

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance were Selectmen Jack Esposito and Kim Roberge.

Board reviewed the minutes of 1/28. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes as amended. All in favor.
Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

Roberge stated that she had a problem with the budget committee knowing that the other 2 members of the Board had discussed increasing the hours of the part-time assistant before she knew of it. (She was absent at the meeting on January 14th when it was discussed briefly.)

Quinlan responded that the Board had been discussing it for months.

Roberge said she was aware, but that the Board had decided not to increase the hours.

Quinlan said that the matter was tabled, and that is different.

Roberge feels very strongly that the Budget Committee shouldn't have known about the discussion on the 14th before she heard of it on the 21st.

Brown stated that the Board had agreed to give the Budget Committee a heads-up that there would be discussion at the Board meeting on the 21st and probably a vote.

Esposito said that they could have voted on it on the 14th, but deferred until the 21st when Roberge could be there. It has always been the policy of the Board that if a Board member is absent, any important activity is deferred until the full Board is present.

Roberge said that she is ok with disagreements, but not with things not being done the correct way. The discussion did not show in the minutes of the 14th.

Quinlan said that it must be an oversight in the minutes.

Roberge also took exception over not being in on the process of choosing a Town Report cover, which also happened sometime on the 14th – also not in the minutes.

Quinlan said that we give Brown lots of latitude on what is important enough to make it in the minutes, do you want to change the nature of how the minutes are captured?

Roberge said not necessarily, but I feel like I'm being left out of things. I want detailed agendas and detailed minutes.

Brown said that she would purchase a recorder.

Roberge said she is not looking for the minutes to be verbatim, but things that are important to her may not be what is important to me.

Quinlan said to Roberge that she can't have it both ways.

Roberge said that she had egg on her face in front of the Budget Committee.

Board went over each of the warrant articles:

Article for the stipend for the Town Clerk position \$26,117.

Board does not support

Article to add \$10,000 to the Library Capital Reserve.

Board supports.

Article to raise \$12,000 for the Carleton Pond and Park project.

Board supports if they can see engineered drawings of the fix for the flooding.

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Article to raise \$25,000 for additional site assessment for the new Library.

Board agrees with the Budget committee in that they have spent enough on architecture, and if they could remove that word from the article and add in "access road" they will support.

Article to raise \$50,000 for the Repair and Maintenance of Town Buildings.

Roberge said that there needs to be some money available in case of emergency. The windows will use \$10K of the \$25K raised last year, and we need to repair the chimneys in both the McCollom and Town Hall and fix up the Selectmen's meeting room (ball park \$4,200 - \$5,000). Have not gotten a quote for the chimneys yet. Can some of the file cabinets be moved into the old recreation closet?

Board supports

Article to lease/purchase a new All wheel drive rescue pumper for the Fire Department

Board does not support

Article to add \$75,000 to the Fire Truck capital reserve.

Board would support at \$40,000

Article to spend the states money on town roads \$94,895

Board supports

Article for Town Operating budget
Board supports

Board went over the Proposed Budget:

Quinlan had asked Brown to see if there were any budget lines that she thought could be cut by a bit.

Brown found	line #	415016 External Audit	that could be reduced by	\$1,000
		415024 Website hosting	that could be reduced by	200
		419412 Town Hall electricity	that could be reduced by	500
		419422 McCollom electricity	that could be reduced by	500
		419422 Hwy Garage electric.	that needed to increase by	300
		419452 Xfer Station electric	that could be reduced by	300
		421060 Cruiser lease pmt.	that could be reduced by	400
		431263 State fuel shed	that could be reduced by	2,000
		431264 Diesel Fuel	that could be reduced by	3,000

Roberge stated that the DPW Director needs to be able to explain what makes up line #431462 Tools & Equipment and line # 431255 Culverts.

Quinlan said that a memo should go out to all department heads reminding them of the public hearing on Monday and that they should be equipped to defend each of their budget lines.

Roberge commented that the warrant articles and proposed budget should get to budget committee firm, and earlier.

Quinlan said that the Board would come up with a more defined timeline process for developing the Town Budget next year.

Quinlan asked the Board to come in a little early next Monday night.

8:55 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Brown