

Holderness Select Board

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018

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

Others Present: Michael Capone, Town Administrator,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.

Payroll & Payables: Reviewed and discussed.

Correspondence File: The correspondence file was reviewed and discussed.

At 5:00PM, Ms. White led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval and Signing of Payroll and Payable Checks – Mr. Francesco moved, seconded by Ms. Connelly to approve the payroll and accounts payable manifests and to issue checks accordingly. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Approval of meeting minutes- Ms. Connelly moved, seconded by Mr. Francesco to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. White read the items on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda/ Signature file

- **2017 – 4th Quarter Sewer Tax Warrant**
- **Appointment-Tom Stepp-Recreation Committee**
- **Special Event Permit for Circle Trot -April 29th**

Consent Agenda/Signature File – Mr. Laverack moved, seconded by Mr. Francesco to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

New Business: Review and approval of final Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed the final Town Meeting Warrant that was presented at the Public Hearing on February 14, 2018. Mr. Francesco moved to accept the final Warrant as presented and post it for Town Meeting. Mr. Laverack provided a second. There was no further discussion. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Board Member Reports: Ms. Connelly mentioned that she was in attendance at a Business Industry Association Meeting at which Eversource indicated they were going to appeal the SEC decision with regard to Northern Pass. She also mentioned that the BIA was now endorsing the project.

Ms. White asked the Town administrator if he would begin his report until it was time for the Public Hearing.

Town Administrator's Report to the Select Board

Meetings- Solid Waste Roundtable – February 22 at 9AM, LRPC

The Board discussed Town Meeting. coverage. They developed a schedule for the polls and the vote certification.

The Library Trustees have announced the hiring of Adam Di Filippo as the new Library Director. He will begin his employment on February 26. Adam comes to the Town from his current position at the Pease Library in Plymouth.

The Town Administrator mentioned that he had been contacted by a Student from PSU with regard to the lighting on North River Street. They felt it was too dark for the students walking to the AllWell Center. The Town Administrator contacted the Police Chief to check the lighting in the area noting that they had just added some fixtures to the area last year. The Chief noted that it was his understanding that the students were to use the sidewalk between the playing fields to access that Facility. The Town Administrator contacted the University and they were going to check on the matter.

The Town Administrator mentioned that he had posted the Land Use Position on the Primex and the Municipal Association Website and he had received some inquiries.

New Business continued: Public Hearing on Keno Ms. White opened the Public hearing at 5:30. The Town Administrator noted that the hearing had been properly noticed.

Buddy Thibeault, from the Elks Lodge was present to speak in favor of the article. He reviewed some of the charitable work done by the Lodge. He noted that the passage of the article would bring more members into the Lodge.

The Chair asked if there was any more public comment on the article. There was none.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 5:41 and asked for comments and questions from the Board. Ms. Connelly asked what percentage of the proceeds from the games would go to the lodge. Mr. Thibeault was not certain.

Mr. Thibeault asked about putting a sign up at the polls. The Board referred him to the Town Moderator to get the particulars with respect to the regulations on notices at the polls.

Non-Public Session: RSA 91A:3, (b), (c) and (e)

At 5:46 PM, Mr. Brickley made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91A:3, II (b), (c) and (e). The motion was seconded by Ms. Connelly. The motion was approved 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Mr. Laverack -Yes, Mr. Francesco – Yes, Mr. Brickley – Yes, Ms. Connelly -Yes, Ms. White-yes.

At 6:30 PM, Mr. Brickley made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session stating that to not seal them would render the action taken in non-public session ineffective. The motion was seconded by Mr. Laverack. The motion was approved 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Mr. Laverack -Yes, Mr. Francesco – Yes, Mr. Brickley – Yes, Ms. Connelly -Yes, Ms. White-yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francesco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32PM. Mr. Brickley seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Capone
Town Administrator