

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
April 15, 2019**

Present: First Selectman Daniel Jerram, Selectman Eric Claman; Administrative Assistant Christine Hayward.

First Selectman Jerram called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Set time, date, manner of Annual Budget Meeting:

MOTION: by Claman to hold the Annual Budget Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall.

Mr. Jerram commented that he is frustrated that the State of Connecticut budget has not been passed because there are unknowns with respect to revenues and possible expenses that make it difficult for Municipalities to propose responsible budgets. The variances that exist with respect to what to expect in ECS funding along with the unknown as to what costs the town may have to incur for the teachers' pension fund force a budget to be cautious and include some additional costs that may be passed onto the town. If the actual numbers were known to the town, the budget would be based upon actuality and not possibility.

Unanimous.

Remove Item Number 1 from the Call of the Annual Budget Meeting and take proposed budget to Referendum:

MOTION: by Claman to remove Item Number 1 from the Call of the Annual Budget Meeting and move it to a referendum to be held on May 7, 2019, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM, seconded by Jerram.

Mr. Jerram stated that there is an ordinance that was adopted by the people many years ago that dictates that the budget shall be voted on at a referendum. CT General Statutes 7-7 allow for the Selectmen to remove items from the call of any meeting and take them to referendum.

Unanimous

Set time, date, manner of Annual Town Meeting:

MOTION: by Claman to hold the Annual Town Meeting on April 23, 2019, immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Budget Meeting in the Senior Center/Meeting room of the New Hartford Town Hall.

Mr. Jerram announced that the items to be included on the Annual Town Meeting include the acceptance of an easement for the maintenance and repair of a sanitary sewer pipeline for the new Dunkin Donuts location on the corner of Routes 219 and 44 and also the appointment of a representative to serve on Stanclift Cove Authority.

Unanimous.

Operations Updates:

First Selectman Jerram stated that he had the opportunity to meet Governor Lamont at the recent Council of Governments meeting. Mr. Jerram noted that this is this Governor's second visit to the COG meeting, something the prior governor never did. He is hopeful that the Governor will reach out to municipalities and be informed of their concerns.

Mr. Jerram offered his public congratulations to New Hartford resident and Commission on Aging Member Karen Kuhl who was recently recognized by the Northwest Chamber of Commerce for her dedication and involvement to the Chamber and the community at large.

Jerram updated the Board on the concerns expressed by the Hogback Commission regarding the potential abandonment by the Metropolitan District Commission of several acres of watershed land.

This remains to be seen whether this is something that the MDC is seriously considering or not. An additional concern of the Commission is the lowering of the Hogback Recreation Area in order to work on the gates at the Colebrook Reservoir. The Army Corps of Engineers is planning to repair the gates and the water will need to be lowered significantly. This could have an impact on the recreational activities within the river. This will be closely monitored.

There are several items that need to be on the agenda of a Special Town Meeting. However, as is most often the case, things are taking longer than anticipated.

The Butler Conservation Easement has not yet been completed. The Land Trust attorney has been very busy and has not yet had time to finalize the changes that have been requested. The Selectmen do not want restrictions on the development of the trail in perpetuity. They are uncomfortable agreeing to conditions that will tie the hands of future generations.

A conduit that will be under the trail that will be used to take water from the river for irrigation purposes for the Butler farmland will need inland wetlands approval. This will be on the agenda for the next Inland-Wetlands meeting.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

First Selectman Jerram stated that he had received a request to appoint an alternate to the Historic District Commission.

MOTION: by Jerram to appoint Susie Horn to serve as an alternate on the Historic District Commission; term to expire December 31, 2021; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

Another request presented to Mr. Jerram was the appointment of Douglas Roth to serve as an alternate on the Open Space Preservation Commission.

MOTION: by Jerram to appoint Douglas Roth to serve as an alternate member on the Open Space Preservation Commission; term to expire December 31, 2019; seconded by Claman.

Unanimous.

Requests for Refunds of Taxes:

MOTION: by Claman to approve the requests of refunds of taxes as presented by the Tax Collector; seconded by Jerram.

JP Morgan Chase Bank	P.O. Box 901098, Fort Worth TX, 76101-2098	vehicle sold	\$162.89
JP Morgan Chase Bank	P.O. Box 901098, Fort Worth TX, 76101-2098	vehicle sold	\$215.87
JP Morgan Chase Bank	P.O. Box 901098, Fort Worth TX, 76101-2098	registered in AL	\$215.62

Unanimous.

MOTION: by Claman to adjourn at 6:40 PM, seconded by Jerram.

Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Hayward, Administrative Assistant

Attachments:

Notice of the Annual Budget Meeting and Notice of Referendum

Notice of the Annual Town Meeting

(Attachments are available upon request in the Office of the Town Clerk)