

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
Mark Gallivan, Vice Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Clerk
David Salvatore
Ann Ragosta

Also Present:
James Johnson, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by two Boy Scouts that were present at the meeting.

DISPATCHERS CONTRACT

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to ratify the vote taken on March 6, 2018 Executive Session to approve the Dispatcher Contract, seconded by Mr. Gallivan (Vote 3-1-1) Mrs. Mackenzie abstained, Ms. Ragosta opposed

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article 15, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED (3-1-1) Mrs. Mackenzie abstained, Ms. Ragosta opposed

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article 29,30,31, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED (5-0-0)

PEG FUNDS

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article 21, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus not to vote on Article 7,8,9,10 to wait to vote, until the S&W vote seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

Article #3 you had asked for further information on the Veterans Agent. Mr. Johnson's only comment on Article 3 is that I wish you voted on Article 3 as one vote. Mr. Kraus historically you are right. That one article does vote everything together.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article 3, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 2-1-2(Ms. Ragosta opposed, Mrs. Mackenzie and Mr. Kraus abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to reconsider the last vote of Article 3, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore on Article 3 report a separate vote for each of the items listed in the article, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

Veterans Agent

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore that we reclassify the Veteran's Agent, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-1-0 (Ms. Ragosta opposed)

The Board had voted the previous items listed under Article #3 on March 20, 2018,

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie we make one final recommendation for Article #3 for favorable action, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 1-1-3 (Ms. Ragosta opposed, Mr. Kraus, Mrs. Mackenzie and Mr. Salvatore abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus, for no action on Article #4, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on, Article #17, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article 18, seconded by Mr. Gallivan

Chief Bailey talked about the Fire Engine. What I have tried to do is space them out in 5 years cycle, some are falling apart so much. We have some issues with the newer truck. Ms. Ragosta should the 2009 be replaced instead. Chief Bailey the problem it is a newer truck. We are on line to replace the 2007. Engine 3 and Engine 2 are down. Engine 2 has had significant problems. None of the lights on the dash are working. We could not make that work. Ms. Ragosta setting aside the age of a vehicle not taking into consideration the age or something that is in bad shape. We are spending \$550,000 on something that might not solve the problem. Mr. Salvatore interesting question. A lot of parts of these trucks are rubber; Chief Bailey stated the 1997 have about 90 miles or more. I would beg that you move forward with it as it takes a long time to get a new engine. Mr. Salvatore the plan is not to trade it in but to sell it. Ms. Ragosta, the chrome books for the School Dept. I noticed that Norwood actually has a grant. Mr. Johnson this is for the students, 7,8,9 graders. Ms. Ragosta do they borrow them. The School Dept. gives it to them and the parents buy insurance. Norwood was having an issue with their school dept. One decision was to forgo the chrome books; I wish Dr. Lynch were here. Mrs. Mackenzie explained they do all their homework to them. Mrs. Mackenzie explained if it breaks you have to replace it.

VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Art 19, seconded by Mr. Gallivan

Mr. Johnson we tried to do something a little different this year, the emergency generators have been on there for some time. Cover two schools and OPR. The

other one is going toward one of the Middle schools, and The \$450,000 for the School is in need. The bleacher replacement, I recommended it after sitting in the bleachers, the School agreed to kick in \$20,000. The biggest is the OPR infrastructure improvements

Ms. Ragosta is in favor of any improvements we can do to our facilities to keep the up to date.

VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend favorable action on article #20 seconded Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Johnson explained there are three new funds we are establishing here. The equipment. He is getting rid of a loader we take that off for trade in value. Net Metering, we have to do that as part of the agreement we have to pay them a portion of our net metering credit.

Ms. Ragosta my only concern with the vehicle account, the ability for the town to have articles at T. MTG that could take money from the Vehicle account to free cash.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #22, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #24, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #25, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #26, seconded by Mr. Gallivan,

Ms. Ragosta expressed concern that they are on the slippery slope of giving special treatment to a certain group. The rest of the Taxpayers have to pay the brunt of what is not paid.

Mr. Johnson the total would be \$99,000. Ms. Ragosta who are the people that would obtain this? I understand that these are people that are needy, taking special groups giving them tax exemptions. Mr. Gallivan these are generally people that are the most vulnerable. Ms. Ragosta, but we are giving special treatment. Mr. Salvatore their retirement funds are pretty fixed and certainly not at the rate of high medical bills. It doesn't change my opinion that we can change the overall tax burden. Ms. Ragosta, the Siemens TIF the residents do not pay for that.

VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #27
seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED (4-0-1) Ms. Ragosta abstained

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #28
seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED (4-0-1) Ms. Ragosta abstained

Article #32-Wetland bylaw

This is a clerical issue. Question regarding if it should be shall or may. Mr. Johnson will find out if it should be shall or may table this article

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Declaration:

I hereby declare that

Under G.L .c.30A, §21(a) (3) the purpose of the Executive session will be to discuss strategy with respect to the following;

- Conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Firefighters Union
- That a discussion of the foregoing in open session could compromise the purpose for the executive session

That the Board shall return to open session

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to enter Executive Session under G.L. C30A, Section 21 (a) (3) for the purposes declared by the Board's chairman, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED BY roll call vote Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Kraus-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, and Ms. Ragosta-Aye

The Board moved back to regular session.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to ratify the vote taken in Executive Session to approve the Firefighter Contract for July 1, 2017 to June 30 2020, seconded Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn 8:10PM, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie VOTED 5-0-0