



Town of Antrim
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022
6:00 PM

Board Members Present: John Robertson, Chairman; Tom Davis, Selectman; Michael Ott (via Zoom), Selectman

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Russell McAllister, Road Agent, Jim Plourde.

Others Present: See Attached

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve the February 9 & 14 meeting minutes. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. Mr. Ott abstained as he didn't have his agenda packet. The vote carried.

Town Meeting Prep with Town Moderator

Town Moderator Arthur Merrill explained that WA#12 – “Waste Water Facilities Study,” will need to be addressed first as it is an article seeking permission to borrow 75k. Mr. Robertson agreed to make the motion to move WA#12 to the first article for discussion with Mr. Davis seconding the motion. Mr. Robertson agreed to make the motion to discuss the WA with Mr. Davis to second the motion and then to have a Sewer Commissioner to speak to the article. The Board continued to work with Moderator Merrill on presentation of the Town Warrant at Town Meeting. The following is the determined presentation layout for presentation of the Town Warrant at the meeting.

Article 3 – Purchase of a One-Ton Highway Truck w/plow

Motion made Mr. Davis

Motion seconded Mr. Ott

Speak to the issue Road Agent Plourde

Article 4 – Highway Building Addition

Motion made Mr. Davis

Motion seconded Mr. Robertson

Speak to the issue Road Agent Plourde

Article 5 – Fire Department Hose

Motion made Mr. Ott

Motion seconded Mr. Davis

Speak to the issue Fire Chief Gale

Article 6 – Fire Department Turn-out Gear

Motion made Mr. Davis

Motion seconded Mr. Ott

Speak to the issue Fire Chief Gale

Article 7 – Capital Reserve Funds

Motion made Mr. Davis

Motion seconded Mr. Ott

Speak to the issue Mr. Robertson

Article 8 – Town Building Stewardship Plan

Motion made Mr. Davis

Motion seconded Mr. Ott

Speak to the issue Mr. Robertson

Article 9 – Gregg Lake Beach Park Improvement

Motion made Mr. Ott

Motion seconded Mr. Davis

Speak to the issue Mr. Ott / Recreation Commission Member

Article 10 – Police Vehicle Purchase

Motion made Mr. Robertson

Motion seconded Mr. Ott

Speak to the issue Police Chief Lord

Article 11 – Operating Budget

Motion made Mr. Davis

Motion seconded Mr. Robertson

Speak to the issue BoS

Update – Restoration of Merged Lots

The Board reviewed a legal opinion provided by counsel noting that if a previous owner had voluntarily merged lots in question, then the current owner was precluded from un-merging them. The TA explained that he was waiting for a reply from the assessing contractor regarding the amount and type of work and cost necessary to complete the request.

Veteran's Exemption – 101-025-000 & 212-027-000

The Board reviewed and signed off on the veteran exemptions for the above properties.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Robertson briefed the Board on his SAC meeting where the default budget, pre-k, and a petitioned warrant article were topics of discussion. He also attended a Primex sponsored Cybersecurity webinar. Mr. Davis attended a planning board meeting where they were looking at issues for the coming year.

Town Administrator Update

The TA noted that of the six cards available to be handed out for temporary use that are necessary to open the doors in Town Hall only one was working. Mirador IT and Arcom Communications have been contacted so new cards could be created to replace the inoperative cards.

Other Business

Mr. Robertson spoke to the issue of masks and newly released guidance (2/25) by the NH Department of Health and Human Services concerning mask wearing. It no longer recommended mask wearing. Rebecca Hull asked to speak to the mask wearing guidance issued by the Board of Selectmen to people who were not vaccinated entering Antrim Town buildings. She characterized the Board's policy as discriminatory. Mr. Davis noted that Ms. Hull was not on the agenda and went on to explain that getting on the agenda

and supplying material about the issue she wished to discuss gave the Board members time to prepare and schedule necessary staff to attend as well.

Mr. Davis made the motion to allow Ms. Hull five minutes to speak to her issue. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. Mr. Robertson voted no and the other two members voted yes to allow the time. The motion carried.

Ms. Hull spoke against the mask guidance issued by the Board characterizing it as discriminatory.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II(b)

Mr. Ott made the motion to convene in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to review candidate applications for HWY and Land Use Assistant. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Roll call vote; Mike Ott, yes; Tom Davis, yes; John Robertson, yes.

The Board convened in non-public session at approximately 1906.

The Board re-convened in public session at approximately 1937.

Mr. Davis made the motion to offer a conditional offer of employment to Stephen Auen for the full-time position in the highway department at a starting rate of \$20/hour pending a successful background check. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

There being no further business Mr. Robertson made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Russell McAllister

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES FOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022**

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