

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 8, 2016

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

Quinlan opened the Public Hearing on the 2016 Proposed Operating Budget and Warrant Articles. He read the articles, one at a time and invited questions and comments after each.

Article 01: Election of Town Officers will take place on March 8th between 7 am and 7 pm.
No public comment.

Article 02: Acceptance of Personal Property Donated To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash, to the municipality for any public purposes.
No public comment

Article 03: Borrow in Anticipation of Taxes
No public comment

Article 04: Discontinue CRF for FD Protective Gear
Q. What is the reason for discontinuing this fund?
A. The gear has been purchased and paid for.

Article 05: Accept Bancroft Circle as a Town Road
Q. Will the Town plow and maintain Bancroft Circle?
A. Yes, we have already confirmed that it has been built to Town specifications.

Article 06: Purchase and Install Defibrillators To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$13,000) Thirteen Thousand Dollars for the purchase of, installation of, and training of employees on the use of, defibrillators (AED's) for the following locations: Town Hall, McCollom Building, Fire Station, Engine 1, DPW Garage, and the Daland Library.
Q. Do we have AED's in the police cruisers?
A. Yes

Article 07: Reconstruction of Carleton Pond and Park To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve fund to Reconstruct Carleton Pond and Surrounding Park previously established.
Q. Is there a plan for the reconstruction?
A. Yes, a plan has been drawn up, and has been on display at the Fishing Derbies, Lamson Farm Day, Spring Gala and Town Meetings. It will be on display at the Polls on Primary Day.

Article 08: Installation of a Dry Hydrant To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of installing a new dry hydrant at 19 Horton Road.
No public comment.

Article 09: Repairs and Maintenance of the McCollom Building
Quinlan explained that this money, combined with what we have left from prior years will be used to continue the upgrading of the McCollom Building's "Energy Envelope" and will purchase and install either new siding or new windows. We just received an estimate for these jobs, and it came in much higher than anticipated; thus the either windows or siding.
No public comment.

Article 10: Building Studies To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purposes of conducting comprehensive engineering and architectural building studies and to develop a multi-year plan to address building deficiencies of the Mont Vernon Town Hall, McCollom Building and Daland Memorial Library or take any other action thereto.
Q. Why does the study include the McCollom Building and the library? We have already done so much work on the McCollom Building, and we don't even own the library building.
A. We have done a lot of work but we still don't know what it is capable of housing. We need a solid technical study of the Town Hall and the McCollom buildings. The vast majority of expense would be for the work on the Town Hall. The library building is included because it may play a role in the reorganization of all departments. The buildings are all inter-related and this is the most cost effective way to do the work.
A. We have discussed this extensively and decided that we need to let the townspeople decide.
Q. Where did the figure of \$50,000 come from?
A. The FUTB Committee put out a Request for Estimate. We received approximately 9 proposals that ranged from \$40,000 to \$178,000. We feel that \$50,000 will get us what we need to move forward. If the warrant article passes, we will put out a formal Request for Proposal. We need an actual plan to make future decisions on.
Q. Is there anyone in Town with the expertise needed for this project?
A. No one in town has come forward, and we don't know of anyone.
Q. Do you know how much of the \$50,000 would be for this building?
A. Almost \$40,000.

Q. What would be the harm in waiting a year?]

A. No immediate harm, just time. All departments are in need of more space now.

Q. Are the Daland Trustees on Board, and are they going to pay for any of the library study?

A. The Daland Trustees and the Library Trustees are all on board; we have not discussed payment yet. All three buildings are inter-related - we may not own the building, but it is a Town department, and we do own the land.

Article 11: Highway Block Grant

No public comment

Article 12: Operating Budget To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Two Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (2,203,585) for general municipal operations.

Quinlan went through the budget by category and invited the public to question and comment as we go:

Executive

Elections

Registration

Vitals

Selectmen's Office

Treasury

Tax Collector

Trustees of Trust Funds

Re-Appraisal of property

Legal

Planning and Zoning

General Government Buildings

Cemetery

Insurance

Advertising and Regional Associations

Police Department

Ambulance

Fire Department

Chief Wilson requested the addition of \$700 for repairing a tie rod on Engine 3. Board Agreed

Building Inspection

Emergency Management

Communication – Milford Area Communication

Public Works - Roads

Public Works - General

Street Lighting

Sanitation

Health

Welfare

Recreation

Library

Patriotic Purposes

Garden and Beautification

Conservation Commission

Debt Services

Quinlan asked if the Budget Committee had any comments on the proposed budget.

John Arico, Chairman, said that the Budget Committee supports the budget as is.

Article 13: Act upon Reports

No public comment

Article 14: Other

No public comment

7:35 pm Quinlan closed the Public Hearing on the proposed operating budget and warrant articles, and opened the Department Head portion of the meeting.

Larry Yetter – Conservation Commission Chair

- We tried to have an ice skating party, but the weather did not cooperate.
- The 2nd Annual Ice-Out Contest is still up and running.

Jay Wilson - Chief Fire Department

- The in-house mechanics are working out very well; they found issues with Engine 3's tie rods that should have kept it from passing inspection, and will repair them.

Kevin Furlong – Chief Police Department

- Implemented the WEX Cards in all the cruisers. The bill will show the odometer reading, and the driver. This will save us approx. \$.40 per gallon.
- Last Friday's storm hit us hard; there were 8 accidents at the same time.
- Next Tuesday the NH Chiefs of Police Association will be discussing how to fund the Academy, Medical Marijuana, Opioid Addiction and the use of Narcan.

Mike Ypya – DPW Director

- It has been so warm that we have been doing brush cutting.
- The 2014 International is back in the shop. It has had many issues, most of which have been electronic. Esposito asked if we could get an extended warrantee.

Ypya said that he would like to have them buy it back under the "Lemon Law".

Bonnie Angulas – Library Director

- Just launched the "Love Where You Live" campaign. There are 3 different pictures for adults and children to color. They will be displayed at Town Meeting.
- We still need help with the Recreation Committee; we need a chairman.
 - The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 26th from 10:00 to 11:30 am at McCollom Field. Rain or shine.
 - There will be an egg stuffing party on February 22nd.
 - We need help hiding 12 Golden Eggs that will correspond with 12 Easter Baskets. We are asking each department to fill a basket with \$25 - \$40 worth of toys, candy etc. suitable for a child from 0 to 12 years old. I will provide the basket, filling and wrapping. Will the Selectmen fill a basket?

Quinlan volunteered to fill a basket.

8:05 pm End of Department Head meeting.

Quinlan let the Board know that the Chairman of the Planning Board, Chris Aiston has resigned effective April 26, 2016. Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

8:00 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie M. Brown