

## MINUTES

**Selectmen's Meeting**

**February 4, 2019**

**Town Hall**

**6:30 PM**

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### ATTENDEES

David Stickney, Selectman

Leo Enos, Selectman

Leon Rideout, Selectman

Ed Samson, Town Manager

Alan Savage

Rob Christie

Charity Baker

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Leon Rideout.

### PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of the January 22, 2019 Selectmen's meeting minutes.

**Motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- Department Head Update –
- Sign various paperwork –
  - Water/Sewer Abatement for Thomas Bussiere. 98 Elm Street. The water department received several water meters from EJP that were calibrated to read in 100 gallons instead of 1,000 gallons and when the water department replaced Mr. Bussiere's meter in the Fall of 2016 one of those meters was installed. It was discovered after the new tenants inquired about the high usage. A calculation of the correct usage amount was made and an abatement for the overage is being requested. The Board signed the abatement request. Amount being abated \$5,076.01.
  - Veteran's credit application for Derek Champagne, tax map R16, lot 038. Qualifies per RSA 72:28 V(f) and RSA 72:35.
  - Veteran's credit application for John Percey, tax map P10, lot 059. Qualifies per RSA 72:28 V(f).
  - Veteran's credit application for Dennis Patnoe, tax map R18, lot 006. Qualifies per RSA 72:28 V(d).
  - Veteran's credit application for Thomas Watkins, tax map R25, lot 002. Qualifies per RSA 72:28 V(d).

- Elderly Exemption for a qualified resident was signed.
- Signatures needed on the Abatement/Refunds request forms for the 2018 hearing appeals that were voted on at the January 22, 2019, meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Establish the terms for the warrant article on the Town Warrant concerning NHRSA 72:76 – It allows the Board of Selectmen to accept for consideration requests for commercial and/or industrial construction exemption for municipal and local school property taxes. Town counsel advised the Board to put a limit of 3 years at 100 percent of increase of improvements on commercial and/or industrial properties that make application to the Board.

**David Stickney made a motion and seconded by Leo Enos to establish a 3-year limit at 100 percent of the increase of improvements on commercial and/or industrial properties upon completion of an application and acceptance on the 2019 Town Warrant. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- A funding request was submitted by the Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church for their backpack program to be voted on at Town Meeting. Their request includes a \$1,021 increase from last years request. Town Manager Ed Samson would like the Board to vote on whether they want to increase the funding in the Town Warrant. There was open discussion whether to increase the amount. Rob Christie explained that the organization is independent from the Church.

**Leo Enos made a motion and seconded by David Stickney to level fund the backpack program at \$1,233. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- A funding request was submitted by Pathways Pregnancy Care Center in Littleton to be voted on at Town Meeting. This is a new request for funding this year and Town Manager Ed Samson would like the Board to vote on whether to add them to the Town Warrant. Leon mentioned it is a great organization and it services many communities and functions on donations, however, he has an issue with the organizations requesting taxpayer money. Ed expressed his concerns with the many organizations asking for funding each year.
- **David Stickney made a motion and seconded by Leo Enos to deny the request as a warrant article. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION:**

- Philip Bodwell, Real Estate Appraiser Supervisor for the Department of Revenue submitted his sales monitoring report for the 2018 town-wide revaluation for the Board to review. All the properties reviewed by DRA came in within the accepted points range.

**Motion made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charity M. Baker

Signed/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leon Rideout

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David Stickney

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Leo Enos

Board of Selectmen