

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MINUTES

**March 6, 2017**

Board met in session at 8:30 a.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Abbot Hall  
Present (constituting a quorum):

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair  
Harry C. Christensen, Jr.  
Judith R. Jacobi  
Bret T. Murray  
James E. Nye

John J. McGinn, Town Administrator

#### **BUDGETS.**

**Police Department.** Police Chief Robert Picariello appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$3,633,681.00 for Salaries, \$182,390.00 for Expense, \$5,000.00 for Indemnification of Officers, for a total operating budget of \$3,821,071.00. 4 voted in favor. Mr. Murray voted present.

**Animal Inspector.** Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,400.00 for Salaries, for a total operating budget of \$2,400.00. All in favor.

**Fire Department.** Fire Chief Jason Gilliland appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$3,428,809.00 for Salaries, \$185,620.00 for Expense, \$114,179.00 for Capital Outlay, \$5,000.00 for Fire Alarm Expense, for a total operating budget of \$3,733,608.00. 3 voted in favor, Mr. Christensen and Mr. Murray voted present.

**FY18 Fire Prevention Stipend.** Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Fire Chief Gilliland to increase the FY18 stipend for Fire Prevention Officer to \$6,000 annually. 3 voted in favor. Mr. Christensen and Mr. Murray voted present.

**Harbors and Waters Department.** Webb Russell, Harbormaster, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$358,616.00 for Salaries, \$389,340.00 for Expense, \$120,000.00 for Capital Outlays, for a total operating budget of \$867,956.00. All in favor.

**Highway Department.** Arthur Graves, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$844,364.00 for Salaries, \$107,084.00 for Expense, \$48,750.00 for Rebuild/Maintain Streets and Sidewalks, \$100,000.00 for Snow Removal, for a total operating budget of \$1,100,198.00. All in favor.

**Tree Department.** Doug Gordon, Tree Warden, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$277,360.00 for Salaries, \$51,578.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$328,938.00. All in favor.

**Veterans Services Department.** David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Agent, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2018 as follows:

**Veterans' Agent.** Motion made and seconded to approve \$64,960.00 for Salaries, \$1,243.00 for Expense, \$1,100.00 for Local Travel, \$33,000.00 for Benefits, for a total operating budget of \$100,303.00. All in favor.

**Memorial Day.** David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Graves Officer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$6,150.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$6,150.00. All in favor.

**Weights and Measures.** David C. Rodgers, Sealer of Weights and Measures, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$250.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$250.00. All in favor.

**Engineering Department.** Charles Quigley, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$153,662.00 for Salaries, \$10,645.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$164,307.00. All in favor.

**Building Inspection Department.** Richard Baldacci, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present the proposed Building Inspection budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$517,298.00 for Salaries, \$21,355.00 for Expense, \$6,000.00 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of \$544,653.00. All in favor.

**Public Buildings Department.** Richard Baldacci, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present the proposed Public Buildings budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$102,407.00 for Salaries, \$102,550.00 for Expense, \$400.00 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of \$205,357.00. All in favor.

**Council on Aging.** Lisa Hooper, Director of the Council on Aging, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$297,634.00 for Salaries, \$11,990.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$309,624.00. All in favor.

**Finance Department.** Alison Nieto, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$644,512.00 for Salaries, \$268,310.00 for Expense, \$4,507,000.00 for Maturing Debt, \$2,650,767.34 for Interest, \$660,000.00 for Medicare, \$13,056,765.00 for Group Insurance, \$78,084.00 for Non-Contributory Retirement for a total operating budget of \$21,865,438.34. All in favor.

**Other Post-Employment Benefits.** Alison Nieto, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$350,000.00 for Other Post-Employment Benefits for a total operating budget of \$350,000.00. All in favor.

**Workers Compensation.** Alison Nieto, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$345,000.00 for Workmen's Compensation, for a total operating budget of \$345,000.00. All in favor.

**Selectmen's Department.** John J. McGinn, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$5,500.00 for Office Expenses, \$413,528.00 for Salaries, \$98,245.00 for Expense, \$14,000.00 for Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Services, \$15,000.00 for Training, \$2,000.00 for Out-of-State Travel, \$4,300.00 for Town Reports, \$54,500.00 for Audit of Accounts, \$128,820.00 for Street Lighting, \$503,057.00 for Other Insurance, \$110,770.00 for Salary Reserve, \$100,000.00 for Utility Reserve, \$533,544.00 for Energy Reserve for a total operating budget of \$1,983,264.00. All in favor.

**Parking Clerk.** John J. McGinn, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$10,484.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$10,484.00. All in favor.

**Town Counsel.** John J. McGinn, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,000.00 for Salaries, \$66,575.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$68,575.00. All in favor.

**CHARITABLE TRUSTS. Modifications.** In accordance with Mass General Law c. 180A, §5 and Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:23, the following votes were taken:

**Closson Fund.** Motion made and seconded that the Board of Selectmen, as trustees of the Closson Fund, vote to authorize the modification of said trust to release the restriction that beneficiaries be Protestant, to allow the administration of the trust without regard to the religious affiliation of beneficiaries, and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute any documents necessary therefor. All in favor.

**Ellen S. Hathaway Fund:** Motion made and seconded that the Board of Selectmen, as trustees of the Ellen S. Hathaway Fund, vote to authorize the modification of said trust to release the restriction that beneficiaries of "American parentage", to allow the administration of the trust without regard to the citizenship of beneficiaries parents, and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute any documents necessary therefor. All in favor.

**Mason H. and Mary Curtis Fund:** Motion made and seconded that the Board of Selectmen, as trustees of the Mason H. and Mary Curtis Fund, vote to authorize the modification of said trust to release the restriction that beneficiaries be "American" to allow the administration of the trust without regard to the citizenship of beneficiaries, and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute any documents necessary therefor. All in favor.

**Robert H. Curtis Fund:** Motion made and seconded that the Board of Selectmen, as trustees of the Robert H. Curtis Fund, vote to authorize the modification of said trust to release the restriction that beneficiaries of “American parentage”, to allow the administration of the trust without regard to the citizenship of beneficiaries parents, and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute any documents necessary therefor. All in favor.

**William F. Hathaway Fund:** Motion made and seconded that the Board of Selectmen, as trustees of the William F. Hathaway Fund, vote to authorize the modification of said trust to release the restriction that beneficiaries of “American parentage”, to allow the administration of the trust without regard to the citizenship of beneficiaries parents, and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute any documents necessary therefor. All in favor.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT. Indemnification.** Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Chief Picariello to indemnify Officer Michael Roads for injuries sustained while on duty February 17, 2017. All in favor.

**MINUTES.** Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 14, 2017. 4 voted in favor. Mr. Murray voted present.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn 9:10 a.m. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley  
Administrative Aide