

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes

Date: April 3, 2019

Members Present: Mark Haines and Mike McCallum

Time: 6:33 p.m.

Lucas from Anne Gobi's office discussed \$6 million for Public Safety Building.

- 2) Motion to enter into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with Fire Chief and will reconvene in Open Session.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Mark Haines                      Vote: MH/MH - Aye

Janet Flinkstrom arrived at 6:42 p.m.

Returned to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

- 3) Selectmen approve minutes of March 20, 2019 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom                      Vote: Unan

- 4) Warrant #W19-20P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$58,692.33, subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom                      Vote: Unan

- 5) Warrant #W19-19 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$123,011.08, subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom                      Vote: Unan

- 6) Selectmen approve and Chairman signs on Comstar Non-contractual Write-offs 7/30/18 thru 9/18/18 as approved by the Fire Chief.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom                      Vote: Unan

- 7) Selectmen Re-appoint Joe Mazzola as Veterans' Agent for a one-year term ending April 30, 2020.

Motion: Mike McCallum                      Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom                      Vote: Unan

Selectmen to review and approve warrant articles on the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants:

Kevin Stetson objected to Selectmen having the Warrant Articles before the Finance Committee. MM explained that the Board of Selectmen just got them tonight for the first time also. Also upset Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator were told to take the night off by Mike McCallum. Mark Hanes reminded Mr. Stetson "he is the Chairman and that they needed to follow the agenda".

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Question asked about Recycling Center once being called Enterprise Fund. Lillian Whitney spoke on Free Cash amounts and what this has been used for. Finance Committee member spoke on the Petition Warrant Article submitted by Lillian Whitney being non-viable, possibly illegal and the Finance Committee cannot vote on it. LW was asked to remove her Petition Warrant Article.

LW defended her Petition Warrant Article. It was explained to her that it was an illegal petition. KS told LW her figures are “absolutely wrong” and tried to explain this to her. LW asked why we pay a lawyer to come to Town meeting.

Other articles were briefly explained by the Board. All articles will go to Town Counsel to be looked over. Article 21 was talked about. Who put this article on warrant?

MM stated he did. Discussion with Finance Committee members and Selectmen talked about this.

Request to read Article 21 out loud - was read by KS. He also objected to the fact he was told by the Town Administrator that he could not submit warrant articles. Issue of quorum at Finance Committee was discussed.

Nancy Chew, Town Moderator was asked to speak on a couple of issues. She stated that she meets with Town Counsel at the beginning of every Town Meeting & if a warrant article is illegal she will be made aware.

Joint meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss FY20 Budget: Budget was projected on screen. Several cuts have been made to various department requests. Presentation was narrated by MM and various line item figures were explained. Kevin Stetson made some suggestions on removing some requests from different departments. MM explained what the Overlay Surplus and Overlay Expenses are. KS commented “you people need to go”.

Donna went home at 8:59 p.m. and Janet took over taking minutes.

KS asked why we don’t get a bond rating. We have to pay the schools, County Retirement and Insurance. Audience member asked the Selectmen Chairman to stop Finance Committee Members outbursts. Mark threatened to stop the meeting if KS did not calm down.

Kevin Stetson left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Several more line items in the budget were gone over and explained to the Finance Committee. BOS and FinCom decided to have another joint meeting April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Broadcast Technicians were asked to be available to it could be broadcasted again on TV even though it is an off week for the Selectmen.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

Town Administrator’s Report: Read by JF and available on Ashby Website.

Public Comments:

8) Motion to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

Motion: Mark Haines

Seconded: Mike McCallum

Vote: Unan

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: \_\_\_\_\_