

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

March 25, 2019

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PRESENT: Selectmen Roland P. Nutter, Bill Greathead; Andrew MacLean, Town Administrator; Tracie Looney, Administrative Assistant
Selectmen Lisa Ferolito was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mr. Nutter announced that the meeting is being recorded for rebroadcast.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

2.1 February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 1)

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to accept and release the February 25, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

2.2 March 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 2)

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to accept and release the March 11, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

2.3 March 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 3)

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to accept and release the March 18, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

3. APPROVE WARRANT AND SIGN PURCHASE ORDERS

The Board signed before the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Audience Comments:

Paula Terrasi, Town of Pepperell Conservation Agent, informed the Board of the Rain Barrel program that is currently being sponsored by the Town in conjunction with the Town of Tyngsborough. Citizens can order the rain barrels at the Town Hall until March 31, 2019.

Written Submittal (Exhibit 4)

Mr. Greathead read a letter from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust congratulating the Town on having its Bemis Water Treatment Plant project selected for the 2019 Intended Use Plan (IUP). The letter explained the benefits of financing the 2019 water infrastructure project through the Trust and the projected savings.

Mr. Greathead read a letter from the Pepperell VFW inviting the Board to the Annual Memorial Day Parade and services to be held on May 27, 2019.

5. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (Exhibit 5)

The Town Administrator handed out his report at the meeting. Mr. MacLean also discussed with the Board the upcoming Board meeting for April and May. The Board agreed to meeting on March 28, 2018 to review the FY2020 Budget line by line. Also, the next meetings in April will be held on April 8th and 29th. The May schedule will be May 6th for the Annual Town Meeting and a regular Board meeting on May 20th.

Mr. MacLean also informed the Board that the Town may have a deficit of \$190,000.00 and will need a free cash appropriation at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting to close the deficit. A more precise cost will be available at the April 8, 2019 Board meeting.

6. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS

There are currently no appointments or resignations scheduled for this Board of Selectmen meeting.

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

7.1 Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Review and Approve (Exhibit 6)

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to place Article 10, FY2020 Water Enterprise Fund-Authorization to borrow for treatment plant upgrades, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to place Article 12, Acceptance of Statute to adopt MGL Chapter 140, Section 139, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to place Article 13, Nashoba Valley Technical High School authorization of borrowing, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to place Article 14, to accept MGL Chapter 64N, Section 3 to impose a local sales tax on marijuana sales, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to place Article 15, acceptance of easement on Farrar Street, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to place Article 16, acceptance of the 2017 Annual Town Report, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to place Article 17, acceptance of the 2018 Annual Town Report, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to place Article 19, Citizen's petition, on the Annual Town Warrant.

At the April 8, 2019 meeting the Board will vote to approve and place the remaining Articles on the Annual Town Warrant.

7.2 Sign Warrant for the Annual Town Election / April 22, 2019 (Exhibit 7)

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to sign and approve the warrant for the Annual Town Election to be held on April 22, 2019.

7.3 Sign Warrant for Special Town Election / May 13, 2019 (Exhibit 8)

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to sign and approve the warrant for the Special Town Election to be held on May 13, 2019.

7.4 Proposed Contract for Purchase of Renewable Energy Credits

The Town Administrator explained to the Board that he is seeking permission to contract with a firm to provide long – term contracting to reduce the Town's energy costs by 10%. The contract will be for 20 years and is 10% of the KWH charge for the duration of the contract ensuring the savings keep up with the energy costs.

On a motion made by Mr. Nutter and seconded by Mr. Greathead, it was voted to allow the Town Administrator to enter into a contract for the purchase of renewable energy credits.

7.5 Soil Reclamation Proposal Update

Revised Soil Management Plan Submission

The Town Administrator informed the Board that the property owners had submitted a revised Soil Management Plan to the Town Administrator's office this past week. The project has been scaled back approximately 25% with the new SMP but is still 100 feet above grade. The SMP can be found on the Town website and there is also a copy in the office for any citizen to access.

Case Management Conference Scheduled April 4, 2019

The Town Administrator informed the Board there is a Case Management Conference scheduled for April 4, 2019. Brief discussion followed from audience members regarding the scope of the new SMP and lack of information that was provided. Caroline Ahdab asked the Town Administrator if another letter of opposition needed to be drafted for this updated SMP. The TA informed the audience he had immediately reached out to MassDEP once the new SMP had been submitted, to let them know the Town is still in opposition to the project.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Mr. Nutter, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Looney, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Roland P. Nutter, Chairman

Lisa M. Ferolito, Clerk

Bill Greathead

- Encl:
- *Exhibit 1 – February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - *Exhibit 2 – March 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - *Exhibit 3 – March 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - *Exhibit 4 – Written Submittals
 - *Exhibit 5 – Town Administrator's Report
 - *Exhibit 6 – Annual Town Meeting Warrant
 - *Exhibit 7 – Warrant for the Annual Town Election
 - *Exhibit 8 – Warrant for the Special Town Election