

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on February 28, 2017, at the Town Hall with the First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion, and Sandra Pierog; and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Consider and Act On Bolton Heritage Farm Barn Invoice:

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve the payment of \$26,199.69 to Proulx Building & Remodeling LLC pending confirmation from the architect that the final walkthrough was done and no issues were outstanding. Motion unanimously passed.

3. Consider and Act On FY18 Budget:

The board discussed the FY18 Capital, Debt and Town Government Budget. A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve the Capital Budget of \$527,730 (\$483,000 Capital Reserve and \$44,730 Capital Improvement). Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Morra, to approve the Debt Budget of \$1,138,634. Motion unanimously passed.

For the Town Government Budget, the Resident State Troopers' costs will be borne 100% by the Town plus increases for salary/benefits instead of the 85% current level. Final estimate had been forwarded from the state is a \$69,343 increase versus the \$73,726 original estimate. Total wage increases for all employees is \$65,393. This includes a larger increase for the Registrars of Voters to bring their pay in line with other towns. In addition, six new staff members started at 90% wage scale and move to 100% (after one year) in next year's budget. As discussed with the Board of Finance, a reduction of \$8,000 for unemployment compensation will be made in the budget. The Selectmen will be seeking to postpone revaluation for one year. This will save \$40,000 in the proposed budget. A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Neil, to approve the Town Government Budget of \$5,790,583 which includes a \$4,383 reduction for the troopers, \$40,000 reduction for revaluation and \$8,000 reduction for unemployment compensation. Motion unanimously passed. The proposed budget after payroll/benefits and the troopers' increase deducted results in a \$78,705 increase (1.4%) for operations which includes \$41,000 for tank removals/natural gas conversions.

4. Personnel:

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Ms. Marrion, to appoint William Hayes as the interim Assistant Building Official due to the resignation of Jason Nowosad. Motion unanimously passed.

5. Executive Session:

Land Acquisition

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Neil, to go in to executive session at 8:25 P.M. to discuss land acquisition and to include Ms. Stille in the discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

Executive session ended at 8:47 P.M.

6. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Pierog, seconded by Mr. Neil, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Stille
Administrative Officer

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