

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

MARCH 13, 2019

### Called to Order 6:00 pm

**Present:** Selectmen: Melissa Spinney, Ed Pentaleri, Doug Baston. Members of the Public: Ralph Hilton, Howard Tuttle, Belinda Waterhouse, Jeffrey Waterhouse, Richard DeVries, Russ Gates, Abby Manahan, David Abbott, Greg Shute, Mike Trask, Roger Whitney, Beth Whitney, Judith Fossil, Chris Cooper, Denise Bizer, Susan Marcus, Ron Wright, Anne Simpson, Mike Averill, Linda Kristen, Barbara Baston, May Mitchell . Press: Jessica Clifford. Clerk: Liz Brown.

**Public Comment:** None

### New Business:

#### RSU #12 School Budget Presentation

Howard Tuttle, RSU #12 superintendent, presented the preliminary draft budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

Copies of this draft are available at the town office and a budget line-by-line will be posted in April. The District Budget Meeting on this will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Chelsea Elementary School.

A vote on the RSU Budget Referendum will be on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### TAN (Tax Anticipation Note)

Our auditor, Fred Brewer, recommended we borrow \$750,000 for this year's Tax Anticipation Note. Selectman Spinney made a motion to go with the amount of \$750,000 that Fred Brewer recommended for the TAN, and to only require signatures from herself and Amy Stockford, the town treasurer. This motion was seconded by Selectman Baston. Motion passed.

#### Town Meeting Warrant

The town meeting warrant was signed by the selectmen and then turned over to the town constable, Chris Cooper, to be posted.

#### Plowing Research Committee

Selectmen Spinney talked to Seth Hagar about the 2 year extension and discovered that it was not 2 years but 5 years that he wanted, which we are not authorized to do. Neither do the selectmen think it would be prudent to extend that long.

The selectmen feel that it is a good idea to have a Plowing Research Committee to explore options for plowing. They have asked, or will be asking Mike Trask, Calvin Cooper, Butch Brown, David Abbott, Chris Cooper, Toby Stockford and Doug Baston to make up this

committee as they feel all on this list would bring a lot of knowledge in different areas on plowing to the table.

#### MMA Requests for Puddledock School Repair

Our MMA insurance provider is requiring repair of an uncovered section of the crawlspace at Puddledock School by June 1. Selectman Spinney said that Chris Cooper will be doing the repair.

#### Potential Grant Opportunity

Selectman Spinney said Doreen Conboy let her know about a grant, the Belvedere Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency Grant Program, that is a potential grant opportunity for the town. Selectman Baston will work on this with Doreen Conboy and Chris Cooper for Puddledock School.

#### **Old Business:**

#### New Town Office Update

Chris Cooper said the basement archive room is finished as of this morning. The finish work upstairs is well advanced. They are still waiting for Tidewater to run the last line. He anticipates moving into the archive room and transferring things into it from the old town office as early as tomorrow. The idea is to try to complete this part while the ground is frozen making it easier to move things in from around the back of the building.

#### **Public Comment:**

Beth Whitney said she talked to the new county planner and was told it's time for a new comprehensive plan for Alna, as it's been 15 years. She said it's time to start thinking about forming a committee for this. There could be state grant money available for this.

Mike Trask mentioned the need to post the roads. Selectman Baston moved to post the roads as of tomorrow, March 14, and Selectman Pentaleri seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 p.m.**