

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: April 17, 2019

Members Present: Mark Haines, Mike McCallum and Janet Flinkstrom

Also present Town Administrator Robert Hanson

Time: 6:34 p.m.

- 2) Motion to enter into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with Fire Chief and will reconvene in Open Session.

Motion: Mike McCallum Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: MH/JF/MM - Aye

Selectmen return to Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

- 3) Selectmen approve minutes of April 3, 2019 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 4) Warrant #W19-21P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$62,207.32, subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 5) Warrant #W19-21 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$380,951.32, subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 6) Selectmen approve a new 3 year contract with the Fire Chief with opener for salary reconsideration (not negotiated yet) in year 2 and year 3 and allow the Selectmen to sign Out of Session after printing is complete.

Motion: Mike McCallum Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Read by JF and available on Ashby Website.

Joint Meeting with Selectmen and Finance Committee regarding FY20 Budget:

Finance Committee Members Present: Kathy Panagiotes, Sharon Stetson, Kevin Stetson and Lyric Donald

Discussion on Finance Committee quorum and Bob informed FinCom how the warrant article for Town Meeting will change the Committee Members to 5 so 3 members present will be a quorum. As worded now By-law states a range of 3 to 7 members.

Bob gave an update on where the budget was now that BOS finished negotiations with new Fire Chief Contract getting another \$10,000 more and how to fund a new Dump Truck for the Hwy Department from 3 different sources: Stabilization, Free Cash and Overlay Surplus.

Kevin Stetson questioned whether due diligence was being done before purchasing these large ticket items. Mike Bussell addressed all the hours of research approx. 80 hours spent before

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deciding what to purchase. Meeting with the professionals, who know more about ambulances than he does, including two trips to New Jersey to approve stages of building the ambulance. He assured Kevin that the Town is getting a very good value for money spent and assured him that the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief do the same when they make these large purchases for fleet replacements.

Kathy Panagiotes, FinCom Member reminded Kevin what bread used to cost and what it costs now \$4.99 to purchase a loaf of bread. Everything costs more - it is not the same as when he moved to Ashby 15 years ago.

Kevin brought up the Library Budget and FinCom Member Lyric updated Kevin what happened at last joint meeting of BOS/FinCom that Kevin missed.

Selectmen and Finance Committee review all the Town Meeting warrant articles & FinCom makes votes to approve or disapprove each warrant article.

- 7) Selectmen approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant for May 4th and will sign the Master(s) Out of Session.

Motion: Mike McCallum Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 8) Selectmen approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 4th and will sign the Master(s) Out of Session.

Motion: Mike McCallum Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Selectmen Review and Approve Host Community Agreement with United Cultivation. MM and Reps. from United Cultivation explained the agreement and answered questions from the public.

- 9) Selectmen approve the Host Community Agreement with United Cultivation and will sign Out of Session.

Motion: Mike McCallum Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Public Comments: Thank you to Mark Haines for serving as Selectman.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

- 10) Motion to adjourn at _____ p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____