

Selectboard Water & Sewer Commissioners, Liquor Commissioners, Cemetery Commissioners

Friday, January 14th -- 7:00 P.M. Agenda

Zoom meeting Link <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/84621897101>

Phone: 1 929 205 6099 | Meeting ID: 846 21897 101

approved Minutes

Members Present: Glen Traverse, Chairman Chris Cole, Jeff Sheldon, Carol Egan, Rod Holzworth arrived at 7:24 P.M.

Others Present: Town Manager Joe Gunter, Recording Secretary Claire Stanley, Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (DPW) Aaron Kerber, Nate Saxon (DPW)

Call to Order: Chairman Chris Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Five Minutes for Public Comment: None

Approval of Warning: Manager Gunter stated that Town Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Haven Grade School Library on February 28, 2022

The 2022-23 Budget total is \$2,378,656.00- **\$1,861,056.00 to be raised by taxes** - an increase of 3.65%

There are 25 Articles for vote at 10:00 a.m. on February 1, 2022 at the Legion Hall.

Members briefly discussed the added \$50,000 additional road paving allocation; Mr. Traverse said the Town amply supports the library and is disappointed in the \$2500+ request increase. The Rescue Squad appropriation request is increased by \$2,671. Mr. Sheldon **made a motion to add \$7,000 to the budget to paint the Park Fence;** seconded by Ms. Egan. The motion failed with Mr. Traverse and Chairman Cole dissenting. Mr. Sheldon **made a motion to approve the Warning as presented;** seconded by Mr. Traverse and passed

Manager Gunter stated the **Voters Guide** is similar to last year's noting there is a blurb after each Article with a brief explanation; both Local Option Tax Articles require the same vote to be valid; there has been one inquiry re: authorizing cannabis retail sales. Mr. Traverse **made a motion to approve the Voters Guide with the changes discussed;** seconded by Ms. Egan and passed.

Truck Trade Discussion: Copies of the Capital Plan and a payment schedule for the truck trade were made available to members. DPW Supt. Kerber stated he is looking to trade the 2015 International truck (trade value \$45,000) for a 2022 Freightliner {fully equipped} cost after trade

is \$158,417. Lengthy discussion followed including: high cost of current repair; cost of down time; down time causing disruption of work scheduling; capabilities of each machine -- what each machine can do; Manager Gunter stated the community cannot be served if equipment is not reliable. Members reviewed the payment schedule and Mr. Traverse noted he feels we are rushing; would like the decision pushed out; is this the truck needed. Mr. Kerber stated this is the truck he would be requesting even if it had not been available in this way. Ms. Egan stated, taking Mr. Kerber at his word, and trusting that the presentation is truthful, she reluctantly approves the trade. Manager Gunter said by delaying, there are cost increases, delivery delays and more repair costs. Mr. Sheldon stated he had sticker shock, did not realize the new truck cost would be so high. Mr. Kerber stated he understands that repairs are cheaper than payment -- in the meantime he has a truck not doing its job. Mr. Sheldon said he would rather purchase at a regular meeting; Mr. Holzworth said, what if the budget does not pass; a new Board will come on after Town Meeting. Mr. Traverse said to come back after Town Meeting to the new Board. Manager Gunter said it seems the Capital Plan changes all the time.

Mr. Traverse moved to **adjourn** at 7:50; seconded by Mr. Holzworth and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire L. Stanley

Jeff Sheldon, Board Clerk