

**Selectmen's Meeting, Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 in the Cavendish Town Office
Meeting Room at 6:00 PM.**

Present: Bob Glidden (Chairman), Mike Ripley, George Timko, Sandra Russo, Stuart Lindberg, Brendan McNamara (Town Manager) and Jen Leak (Recording Secretary).

1. Call the meeting to order

Bob Glidden, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Review Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review.

3. Adjust Agenda

Brendan said that he would like to add a brief executive session after other business for a legal matter that arose today.

4. Select Board to finalize FY 20-21 Selectman's Budget.

Brendan handed out copies of the updated FY21 Selectman's budget totaling \$1,556,280, which is an increase of \$73,793 or 4.92% over the FY20 budget. Brendan commented that, on the advice of the Town Auditor, he had moved the Cemetery and Recreation budgets out of the Appropriations category and into the General Services category. He said this was done because these departments are now part of the town and therefore are expenses rather than appropriations.

Stuart Lindberg moved/Sandra Russo seconded a motion to accept the FY21 Selectman's budget in the amount of \$1,556,280. All voted in favor.

Brendan thanked the Board for all their work and help putting this budget together.

5. Select Board to review and consider approval of Annual Town Meeting Warning.

Brendan reviewed the Town Meeting Warning with the Board. He said that the wording regarding the non-binding agreement was suggested and approved by both VLCT and the Secretary of State's office. The Board discussed the wording and how this item would be introduced and discussed at Town Meeting. Mike Ripley, Moderator, suggested that he would say the following: "Before we adjourn we would like to discuss a non-binding resolution that was put on the Town Meeting Warning by a group of citizens who got at least 5% of the eligible voters to sign a petition. The Select Board agreed to have it discussed here tonight, rather than just approve it."

Mike Ripley moved/Bob Glidden seconded a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warning as written taking into account how the Select Board wished the non-binding agreement to be handled by the moderator. All voted in favor.

6. **Other Business**

Brendan McNamara – Brendan said that he planned to include on the agenda for the next monthly Board meeting a discussion regarding setting up rules for the “Hear Citizens” item at future meetings.

Stuart Lindberg – Stuart said that he thought the guidelines Mike had handed out at the last meeting were appropriate as long as they were legal.

George Timko – none.

Sandra Russo – none.

Mike Ripley – none.

Bob Glidden – none.

Mike Ripley moved/Bob Glidden seconded a motion to enter executive session at 6:21 p.m. Jen was invited to stay. All voted in favor.

George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to exit executive session at 6:38 p.m. All voted in favor.

7. **Adjourn**

George Timko moved/Mike Ripley seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. All voted in favor.

Minutes Approved: _____

Date: _____