

Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6:42 PM

Attendees:

John Arico - Chairman Pro-Tem
Laurie Brown - Selectboard secretary
Tim Berry - Selectboard's Representative
Bill McKinney - Member
Steve O'Keefe - School Board Representative
Scott Heinlein - Member
Jason Johnson- Member

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by John Arico

Review of the Budget

Police department is asking for a fourth full-time officer and a new cruiser.

Library is asking for an increase in salaries and also to be paid for previously un-billed hours.

Possible warrant articles:

New firetruck for the fire department - or add to capital reserve fund;
Radar speed signs for the police department.

What is the increase in Land View Management for? Spraying for invasive species.

Heritage Commission:

Wants \$10,000 added to their fund and \$2,500 for a historical resource survey plus \$3,000 for dues, training, advertising, and supplies.

Reappraisal of property: Increase is due to 2019 was a cyclical review year. Expected final number to be between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

What are the areas of concern from the selectmen: Raises for the library and full-time police officer. Selectmen recommend that the library spread their raises over two years. Selectmen support the new cruiser but haven't decided on the new officer.

Town Center Improvements - Tree in front of the Town Hall is rotting.

Department heads the committee would like to interview:

Police Chief
Library
Fire Department
Heritage Commission
Patriotic Purposes
Department of Public Works

Schedule:

Report due first week in February
Selectmen's hearing on the budget - 2nd week in February

Election of a Chairman:

Bill McKinney moves that John Arico be nominated.

Seconded by Jason.

John Arico voted in unanimously.

Bill McKinney moves to use the following operating rules:

1. 1.All meetings will be open to the public and posted in three locations in the town at least 24 hours in advance.
2. 2.Discussion during meetings will generally be free-flowing, but, when necessary for formalities, Robert's Rules of Order will be used.
3. 3.At least three of the appointed members must be present in order to generate a quorum for a valid meeting.
4. 4.All relevant discussion regarding the town budget and warrant articles must be done at a valid Budget Committee meeting. However, discussions entailing meeting schedules and location and adding items to the agenda may be conducted outside of a public meeting.
5. 5.Only the members appointed by the Town Moderator may have a vote. The Selectboard's representative and the school board representative shall not have a vote.

Seconded by Jason

Rules are adopted.

Meeting schedule:

Tuesday, January 7th

Wednesday the 8th

Wednesday the 15th

Tuesday the 21st

Wednesday the 22nd

Any other business:

Motion to adjourn: Scott

Bill seconds

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM