

Selectboard Minutes
November 19, 2024

Present: Jenn Jones, chair
Andy Artimovich
Jon Morgan – via Teams
Paul Kleinmann
Letty Bedard

At 6:00pm, Jones called the meeting to order.

Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard to have Morgan participate remotely. Artimovich – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion carried.

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from November 12th, nonpublic minutes of November 12th, and nonpublic minutes of November 14th, the treasurer's report (found at the end of these minutes), and the following building permits:

Hibbard Rev Trust, 5 Sunset Lane, Electrical
Casey Family Summerwind Rev Trust, 22 Sherry Circle, Electrical
River Run Development, LLC, 4 Taylor Circle, Plan Examination
River Run Development, LLC, 9 Taylor Circle, Plan Examination
River Run Development, LLC, 11 Taylor Circle, Plan Examination
River Run Development, LLC, 11 James Circle, Electrical
Young, Donald Rev Trust, 39 Forest Lane, Electrical
River Run Development, LLC, 12 Taylor Circle, Plan Examination
Kash Irrevocable Trust, 134 Lake Road, Electrical
Young, Donald Rev Trust, 39 Forest Lane, Minor Project
Casey Family Summerwind Rev Trust, 22 Sherry Circle, Plumbing
River Run Development, LLC, 6 Taylor Circle, Plan Examination

Artimovich – aye; Morgan - aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion carried.

At 6:04pm, Jones opened the meeting up to public comment regarding the Fire Department's budget and proposed positions.

Liz Faria, South Road, had questions regarding the Fire Department's base wages and the different positions.

Jack Mitchell, Sherman Ave, discussed the effects the proposed changes would have on residents' tax bills.

Tim Labonte, Middle Road, asked about a Master Plan for the Fire Department.

Jones closed public comment at 6:09pm.

Chief Bird was present to discuss the Fire budget. Chief Bird discussed the new transitional position, Deputy Chief and the 2 Lieutenant positions that are currently Officer positions. Chief Bird explained that a Union pay scale was used to determine new pay rates. Chief Bird also discussed vehicle replacement. Bedard motioned, seconded by Morgan to approve the \$1,297,761 Fire budget. Artimovich – aye; Morgan -aye; Kleinman – nay; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed 4-1.

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EMS Captain Cynewski was present to discuss the Ambulance budget. Increases are due to the addition of a uniform line, maintenance and billing contracts and wages. Bedard motioned, seconded by Kleinman to approve the \$136,461 Ambulance budget. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion carried.

Jones opened the meeting to public comment at 7:03.

Lois DeYoung, Crawley Falls Road, had questions regarding Town personnel.

Liz Faria, South Road, had questions regarding Town Clerk/Tax Collector's wages, Treasurer's hours and Fire Department's open positions.

Dexter Swasey, Ole Gordon Road, Historical Society President, had a site walk with Budget Committee last week, invited Selectboard to hold a public site walk.

Doug Finan, Gove Road, had comments regarding the Historical Society's needs. Finan also gave an update as a commissioner to the Rockingham Planning Commission.

Mark Kennedy, Prescott Road, had comments regarding the trash contract.

Jim Hajjar, Mohawk Lane, had comments regarding fund balance.

Liz Faria, South Road, had comments regarding the intersection of state road Route 125 and South Road.

Jones closed public comment at 7:09.

Andy Gray was present to discuss the Recreation budget. Val Rogers, Rec Commissioner was present to support Gray. Gray proposed a new position. The Board discussed this need as well as the revolving fund. Rogers pointed out that the Rec budget only covers 55% of the Rec's expenses. There was discussion regarding the new position, Bedard suggested putting it out to the Town as a Warrant Article. Bedard motioned, seconded by Kleinman, to put forward a Warrant Article for a second fulltime Recreation position to start May 1, 2025. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – nay; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – nay. Motion carried, 3-2.

Road Agent, Wayne Robinson, was present to discuss the Highway and Snow and Ice budgets. The Board discussed with Robinson his Capital Reserve Fund and encumbering funds. Bedard motioned, seconded by Artimovich, to approve the Snow and Ice budget at \$142,410. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion carried.

Robinson discussed a potential new full-time position; the Board suggested a Warrant Article. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard to table the Highway budget for math corrections. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a Statement of Interest for the Zoning Board of Approvals from Wayne Morrill.

The Board discussed the proposed Casella contract which includes a move to automation. Morgan motioned to allow Artimovich to move forward with contract discussions with Casella, seconded by Artimovich. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion carried.

The Board is in receipt of a State permit application from Dragon Mosquito to allow them to continue working in Brentwood. Artimovich motions to approve Jones signing the permit application, seconded by Bedard. Artimovich – aye;

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Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – nay; Jones – aye. Motion carried, 4-1.

Bedard discussed a potential unofficial committee and the creation of a voter companion guide.

At 9:21pm, Kleinman motioned, seconded by Artimovich, to enter nonpublic for legal. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

Public session reconvened at 9:46 PM.

Bedard made a motion to seal the minutes, seconded by Artimovich. Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed.

At 9:47 PM Artimovich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kleinman. Roll call vote taken and all were in favor. The motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix

WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT				
DATE:			11/19/2024	
General Fund:		TD BANK		
Previous Balance:		2,633,066.44		
Deposits:		664,840.81		
Payroll:		35,261.30	DDP: \$34,721.33	
			CHK: \$539.97	
FICA:		8463.85		
A/P:		332,259.46	Reg A/P Cks \$77,259.46	NHRS \$
			255,000.00	CO-OP: \$
Transfer to Impact Fees				
Admin CC Paid				
Account Balance:		2,921,922.64		
Interest Earned YTD:		1,323,651.45		
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Joyce A. Gallant, Treasurer				