

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes
April 27, 2017**

Members Present: Mary Blanchard, Chair
Priscilla Gimas, Vice Chair
Mary Dowling, Clerk
Craig Moran
Michael Suprenant

Also In Attendance: Leon Gaumond, Jr., Town Administrator
Barbara Barry, Finance Director

The Chair, M. Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall with all members present.

The Selectmen called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Selectmen reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for June 5, 2017.

Article 54 – Unpaid Bills - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 55 – Transfer for Roads Fund – Motion by M. Suprenant to place & support this article, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor.

Article 56 – Rescind previous borrowings - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 57 – Create Capital Stabilization Fund - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 58 – Transfer to Capital Stabilization Fund - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 59 – Transfer to cover snow & ice deficit - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 60 – Server replacement - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 61 – TIF for Public House - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 62 – TIF for Arland Tools - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Motion to close the warrant by P. Gimas, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for June 5, 2017.

Article 1 – Town Reports - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 2 – CPC Report - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 3 – CPC – North Cemetery Restoration - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 4 – CPC – Historic Surveys - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 5 – CPC – Administration - Motion by M. Suprenant to place & support this article, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor.

Article 6 – CPC – Court restoration borrowing - Motion by M. Dowling to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. Under discussion, C. Moran felt the number appeared too high. L. Gaumond responded that the Town would need to go to bid for the project and could very well come under the amount appropriated. P. Gimas thought we would be looking at fields instead. After discussion, vote on the matter was all in favor.

Article 7 – CPC – Douty Road Open Space Acquisition - Motion by M. Suprenant to place this article, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor. Motion by M. Dowling to support the article. There was no second. Motion failed.

Article 8 – Road repair monies - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 9 – Revaluation Adjustments - Motion by M. Suprenant to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 10 – Town Budget – would be done later in the evening.

Article 11 – Water budget - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 12 – Sewer Budget - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor. P. Gimas said it was good that the rates were stable once again.

Article 13 – Sewer Project Debt - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 14 – Public Access Budget - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 15 – Community Preservation Debt Service - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 16 – Revolving Funds - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. There was a discussion about the STA revolving fund requested and it was determined that the language regarding the operating costs of the Info Center be removed. Motion was amended accordingly. L. Gaumond also pointed out the two new revolving funds for house numbering and CPR support. **All in favor.**

Article 17 – STA Budget - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 18 – Betterment - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 19 – Capital Improvements - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 20 – Tree Planting Transfer - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 21 – Ambulance Stabilization Transfer - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 22 – Fire Vehicle Stabilization - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 23 – OPEB - Motion by M. Suprenant to place & support this article, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor.

Article 24 – Open Space Funding - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 25 – Tax rate relief - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 26 – Capital Stabilization Fund - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 27 – Dissolving of Betterment - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 28 – Zoning Bylaw – Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. M. Dowling asked that the text box reflect the actual vote at the annual town election. All in favor.

Article 29 – Zoning Bylaw – Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. Failed 2-3 (M. Blanchard, M. Suprenant, M. Dowling). Motion to place the article by M. Dowling, seconded by C. Moran. In discussion there was concerns that if the Selectmen voted to support this article, residents would be confused as to which article they preferred; to ban or have a moratorium. M. Dowling withdrew the motion. Motion by M. Dowling to place & support this article with an explanation in their recommendation that the Selectmen prefer the action to be taken in the previous article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 30 – Zoning Bylaw – Food Establishment/Fast Casual - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. Motion failed 2-3 (M. Blanchard, M. Suprenant, C. Moran). Motion to place the article by M. Dowling, seconded by M. Suprenant. M. Dowling expressed questions about the article and whether or not it would allow fast casual in the CTD with a special permit. Asked if J. Bubon could attend a future meeting to explain. Passed 3-2.

Article 31 – Zoning Bylaw – Definitions - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Blanchard. All in favor.

Article 32 – Zoning Bylaw – Permitted Uses in various districts - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Blanchard. Passed 4-0 (Moran abstain).

Article 33 – Zoning Bylaw – Open Space Residential Development - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. Passed 4-0-(Moran abstain).

Article 34 – Zoning Bylaw – Multiple Dwelling Projects - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 35 – Zoning Bylaw – Rural & Suburban Residential Districts - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Article 36 – Zoning Bylaw – Off Street Parking & Drive Thru Standards - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Blanchard. C. Moran recused himself from the meeting and spoke from the audience. He was concerned about section 21.02 and what that would do to people currently in compliance with zoning. He specifically was interested in the impact on his property. C. Moran then returned to his seat. M. Dowling questioned 21.12 and plans to speak with J. Bubon on the matter. **Passed 3-1-1 (C. Moran opposed and M. Dowling abstaining).**

Article 37 – Zoning Bylaw – General Regulations - Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Blanchard. All in favor.

Article 38 – Zoning Bylaw – Site Plan Review- Motion by P. Gimas to place & support this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 39 – Petitioned Article – Street Acceptance – Old Towne Way - Motion by P. Gimas to place this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Article 40 – Petitioned Article – Change to zoning for 212-226 Charlton Rd - Motion by M. Suprenant to place this article, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor.

Article 41 – Petitioned Article – Allow Fast Casual in Village Gateway District - Motion by P. Gimas to place this article, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

Vote to close the warrant by P. Gimas, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft budget as presented by the Selectmen. M. Blanchard offered concerns about the department head salary not being called out in the budget to be voted. After discussion it was agreed that the budget would be offered this way but would be revisited after the Town Meeting. The Selectmen discussed the following changes to the Town Administrator's budget:

- The P/S line in the IT budget needed to be amended to reflect \$100,479 to cover the Cisco maintenance line and barracuda Backup.
- The P/S line in the Senior Center Building budget needed to be amended to reflect \$33,737 as the door opener was covered in betterment.
- The P/S line in the Police Budget needs needed to be amended to reflect \$86,284 as the testing of equipment was not necessary in this year's budget.
- The P/S line in the Fire budget needed to be amended to reflect \$87,406 to cover educational reimbursements.

- The salary line in the Building Inspector budget was requested to be increased by the Town Administrator to \$108,981 to move the personnel to full-time.
- The Education line item needs to have a new line for Charter School Transportation included which increases the line item by \$6000.
- The supplies line in the Landfill budget can be amended to \$9270 as per the Board of Health.
- The salary line for the Inspections & Testing line were increased to \$44,117 to reflect full-time hours for the Health Inspector.
- The Health Insurance line was amended to reflect \$1,678,000 to take into consideration the lower renewal rate for health insurance. L. Gaumond recognized the contributions of B. Barry and the IAC for their work in the process.

Motion by P. Gimas to reopen the Annual Town Meeting warrant, seconded by C. Moran. All in favor.

Motion by M. Suprenant to approve the annual budget article as amended at \$31,578,500, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor.

Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

M. Blanchard turned the meeting over L. Gaumond to reorganize the Board of Selectmen.

L. Gaumond called for nominations to the Chairman position. Nomination by P. Gimas for M. Blanchard as Chairman, seconded by M. Suprenant. With no other nominations, L. Gaumond closed nominations. Call the question to elect M. Blanchard as Chair, all in favor.

L. Gaumond called for nominations to the Vice Chairman positions. Nomination by M. Blanchard for P. Gimas as Vice Chairman, seconded by M. Dowling. With no other nominations, L. Gaumond closed nominations. Call the question to elect P. Gimas as Vice Chairman. Passed 4-1 (C. Moran).

L. Gaumond called for nomination for the Clerk position. Nomination by M. Suprenant for M. Dowling as Clerk, seconded by P. Gimas. With no other nominations, L. Gaumond closed nominations. Call the question to elect M. Dowling as Clerk, all in favor.

Other business

Motion by M. Suprenant to accept a \$100 donation from the Sturbridge Democratic Committee to the Senior Center, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor.

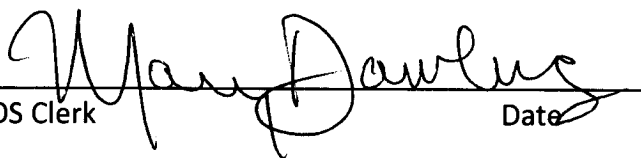
Motion by M. Suprenant to approve and sign the Chapter 90 request form for \$257,107.39 for road resurfacing as presented by the DPW, seconded by P. Gimas. All in favor.

Motion by P. Gimas to cancel the meeting of May 1st, seconded by M. Suprenant. All in favor.

M. Dowling addressed an email she received about the Douty Road purchase from Planning Board member Russ Chamberland. He said he voted in favor of the purchase before knowing that there was also to be a donation of open space and wondered if other would have voted differently if they had known. L. Gaumond offered to send the revised plans to Open Space, CPC, ConCom, Planning and Trails for their review.

Motion to adjourn at 10:34 p.m. by P. Gimas, seconded by M. Dowling. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by L. Gaumond

 2/21/18
BOS Clerk Date