

**April 19, 2016**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Minutes**  
**Town Offices**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Room**  
**148 Peck Street**

Present: Selectman Pimental, Selectman Schwall, Chairman Vadnais, Helen Dennen  
Absent: Selectman Costello, Selectman Perry

**1.) Call to Order: 7:25 PM**

Chairman Vadnais called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Business for Discussion:**

**WARRANTS:** 16-41A Withholdings \$26,770.20; 16-42 Invoices \$19,601.64; 16-42B Payroll \$78,345.90

**MINUTES:** None

**Announcements:** Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

Chairman Vadnais advised the Board that the Water Commission would like to meet with the Board of Selectmen and requested they be put on the 4/25/16 agenda as the first agenda item.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

Helen stated she met with Don Backlund this past Thursday. Looks like we are fine with amount budgeted for next year—no increase for FY17--he thinks insurance costs will come in at the same as FY16.

A Pre-town Meeting has been set for Thursday, April 28 at 7 PM at the Senior Center.

Spoke to Jay Talerman on info Board requested:

- Jay stated that a municipal lien survives bankruptcy – On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall it was voted to request Town Counsel place a lien on Sun Edison solar PILOT Agreement. Vote 3-0
- Re: an appointed individual and reasons for not appointing or reappointing – you can cite anything which is obtainable by the public— but suggests any board which uses that information treads lightly with the information being presented—you must be careful on how you present the information.
- Hornbine School composition – can be three individuals with others considered volunteers working under the direction of the three appointed individuals—this is not a problem. As for CORI, we can ask them to complete a CORI form, if we so choose to do so. On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted to perform a CORI on the appointed and volunteer individuals for the Hornbine School Association Committee and, in the future, on a case by case basis when children and the elderly are involved.

Helen asked if the Board if it was necessary for Greenlock to come before them to ask for approval of their request to access Town roadways for Board said it was not necessary if the Police and Fire Chiefs were okay with arrangements made thru their departments.

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Helen advised Board that she met with David House and discussed Town electric bills and solar panel systems, further advising that there was a few problems, some of which needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

#### **Action Item (1): Town Properties for Auction**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall it was voted to reject the bids received at the 4/6/16 auction. Vote 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall it was voted to schedule another auction with the right of refusal of a bid. Vote 3-0

The Board requested that George Colias be invited to the 5/2/16 BOS meeting in Executive Session for a strategy session to explain what a reserve bid means and whether we wish to have a minimum bid for each property. George should proceed with preparing new auction notice for the Board's review.

Property	Map/Lot	ASSESSED VALUE	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT OFFERED	ANNUAL TAXES
21 FIRST STREET	3/16	164,400.00	49,893.20	9,000.00	2,017.43
5 BROOK STREET	22/7	198,300.00	29,252.28	70,000.00	2,433.44
248 WINTHROP STREET	46/1	155,100.00	34,578.66	12,000.00	1,903.31
AGRICULTURAL AVENUE	68/22	80,000.00	25,251.56	5,500.00	981.72

#### **Action Item (2): Town Accountant Position**

Discussion tabled—will be discussed at the April 25, 2016 meeting in Executive Session.

#### **Action Item (3): Reserve Fund Transfer**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental seconded by Selectman Schwall it was voted to approve Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund for \$7,349.22 into line 011105-521150 Compensation Buyout for additional funds needed for a police officer's retirement buyout. Vote: 3-0

#### **Action Item (4): Budget Amendment**

Tabled – not needed elected official.

#### **Action Item (5): Library Payment**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental seconded by Selectman Schwall it was voted to approve payment to the Antiquarian Society for the amount received from the Board of Library Commissioners, \$6,781.13 as the second half of the State Support for the Blanding Library for 2016.

#### **Action Item (6): 5/9/16 STM & ATM Warrants**

The Board review both the 5/9/16 Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants. Selectman Schwall made a motion to change the wording of Article 7 in the ATM Warrant as recommended by bond counsel. Article 7 shall read as follows:

**ARTICLE 7: MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX**

**SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, by borrowing, the sum of \$8.7 Million for the purpose of nat the current site of the public safety facility (334 Anawan Street), including costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow such amount under G.L. c.44, §7(3) or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion seconded by Selectman Pimental. Vote 3-0

Selectman Pimental requested a list of costs for the Municipal Lights line so she may have info to present at Town Meeting.

On a motion made by Selectman Schwall, seconded by Selectman Pimental it was voted to sign both the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants. Vote: 3-0

The Board thanked the Finance Committee for an excellent job getting us to a balanced forget using a little less Free Cash than was used last year.

The Board discussed the replacement of two police vehicles listed in the STM Warrant Capital article. Selectman Pimental stated she will make a motion on Town Meeting floor to reduce the article to one vehicle at a cost to be determined.

**Action Item (7): FY2017 Budget**

Board did not have any further comments on the budget.

**4/19/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Selectmen Schwall**

Selectman Schwall noted that it had come to his attention by the Town Clerk that we received from GSA a notice that the Federal Government is looking for 7,151 usable square feet of office space to lease around this area. The Board requested Helen send a letter that we would be interested in entering into a discussion about the matter.

Selectman Schwall noted that correspondence had received requesting us to honor an individual. Matter will be taken under consideration at our next meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Selectman Pimental:**

Selectman Pimental reminded Board about the Baseball Opening Day Ceremony on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Street ballfields.

Selectman Pimental expressed sympathy on the passing of Susan Rowse, wife of Ted Rowse. Funeral services will be Saturday.

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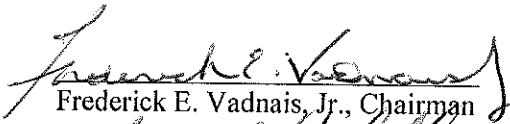
**Chairman Vadnais:**

Chairman Vadnais noted that the Board had received considerable correspondence regarding the compressor station to be located in our community and would like Board to consider hosting an informational session at an upcoming BOS meeting after Town Meeting. The Board would like to host a public session and invite both Senator Timilty and Rep Howitt along with representatives of Spectra on a night other than Selectmen's meeting night. All interested abutters, etc. to be invited.

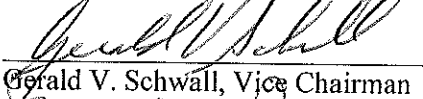
Respectfully submitted,



Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman



Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

Absent

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Absent

Michael R. Costello, Chairman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved 4/25/16