



**TOWN OF
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*Minutes
Selectboard*

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Selectboard members present: John Carr, Brendan Denehy, Tom Humphreys, Val Ogden and Eddie Arnold along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.
Also present: Finance Committee member Brian Rater, Transfer Station Attendant Jim Solinas, Town Moderator Peter Webb, Library Trustee David Partridge, Library Director Myra Emmons, Library Trustee Chair Karen Jew, Board of Assessor member Peter Cook, and residents Roger Ogden and Ann Somers.

7:00pm John opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ambulance Director Resignation

John read a statement advising that Lee Duval, Brookline's Ambulance and Emergency Management Director, has resigned from the Town of Brookline and Jan Watt has agreed to serve as Acting Ambulance Director on an interim basis. He said the Board will be discussing the future of the Ambulance Service over the coming months and added that the Board recognizes the past months have been challenging for members of our Ambulance Service but, despite this, the members have all continued to provide professional, responsive and dependable coverage that our Ambulance Service has been known to provide for years. **John** stated the Board greatly appreciates the Ambulance Service's continued dedication and effort.

7:05 Continuation of Budget Hearing From Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Library: David Partridge – **Proposed Budget \$259,641**
Election & Registration: Linda Saari – **Proposed Budget \$6,600**
Planning & Zoning: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$60,606**
Economic Development: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$3,550**
Financial Administration: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$182,487**
Revaluation of Property: Peter Cook – **Proposed Budget \$45,062**
General Government Buildings: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$190,180**
Personnel Administration: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$533,151**
Executive: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$220,176**
Debt Service: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$303,214**
Cable Access: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$17,795**
Insurance: Tad Putney – **Proposed Budget \$82,754**
Legal: Tad Putney - **\$35,000**

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Voting on 2018 Warrant Articles:

Linda Chomiak joined by phone.

New Fire Truck: **Proposed \$185,000** (contingent on \$300,000 grant and non-lapsing until the end of 2019). Selectboard Yes 4-1; Finance Committee 1-1.

Bond St. Bridge Capital Reserve Fund: **Proposed \$121,255.95**. Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 2-0.

Public Works Director: **Proposed \$68,522**. Selectboard Yes 5-0, Finance Committee Yes 2-0.

Public Works Capital Reserve Fund: **Proposed \$100,000**. Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 2-0.

Hood Road Improvements: **Proposed \$60,000**. Selectboard No 3-2; Finance Committee 1-1.

250th Celebration: **Proposed \$25,000**. Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee 1-1.

Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund: **Proposed \$10,000**. Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 2-0.

Police Union Contract: **Proposed \$6,360** for 2018. Selectboard Yes 5-0, Finance Committee Yes 2-0.

Town History: **Proposed \$5,000**. Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 2-0.

Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund: **Proposed \$3,960**. Selectboard Yes 5-0; Finance Committee Yes 2-0.

Jim Solinas presented a petition warrant article to the **Board** proposing to spend “up to \$25,000 for design engineering, drawings, surveys, inspections, permits and bid process submission for proposed improvements to the transfer station. The improvements proposed require a building and equipment to support baling recyclable material.” He provided a brief presentation on the potential benefits of baling recyclables. **Brian** asked if this item is in the Capital Improvements Plan. **Jim** said no. **Tad** said he was against the petition warrant article because he feels we need to focus on getting a Public Works Director on board first, who will supervise the Transfer Station, and should therefore be involved in any move to baling.

8:30pm Hearing recessed until Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Ambulance Contract with the Town of Mason

Tad presented three different spreadsheets for calculating the cost sharing for Mason. One was the historical approach discussed last night with a cost for 2018 of \$19,794. The second included all Ambulance budget lines items, except for “salaries”, and totaled \$27,396. The third included all Ambulance budget line items, including “salaries”, and totaled about \$50,000. **Brendan** said he thinks Mason should be informed of our desire to change the way we calculate the annual cost, but for 2019 – not 2018. **Eddie** said he thinks between now and March is plenty of time for them to plan. **Linda** suggested for 2018 we charge Mason the midpoint between the first and second versions and advise them of our plan to use the second version in future years. **Val** suggested we not make any commitments to how future years will be addressed. **Eddie moved, seconded by Brendan, to increase the 2018 contract with Mason to**

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\$23,600; Voted Yes 4-1, Val Voted No.

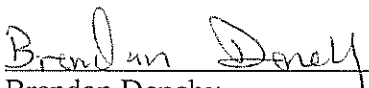
Brendan moved, seconded by Tom, to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 5-0.

9:00pm meeting adjourned.

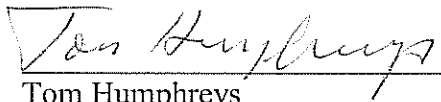
Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.



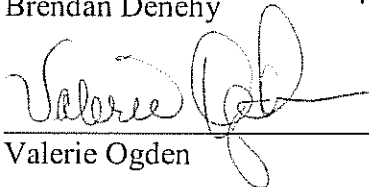
John Carr



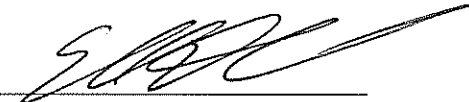
Brendan Denehy



Tom Humphreys



Valerie Ogden



Eddie Arnold