

Selectboard Minutes
January 28, 2025

Present: Jenn Jones, Chair
Andy Artimovich
Jon Morgan
Paul Kleinmann
Letty Bedard

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

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Artimovich motioned, seconded by Morgan to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from January 21st, non-public minutes from January 21st, which are sealed, and the following building permits:

- River Run Development, LLC, 9 Taylor Circle, Plumbing
- Theodore Field, 106 Prescott Road, Plumbing
- Howard, Mary, Peter & Robert, 147 Pickpocket Road, Electrical
- River Run Development, LLC, 9 Taylor Circle, Electrical
- River Run Development, LLC, 11 Taylor Circle, Electrical
- River Run Development, LLC, 10 Taylor Circle, Electrical
- River Run Development, LLC, 6 Taylor Circle, Electrical
- Deborah Langlais, 22 Three Ponds Drive , Electrical
- Phillip Bradner & Gille Amaral, 26 Ole Gordon Road, Electrical
- Kasey & Graham Cook, 11 Vahey Drive, Electrical
- Michael Hutchins, 23 Route 107, Pool
- Philip & Heather Milot, 10 Green Leaf Circle, Minor Project

All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 6:02pm, Jones opened the meeting up to public comment.

Brett Ramsdell, South Road, stated that it would be helpful to the public to see the proposed budget numbers compared to actual expenditures.

Elizabeth Faria, South Road, had questions/comments regarding former Chief Ventura's settlement.

Jim Hajjar, Brentwood Newsletter Representative, thanked the Board for paying the invoice. Hajjar also explained that he will be submitting a Warrant Article regarding the Brentwood Newsletter, hopes it will be the last year.

Harry Lindsay, Middle Road, had comments regarding fixing or replacing the front-end loader.

Seeing no other public comment, Jones closed public comment at 6:14pm.

Wayne Robinson, Road Agent, was present to discuss the front-end loader. Robinson and Lindsay had a back and forth regarding repairing the front-end loader. Robinson told the Board he is agreeable to either repairing or replacing the machine. Hansen will follow up with the details of a lease through Volvo to compare with other lease options. The Board will discuss

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further at a later date.

Officer In Charge, Lieutenant Doty was present to discuss the mental health policy and contract with Seeds for Change Counseling. Doty explained that this policy will be mandatory for full time officers and voluntary but strongly encouraged for part time officers. Kleinman asked Doty if he expected and push back from his officers, Doty stated that he has already spoken with his officers, and they are agreeable. Jones would like to leave “Seeds for Change” out of the policy and replace with qualified mental health professional, QMHP, Doty agrees. Artimovich motions to sign the policy as amended, seconded by Morgan, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed a one-year trial of the mental health policy, it could then be discussed if this could be utilized for the Fire Department.

The Board discussed the contract with Seeds of Change pertaining to the PD’s mental health policy. Page 2 needs to be updated from “Fire” to “Police”. The contract is per session and can be cancelled anytime. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard to sign the contract with Seeds Of Change, seconded by Bedard. All in favor, motion carried.

Doty was present to update the Police’s detail policy. Doty states that they have recently had problems with contractors booking details for x number of hours and showing up late and/or leaving early. Doty would like to add that the Chief or their designee has discretion on how many officers are needed per RSA 105:9. Doty recommends renaming the detail policy to Public Safety Detail Policy or to add a bullet to include the Fire Department. There was a discussion about if this should be a town policy or a police policy. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard to take out the RSA in regards to payment and to add the Fire Department, and accept this policy. All were in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the wording of the Recreation Department’s warrant article. The Board discussed correcting the date tow 5/1/2025 and amending the dollar amount to \$26,226, so as not to include the amount already in the budget. Artimovich motioned, to recommend the Rec Department’s warrant article as amended, seconded by Morgan. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – nay; Bedard – nay; Jones – aye. Motion carried, 3-2.

The board discussed the warrant articles.

Warrant Article #1, General Municipal Operations Artimovich motions to recommend warrant article #1, seconded by Morgan. All in favor, motion carries.

Warrant Article #2, CRF: Multiple. Artimovich motions to recommend warrant article #2, seconded by Morgan, all in favor, motion carries.

Warrant Article #3, Multipurpose Municipal Building. Artimovich motions to recommend warrant article #3, seconded by Bedard, all in favor, motion carries.

Warrant Article #4, Front End Loader Purchase. The Board discussed purchasing vs leasing vs repairing. Artimovich reminded the Board that the warrant article can be amended on the floor at Town Meeting. Morgan motioned to recommend warrant article #4 for a purchase of up to \$190,000, seconded by Artimovich. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – abstain; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Warrant Article #5, Capital Reserve Fund: Highway Vehicles/Equipment Purchase. Morgan motions to recommend warrant article #5, seconded by Artimovich, all in favor, motion carried.

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Warrant Article #6, Closing Solar CRF. Morgan motions to recommend warrant article #6, seconded by Artimovich, all in favor, motion carried.

Warrant Article #7, Closing Library Amphitheater CRF. Morgan motioned to recommend warrant article #8, seconded by Artimovich. All in favor, motion carried.

The Casella contract has been reviewed by Primex and Town Counsel, Artimovich motioned, seconded by Morgan to sign the Casella contract, all in favor, motion carried.

Morgan shared that since hiring a grant writer Brentwood has applied for over \$245,000 in grants.

Jones reminded everyone about upcoming budget committee meetings and their public hearing.

At 7:39pm a motion was made by Artimovich, seconded by Kleinman to enter nonpublic for hiring and legal. Roll call vote: Artimovich -aye, Morgan – aye, Kleinman – aye, Bedard – aye, Jones -aye. Motion passes.

Nonpublic convened at 7:45pm.

At 8:37pm Jones motioned to leave nonpublic, seconded by Morgan. Roll call vote: Artimovich -aye, Morgan – aye, Kleinman – aye, Bedard – aye, Jones -aye. Motion passes and public meeting reconvened. Jones motioned to seal the minutes, seconded by Morgan. Roll call vote: Artimovich -aye, Morgan – aye, Kleinman – aye, Bedard – aye, Jones -aye. Motion passes.

At 8:37 Artimovich motioned to adjourn, seconded by Morgan, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix