.

Northern Border Regional Development Commission Economic and Community Development Forum. Board acknowledged receipt of email.

Email from George Spaneas to Regina Gioia and forwarded to the board re: condition of roads. Board acknowledged receipt of email.

#### **Small Endowments—Move to Trustee of Public Funds**

John Hawkins, one of the Trustees of Public Funds, attended the meeting at the request of the board to discuss moving small endowments under the direction of the trustees. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the trustees of public funds' recommendations to transfer all funds with the exception of one that is explicitly stipulated to stay under the control

of the board. Disbursement of money generated by these funds will remain under control of the selectboard—or in the case of funds regarding cemeteries—by the Cemetery Commission.

**Pre-Town Meeting prep**

Pre-town meeting will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019, at Barrett Hall at 6 p.m. Town business will be first; school board business will be second.

**VCRD dinner**

Kate and Toni attended the first event. They will report back at the next meeting.

**Financial**

2019 Budget: Due to the many ice storms, the town has spent 45% of the salt budget for 2019 in January and February.

Tax sales: there were two bidders so the town didn't have to bid. The amount of delinquent taxes is down to approximately \$50,000.

**Other**

Hug right of way, notice of hearings postings. Letters went out to abutters and notices have been posted.

Local Government Day in the legislature update: Brian and John attended. Seventeen people spoke and the room was full of local officials. John spoke in front of the group regarding funding for local highways.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Berkenkamp  
Recording Clerk