



Selectmen's Meeting
Rindge Town Office
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2011
Time: 5:30 P.M.

Meeting Minutes
(approved 04-13-11)

5:30 Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II.(a) for Personnel – motion made by Brummer to go into non-public, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Goodrich.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Forum – None at this time.

Approval of Minutes - None to approve at this time.

General Business

6:00 Continued Public Hearing on Budget & Bond – There was continued discussion on the budget.

BAC recommendations – They have finalized their recommendations and Pini went through the differences between the Selectmen's numbers and the BAC numbers.

Preparations for Deliberative Session

Barry made a motion to propose a budget of \$3,597,203, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Warrant Article 8 – Barry made a motion to recommend article 8, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Warrant Article 9 – will need to change the budget to reflect the changes and will have this as recommended 3 for 0 opposed.

Warrant Article 10 – Brummer made a motion to raise \$25,000 for Meetinghouse maintenance, 2nd by Barry. All member were in favor.

Warrant Article 11 – Trash Hauling vehicle. The BAC is opposed to this article; they feel that we need to look into other options for trash hauling. It was recommended by the BAC to remove this article. Brummer stated that a few years ago it was found that it would be cheaper for us to haul our own trash than a private company. Barry made a motion to remove the article, 2nd by Goodrich. Barry and Goodrich voted in favor of removing the article, Brummer voted against removing the article. The article will be removed.

Warrant Article 12 – Bruce Hall wanted to clarify this article. This is not exactly a utility vehicle. He would suggest that they state that it is a Gator vehicle and not a utility vehicle. It was

suggested to be called a field maintenance utility vehicle. Motion made by Brummer to support Article 12 and change it to field maintenance utility vehicle, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Warrant Article 13 – The BAC does not like the way that this article is written. It was suggested that if the Chief gets two new vehicles that he will reduce his fleet by one. Barry made a motion to reword article 13 to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to come from the Capital Reserve, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Warrant Article 14 – Motion made by Brummer to raise \$20,000 for a radio repeater, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Warrant Article 15 – Motion made by Barry to approve article 15 to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for a first response vehicle for the FD, 2nd by Brummer. All members were in favor.

Warrant Article 16 – Motion made by Brummer to raise and appropriate \$155,000 for the plow and sander, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Revaluation – the Board of Selectmen had originally decided to take this article off. Pini and DuVernay talked about this, even though we had a revaluation last year, if we at least put this on the warrant, then it would cost less each year, than waiting for next year. Brummer feels that fiscally we are better to do it on a yearly basis. Brummer made a motion to put this article back on the Warrant, 2nd by Goodrich. Brummer and Goodrich in favor of putting it back on, Barry opposed. Goodrich asked for those in favor of the article, all were in favor.

Warrant Article 21 – Scotts Lane acceptance. Pini feels that it is more appropriate to put a description in the voters guide and not give their vote on the article, since it is not a money article.

Pini stated that there has been discussion about putting a Warrant Article on to try and go back to the Town Meeting style. Barry made a motion that the Board add the article to ask the town voters to see if they want to go back to Town Meeting style, 2nd by Brummer with the stipulation that they put articles in the Ledger to educate the public. All members were in favor.

Pini stated that the BAC was looking to have an article that allowed them to have alternates and a requirement that if a member misses 3-4 meetings, then they will be removed and a new person appointed in their place. Motion made by Brummer to add an article to allow alternates to be appointed by the BOS, up to 3 for the purpose of filling in a position that whose attendance has missed three meetings, 2nd by Barry. Brummer changed his motion to remove the 3 missed meetings, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor of the amended article.

Deliberative Session – Pat will not be at the meeting. Last year the Selectmen presented the Warrant Articles and Pini wanted to know if that was the case for this year. We had an election committee meeting this week and there was discussion about whether to have the meeting in the gym or in the café. Goodrich would prefer it in the gym, he felt that we had a good crowd and that we are more comfortable in the gym. They decided to stay in the gym. The Selectmen will coordinate as to who will present which articles.

Dan Aho was present, making the BAC have a quorum. They needed to vote on the Warrant Article on the budget. The BAC met in the Planning Board office to talk about the Budget. Aho and the BAC came back and stated that they had voted 2 in favor and 2 against.

Payroll Manifest – Motion made by Brummer, 2nd by Barry to accept the payroll manifest. All members were in favor.

Accounts Payable Manifest – Motion made by Barry, 2nd by Brummer to accept the Accounts Payable manifest. All members were in favor.

Town Administrator's Report

Ongoing Business – Meetinghouse Oversight committee, Goodrich reported that money is put aside for repairs to the Meetinghouse. They are looking to repair the bell tower, paint the exterior doors and windows. They are going to apply for a grant which would allow them to hire a preservation architect who can give them more detailed recommendations as to what the building needs in long term.

Energy Committee – Working with Margaret Dillion from SEEDS to do the energy audits on all the town buildings. She has provided us with a preliminary report on the Police Station, because we had received another grant to do energy upgrades to the building. Her observations might be useful before going through with that project. She doesn't agree with project. She feels that if they insulate the attic then the snow would not melt on the roof and could cause a roof collapse. If we don't go forward with the other grant, we may lose that funding.

Street Light conversion – PSNH is ready to go ahead with this project.

Senior Housing – Will be ready for occupancy in April. We need to find some tenants.

Informational Items / Communication

Budget Report for JRCSD from Charlie Eicher – He has put together a comprehensive report for the BOS. We had invited the Superintendent and the Chairman of the School Board, but they had a conflict. They did invite the Board to their next meeting. Their Deliberative Session is on February 9th. It is our regular meeting, but we could adjourn early and head over there.

2011 Legislative Breakfast at MCH – Friday, February 11th.

Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II.(c) for Reputation – Motion made by Brummer to go into non-public, 2nd by Barry. All members were in favor.

Adjournment – with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.