



Town of Amherst, NH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA
BARBARA LANDRY MEETING ROOM
2 Main Street
Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Call to Order: Chairman Dwight Brew called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Attendees: Chairman, Dwight Brew; Vice-Chairman, Brad Galinson, Selectmen Mike Akillian, John D'Angelo and Tom Grella. Also present: Town Administrator, Jim O'Mara and Executive Assistant, Torrey Demanche taking minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Cummings, ACTV Cameraman, lead the pledge.

Citizens' Forum – no citizens came forward.

Approvals:

Accounts Payable

Selectman D'Angelo motion to approve one (1) FY14 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$244,352.79 dated January 27, 2014 subject to review and audit. Seconded by Selectman Akillian. Vote 5-0

Selectman D'Angelo motion to approve one (1) FY14 Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$2,625,903 dated February 3, 2014 subject to review and audit. This is to fund the schools. Seconded by Selectman Grella. Vote 5-0

Payroll

Selectman D'Angelo motion to rescind one (1) FY14 Estimated Payroll in the amount of \$180,000 and approve one (1) FY14 Actual Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$184,389.41 dated January 23, 2014 subject to review and audit. Seconded by Selectman Akillian. Vote 5-0

Minutes

Selectman D'Angelo motion to approve the minutes of Monday, January 6, 2014 with amendments. Seconded by Selectman Akillian. Vote 5-0

Final Approval of Town Warrant

Vice Chairman Galinson motioned to amend the Deliberative Session warrant to include a snow date of February 6, 2014. Seconded by Selectman D'Angelo. Vote 5-0

Chairman Brew stated that one of the articles originally put forward by the Board of Selectman was one that was put forward last year as part of a compound warrant article and is not necessary for this year's ballot. This was the article that intended to make the Board of Selectmen agents to expend for the Ambulance Capital Reserve.

Vice-Chairman Galinson moved to delete the content of Article #35 and replace the article title with Withdrawn by Selectmen. The text of the article to read: This warrant article has been withdrawn by the Selectmen. This article number has been retained so as not to disturb the numeric sequence of the remaining articles. Seconded by Selectman Akillian. Vote 5-0

Town Administrator

Fire Department – on-call Firefighter

Town Administrator O'Mara presented a request on behalf of Fire Chief Mark Boynton to appoint Michael Godin as a Call Firefighter.

Selectman Grella motioned for the Board to appoint Michael Godin as a Call Firefighter for the Amherst Fire Department. Seconded by Vice Chairman Galinson. Vote 5-0

NRPC Aggregation Power Purchase

Town Administrator O'Mara advised the Board that the work with NRPC regarding the Electricity Aggregate has been completed. All documents have been reviewed by legal counsel and the consortium consists of eight towns and five school districts. Integrity has been selected as the electricity provider and is locked in at \$7.85 per kilowatt hour as opposed to the PSNH rate of \$9.23 per kilowatt hour. This price is slightly higher than our current provider Hess; however, Hess is no longer going to be providing the service one the contract year ends. This will be a nine month agreement and no motions from the Board are necessary. This information is advisory only.

Stormwater Coalition – no update on the coalition at this time.

Right-to-Know

Town Administrator O'Mara advised that we are still in the informational gathering portion of the recent request received by a law firm. The town is within the agreed upon timeframe to provide the requested information.

Town Administrator O'Mara asked that the Board of Selectmen post a meeting for the evening of February 5, 2014 to coincide with the Deliberative Session. This will give the Board the ability to revisit and/or vote on articles changes, if necessary. The Board of Selectmen discussed the Deliberative Session process expected for the evening of Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the Souhegan High School Auditorium.

Chairman Brew invited Ways & Means Chairman Bob Brewster up to discuss preparations for the Deliberative Session handouts and PowerPoint presentations items. The Board of Selectmen discussed the Deliberative Session process expected for the evening of Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the Souhegan High School Auditorium.

Chairman Brew invited Morgan Mott and Erin Soyer to come forward. They are students of St. Asylum College in Manchester and are doing a project on the Town of Amherst with regard to the community, schools and businesses in the community. Town Administrator O'Mara offered to assist with providing information and contacts from all town departments to assist with their research.

Adjourn

Selectman Akillian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Seconded by Selectman Akillian. Vote 5-0