

Selectmen's minutes of meeting March 25, 2020

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, George Riley
Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Members absent: Joanne Grybosh

Called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes reviewed and signed
Purchase orders reviewed and signed

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to appoint Joanne Grybosh as the Public Information Officer.

Discussed holding Selectmen's meetings during this COVID-19 State of Emergency. Joanne has been working on setting up remote access so that the public will have access to the meetings. We will continue to meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. allowing the public remote access only. No one will be allowed in the building. This will also allow the selectmen to hold a meeting remotely should it come to that. The next meeting will be April 1 at 9:00 a.m.

The FY2021 budget and warrant are not ready yet. Joanne and Brian have been working numbers to reduce the prop 2 ½ limit. All agreed that if we need to move funds from Free Cash and the Stabilization Trust Fund we will propose that instead of increasing the tax rate.

Future Agenda items:

We will need to post job openings for the Finance Committee Secretary, the Conservation Commission Secretary and the Transfer Station Attendant.

Vote on the FY2021 Warrant

Treasurer/Tax Collector Teresa Sphonhlz announced a vote that Governor Baker will be making a recommendation tomorrow regarding legislation for tax payments due to the COVID-19.

Motion by Mark, second by George, passed unanimously to postpone the Caucus, Town Meeting and Town Election.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to not publish the Annual Town Report Book at this time. We will publish and mail the FY2021 Warrant which is required by law but hold off on the book. If time allows later in the year we will try to collect all reports and print the book at that time.

Mail reviewed
Warrants reviewed and signed
Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley

