

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting**

April 11, 2018

MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Dan Jerram, Selectman Alesia Kennerson, Selectman Eric Claman;
Administrative Assistant Christine Hayward.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: by Kennerson to approve the minutes dated January 23, 2018 as presented; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

MOTION: by Kennerson to approve the minutes dated February 5, 2018 as presented; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

MOTION: by Kennerson to approve the minutes dated February 27, 2018 as presented; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

MOTION: by Kennerson to approve the minutes dated March 13, 2018 as presented, seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

Budget 2019-2019; take any action that may be needed as a result of Board of Finance meeting held on April 10, 2018:

First Selectman Jerram notified the Selectmen that the Board of Finance had made some changes to the proposed budget. They added funding to the libraries and to the West Hill Lake/Pond Association. They also increased the line item for the Economic Development Commission. The proposed tax increase is at 1.61%. Jerram stated that the budget does include a commitment to vehicles needed for the highway department.

MOTION: by Kennerson to put forth the proposed budget in the amount of \$24,662,089.94 to Town Meeting for approval; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

Set time, date, manner of Annual Budget Meeting:

MOTION: by Kennerson to hold the Annual Budget Meeting on April 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Hall.

Unanimous.

Per CT General Statutes Section 7-7, remove #1 from the call of the Annual Budget Meeting and take such budget to Referendum.

MOTION: by Kennerson to remove Item number one from the call of the Annual Budget Meeting and take the budget to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

Set time, date, manner of Annual Town Meeting:

MOTION: by Kennerson to hold the Annual Town Meeting on April 24, 2018 immediately following the Annual Budget Meeting which begins at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous

Per CT General Statutes 7-7, remove item number 7 from the Call of the Annual Town Meeting and take the proposed acquisition of the Michael Butler Farm to Referendum in conjunction with the budget referendum :

MOTION: by Kennerson to remove Item number 7 from the Call of the Annual Town Meeting and to take that item (proposed acquisition of the Michael Butler Farm) to a referendum to be held on May 8, 2018; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

Operations Updates:

First Selectman updated the Board on a few operational items.

He informed the Selectmen that a member of the highway crew has moved to Tennessee. This leaves a vacancy on the crew which will need to be filled. Don will be missed as he was the crew member most responsible for the maintenance of Brodie Park and Browns Corner. He took great pride in his work and his absence leaves a void that will be difficult to fill.

Additionally, there is an upcoming retirement of a Senior Staff member of the highway department. There will be a delay in hiring replacements for these two crew members so that expenses related to their accrued time payouts can be absorbed within the budget. These payouts were not anticipated and they are not budgeted, therefore they do present a financial difficulty when they occur.

MOTION: by Kennerson to adjourn at 7:16 PM, seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Hayward, Administrative Assistant