

**Board of Selectmen
April 18, 2019
Town Hall**

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chairman
Priscilla Gimas, Vice-Chair
Mary Dowling, Clerk
Michael Suprenant
Chase Kaitbenski
Jeff Bridges, Town Administrator
Jeneé Lacy, Admin Assistant

Also Present:

Ken White, SC Study Committee
Annie Roscioli, Recreation Coordinator

Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Blanchard read the agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Vote on the Line Item Budget

M. Blanchard read each line of the Line-Item Budget. Line-Item 0, 11, 56, 58, 66, and 101 were put on hold. Changes were discussed regarding Line-Item 39, 64, 66, 101, and 147.

Motion: To approve all Line-Item budgets that are not on hold. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Line-Item 0

P. Gimas asked the Board how they all felt about the BOS stipend idea. The Board discussed the stipend and talked with B. Barry about how tight the budget would be next year. M. Dowling asked B. Barry what percentage of the residence taxes would contribute to the BOS stipend if it ever happened. M. Dowling discussed campaigning costs and stipends in the past and in other towns. P. Gimas stated she wouldn't be in favor of a stipend and that campaign costs wouldn't be a reason to support a stipend.

Motion: To change the amount for the BOS stipend in the budget from \$6,250 to \$0. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Suprenant

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Line-Item 11

P. Gimas and B. Barry discussed longevity in the various Town departments.

Motion: To approve Line-Item 11. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

The Board, TA, and B. Barry discussed the policies around an elected position being eligible for longevity the same as a hired employee.

Line-Item 56

P. Gimas asked why the Center Office Building Purchase of Services budget increased almost \$11,000. B. Barry stated that it was because of building repairs.

Motion: To approve Line-Item 56. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Line-Item 58

P. Gimas asked why amount increased for Line-Item 58. B. Barry stated it was because of maintenance.

Motion: To approve Line-Item 58. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: All in Favor (5-0)

Line-Item 66

M. Blanchard stated that she is concerned about the SRO at the High and Jr. High School because she thinks the other towns should be paying their share or that it should come out of the school budget.

Motion: To approve Line-Item 66. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-1 (M. Blanchard Opposed)

Line Item 101

P. Gimas inquired as to why the amount for Line-Item 101 increased and asked if the Town has a Health Agent. J. Bridges stated that an offer was made yesterday for a Health Agent. The Board and TA discussed the wages for a Health Agent.

M. Dowling left the room at 2:03pm

Motion: To approve Line-Item 101. By: P. Gimas

2nd: C. Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0 (M. Dowling Absent)

M. Dowling entered the room at 2:05pm

Warrant Article Review

J. Bridges stated that CME no longer has an architect so they can no longer support the two proposals regarding the Senior Center, and that a new firm would need to do the study.

Ken White (Senior Center Study Committee) came before the Board and discussed his understanding of the CME proposals.

Annie Roscioli (Recreation Coordinator) came before the Board and discussed her understanding of the CME proposals and the issues with the way the proposals were written compared to what was discussed with CME.

The Board and TA discussed CME issues and whether they should hire a new firm to do new proposals.

C. Kaitbenski left the meeting at 2:46 PM.

M. Blanchard suggested that they pull the proposals for the Senior Center because the proposals received from CME weren't really for feasibility studies.

M. Dowling suggested that the Recreation 60 Cedar Street article should go to Annual Town Meeting and that all the articles for 70 Cedar Street should wait until the Fall Special Town Meeting pending appropriate input from a architect.

Motion: To place and support the 60 Cedar Street Recreation article. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: All in Favor (4-0) (C. Kaitbenski Absent)

Motion: To appropriate \$100,000 for a joint feasibility study for 70 Cedar Street. By: M. Suprenant

2nd: M. Dowling

Discussion: M. Dowling asked if this had anything to do with the current Senior Center.

M. Suprenant stated that no it was just for a joint feasibility for 70 Cedar Street.

M. Dowling withdrew her 2nd

Motion Fails

M. Blanchard stated that she would rather wait and get correct numbers before they vote to place the 70 Cedar Street articles on the Warrant.

Motion: To remove all warrant articles regarding 70 Cedar Street and the Senior Center Feasibility Study from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. By: P. Gimas

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: 3-1 (M. Suprenant Opposed) (C. Kaitbenski Absent)

M. Suprenant brought up the warrant article he submitted regarding parking at the Senior Center. M. Blanchard stated that that warrant article couldn't be discussed at this meeting because it wasn't on the agenda and they only discussed the Cedar Street articles because it had to do with the budget.

Motion: To reconsider the Additional Parking at the Senior Center article. By: M. Suprenant
2nd: None

Motion Fails

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 3:25 PM. By: P. Gimas

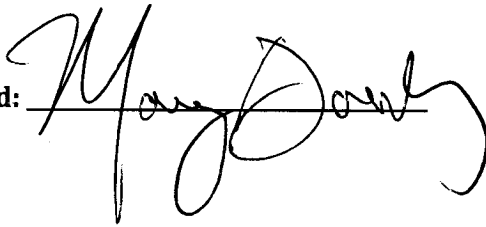
2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: 3-1 (M. Suprenant Opposed) (C. Kaitbenski Absent)


Adjourned at 3:25 PM

Minutes prepared by: Jeneé Lacy

Clerk of the Board:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Dorey", written over a horizontal line.

Date signed:

A handwritten date "May 6 '19" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.