

**Holderness Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Budget Work Session
January 18, 2018**

Select Board Members Present: Chair, Jill White, Vice Chair, Woodie Laverack, Shelagh Connelly and Peter Francesco.

Others Present: Michael Capone, Town Administrator, Larry Spencer, Chair, Conservation Commission

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:07 P.M.

New Business: Review of Conservation Commission Warrant Articles

The Board reviewed the proposed warrant articles with Mr. Spencer and followed up on some questions and concerns from their initial review of the draft warrants proposed by the Commission. There was discussion with regard to how best to maximize the utility of the funds available for use by the Commission. The Board had a concern that placing the funds in a Town Forest account would limit their use.

The Board asked the Town Administrator to revise the proposed warrant article to authorize the transfer of the funds received from the work done on the Pilote property to the Conservation Commission Capital Reserve.

Discussion continued with regard to designating the Pilote Property as a Town Forest. After some discussion, the Board asked the Town Administrator to revise the language in the proposed article to that effect.

There was also discussion with regard to the consideration of naming the present Town Forest property which was obtained by tax lien, the Sydney Howe Forest after the now deceased Holderness Resident who was one of the foremost environmentalists of the United States. After some discussion, the Board was in agreement that the Article should be on the warrant.

The Board questioned if there needed to be an article advising the Town that the Commission will be pursuing a Conservation easement for the current Town Forest at the next Town meeting. After some discussion it was determined that the article was not necessary and a newsletter or other informational document could be prepared during the year.

The Board thanked Mr. Spencer and the Commission for their time and effort to promote Conservation efforts in our community.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francesco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:49PM. Ms. Connelly seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael R. Capone
Town Administrator