

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 01, 2017
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Bruce Farmer; Selectmen, Carol Walter, Lynn Pinder, John Giannotti and William W. Fritz, Jr.

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

VISITORS

No one wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 25, 2017

Maribeth Breen asked for a correction in the January 25th minutes regarding the library budget. Breen said that her senior employees have not retired but have scaled back their hours. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Fritz to approve the January 25, 2017 minutes as amended. The minutes were unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Walter to reappoint Edward Alberino as the Burning Official for the Town of Clinton for a term until January 31, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to appoint Dara Onofrio (U) to the Design Review Board, alternate seat, for a term until June 30, 2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

INDIAN RIVER SHELLFISH UPDATE

Michael Gilman provided an update on the Clinton Oyster Aquaculture Program.

- 2 million seed oysters were ordered in the summer of 2016.
- 200 yards of surf clam shell, for cultch, had been ordered and delivered to Clinton.
- Shelling took place in June 2016
- Initial shelling project came in under budget which will allow them to purchase and plant more shell
- Harvest timelines are still on track for early-mid summer for the largest oysters.
- Going forward 1 million seed oysters have already been ordered for the summer of 2017.

Gilman also talked about a joint proposal with Clinton and Madison for the Hammonasset River. This project has already been approved by the Town of Madison. Madison will use their Unilever settlement money to fund the project. This agreement would allow Indian River Shellfish to work jointly on a project to rehabilitate and maintain the population of oysters within the Hammonasset River. The board will act on the agreement after it's been approved by the Harbor and Shellfish Commission.

BUDGET REPORTS

Civil Preparedness

- Total budget of \$5,600

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Water & Hydrants

- Total budget of 420,195

Street Lighting

- The majority of this budget is the 2 lease payments totaling \$89,915
- Total budget of \$126,275

CRAHD

- The current proposed budget is \$171,334 but Murphy anticipates this will decrease.

General Government

- The majority of the increase is from Health & Life due to an increase in insurance premiums.
- Total budget of \$5,316,477

Debt Redemption

- The total debt redemption for the town is \$1,890,037

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast was held this past weekend. All the money donated went to Families Helping Families.

Reported by Pinder

- The Chamber of Commerce Executive Board has hired a new Executive Director. Her first day of work is February 14th.

Reported by Walter

- Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday night.
- WPCC Board of Appeals has a meeting scheduled for tonight

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino

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