

Minutes of Special Town Meeting
October 18, 2016

Members Present: John Black, Tiffany Maiuri, Jeffrey Rowe, Jeffrey Adams and Rhonda Irish
(Town Manager) absent: Ruth Cushman

Also Present: Ann Bryant, Jack Mills, Ken Timberlake, Cindy Greer, Evret Greer, Lauren Abbtate, Kimball Farrington, Ben Hanstein

Article 1. Tiffany Maiuri was unanimously elected Moderator

It was agreed to let Rhonda Irish (Town Manager) to speak because she is not a resident of the Town of Wilton.

Article 2

This is the second year of payments for the fire truck that was purchased with a 10 year lease/purchase agreement. It was explained that this is an allowable under this agreement.

Article 3

In the past the residents have approved \$30,000 for the Phase I portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant; this year only \$15,000 was approved.

Both Articles were approved by unanimous vote

Town Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

Minutes of Public Hearing - General Assistance
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The State maximums need to be approved by the Board after holding a Public Hearing; the Town cannot use these new numbers until they are approved. There is about a \$6 increase across the board in the programs.

There were no questions and the Public Hearing closed at 6:44 pm.

Minutes of Select Board Meeting
October 18, 2016

Members Present: John Black, Tiffany Maiuri, Jeffrey Rowe, Jeffrey Adams and Rhonda Irish
(Town Manager) absent: Ruth Cushman

Also Present: Ann Bryant, Jack Mills, Ken Timberlake, Cindy Greer, Evret Greer, Lauren Abbtate, Kimball Farrington, Ben Hanstein

Item #1 Minutes of the Meeting October 4, 2016

John Black/Jeff Adams m/m/s to accept the minutes as written; vote: 3-0 Jeff Rowe abstained

Item #2 Public Comment - None

Item #3 Consideration of General Assistance Ordinance Amendments

Jeff Rowe/John m/m/s to accept the General Assistance Ordinance Amendments; vote: unan

Item #4 Opening of Bids for 30 Webb Avenue Demolition

Farrington Backhoe Service (Jay) \$9,747	Cross Excavation (Bethel) \$9,386
Cousineau Inc (Wilton) \$9,800	Taylor Construction (Wilton) \$5,650

The Town would have disposal costs and if there were any asbestos costs added. We will also be responsible for capping the water and sewer lines. The bids include trucking and demolition. All bids were for the full job.

John/Jeff Adams m/m/s to award the bid for 30 Webb Avenue Demolition to Taylor Construction; vote: unan

Item #5 Consideration of Tax Foreclosure List and holding a Public Hearing for Tax Foreclosed Properties

The list does not include two properties because they are still owner occupied at this time. The list includes one home and a lot that must be sold together, and all others are vacant land. In the past the Town has taken sealed bids.

Board Consensus to hold a Public Hearing on Nov 1.

Item #6 Discussion of Notification date for Union Negotiations

All contracts expire on June 30, 2017 and the budget process starts in Feb. Do we want to enter into negotiations in Dec?

Questions/Comments from the Board included:

Tiffany: Would suggest we do it early

Jeff A: When does it usually start? When putting the budget together it would help to know that negotiations are underway.

Board Consensus to send out notifications that we intend to enter into negotiations

Item #7 Discussion of current Drought conditions

People have been getting water out of brooks and the lake because their wells have gone dry. There is a concern what they will do when these freeze up. If people get water from the Fire Station it is metered and the Fire Department will be charged for it. Would it be better if we had a non metered place to get the water? Rhonda explained that she will look into liability issues and bring them back to the next meeting.

Questions/Comments from the Board and Audience included:

John: At Town Meeting, citizens that were not on water and sewer were very vocal about the fact that the fees didn't effect them, but now they want free water? Do we charge them a fee to come in one day a week?

Jeff R: We did hear that at Town Meeting, but this has been an extraordinary year.

Jeff A: All taxpayers pay for hydrant rental and we don't ever use \$144,000 worth of water.

Tiffany: She felt at Town Meeting there was a benefit to taxpayers as a whole; but we are now in an extraordinary position of having a drought. If we were to dispense the water to those in need we could keep track of how much was used so we could share that at the next Town Meeting. MEMA has not said there is an emergency at this point.

Evret Greer: Can Town's declare their own Town Emergency and would there be restrictions on the water when it is opened up? Tiffany explained that we would only share with residents of our Town, perhaps we would use transfer station stickers as proof of residence.

Item #8 Manager's Report

A. Downtown Revitalization Update: Pratt & Sons has been moving right along, they have upped the completion date to the end of November. Rather than using granite they are going to take it out and use only the top layer; they are looking at blocks that have a texture to them.

B. Forster Mill Update: The Brownfields kick-off work meeting was held on Oct 6 and they have put in an application with DEP for asbestos disposal and have applied to AVCOG for additional testing. The free standing wall can come down. A liquid summary has been done and disposal is in the works.

C. Retaining Wall Update: Kineowatha Park is going pretty good, but remember this is only a patch and repair. Tiffany suggested we start building a Capital Account for this at Town Meeting next year.

D. Food Composting: Public Works is always looking for ways for people to recycle more. AVCOG offers, through a farm in Exeter a program that provides a container for food waste and they will pick it up weekly. The Town will not be composting the waste.

E. Buxton Retail Recruitment Meeting: Livermore Falls, Jay and Farmington have been working on this for over a year. It will be on October 19 at the North Jay Library at 6 pm.

F. Scarecrow Fest: will be held on October 22 and most of the events will take place at Bass Park. Halloween Trick or Trunk will be held on October 31 on High Street.

G. Dog Licenses are now available at the Town Office

Item #9 Other Business

A. Rhonda explained that depending on the results of Question 1 in the November election we may want to consider an Ordinance for classification of marijuana dispensaries. Currently they fall under agriculture and require only a change of use permit. It is a business just like other businesses and needs to be looked at like other businesses.

Questions/Comments from the Board included:

John explained that if the referendum passes they could actually put a retail store in Wilton and we need to designate an area where they can go. We could find out issues that other Towns are having.

Tiffany: Agree that we should have a plan, should make sure we stay within our Downtown Plan.

Jeff A: Is it an issue? Not really a way to regulate them because they currently fall under our other groupings.

B. Tiffany explained that Heidi has received the Homeland Security Grant funds that she requested; the Town Office has also received a grant for a computer. She reminded the

Board members that they need to receive ICS 100 and ICS 700 training to be a command center member in an emergency situation and be part of the Town's Emergency plan.

Item #10 Executive Session pursuant to 1MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C) Economic Development and 1 MRSA Sec. 405 (6)(A) Personnel

Jeff Adams/John m/m/s Executive Session pursuant to 1MRSA Sec. 405(6) (C) Economic and 1 MRSA Sec. 405 (6) (A) Personnel and adjourn

Amended to include conduct any other business and then adjourn

Entered 7:27 pm out at 8:00 pm

Jeff Rowe/Jeff Adams m/m/s to accept Memorandum of Understanding with the Highway Dept. Union; vote: unan