

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2019

Present: James Bailey III, Chairman; David N. Fullerton, Selectman; Jonathan M. Daley, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Kenny Stafford, Luke Levesque, Scott Murdough, Bill Goss, David Roarick, John Segedy Rob Woolner, Tom McClure, Tammy McClure, Lauralee LoMonaco, Doug Hatfield, Chelsea Szalanski, Bill Whishman, Trisha Whishman, Peter Mellen, Dave Lewis, Chris Seig, Norma Hubbard.

Chairman Bailey opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. OPEN SESSION

There was no public comment during Open Session.

2. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 14300 - 14368 a/k/a Vouchers 5,6 &7 in the amount of \$261,891,75 (includes 193 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 20279– 20454 a/k/a Vouchers 4,5,6,7,8 & 9 in the amount of \$1,211,273.98. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

** A/P Checks include payment to HDSD in the amount of \$762,740.22

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for February 14, 2019. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Annual CAI Tax Map Maintenance Agreement
- Property Lien Discharge – Benn/Christian
- Disabled Exemption – Map 11B Lot 273
- Retirement Account Transfer Documents
- Veterans Exemption – Map 24 Lot 111

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2019 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

5. 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. and advised those in attendance that there are various printouts available for their review and to follow along and noted that there is also a budget

overview packet available. Chairman Bailey said they were first going to go through the detailed budget and ask for any questions.

Chairman Bailey went through the budget by department and asked for any questions from those in attendance.

Tom McClure - Mr. McClure questioned why we budget so much for the police department and feels we should spend less money on the police department and more on the highway department and the downtown area. Mr. McClure said we only budget \$100,000 for road improvements and we should put more money into our roads. Mr. McClure said he feels we are spending too much money on police services and said that perhaps we should have the county or state police come in to help out to reduce the budget. It was explained to Mr. McClure that most of the increases within the individual budgets are wage and benefit related although there is money in the police budget this year to hopefully bring on 3-4 part time officers in order to handle some of the nonemergency calls for service in a continued effort to help with the overtime. Chairman Bailey noted that the police activity in Hillsborough is high and said that the Chief had broken down the call/arrest information during the budget process using information that was gathered by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. John Segedy said he would like to know what the breakdown of the police activity.

Chief Roarick said the write up he submitted for the Town Report outlines the various activity in order to give the residents more detailed information than in the past. Chief Roarick commented to Mr. McClure and said that out of all the communities within Hillsborough County, we are in the top four communities with Manchester, Nashua and Hudson being the other three for felony arrests. He said he feels the department is very proactive especially with the serious drug activity within the town and they try to be the same with other issues such as speeding complaints, etc. and he is hopeful they can fill the part time positions in order to help with those calls as well as alleviate overtime. Chief Roarick said that they also work with the Sheriff's Street Crime Task Force, work with the schools, businesses and town departments for various trainings such as active shooter training. He said they just completed an active shooter training with the Library and are working with the schools to do active shooter prevention. Chief Roarick said they definitely do what they can with the staff they have considering the workload. Selectman Daley said he was shocked to see based on the information from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department that Hillsborough is on par with the larger communities within the County. Chief Roarick said that the public has an open invitation to schedule a tour or ride along in order to get a better understanding of the department.

Chairman Bailey pointed out to Mr. McClure that with regard to road repairs, the Town started budgeting \$250,000/year up from the \$150,000 that was previously budgeted, back in 2016. He said the Highway Department is doing a good job with keeping the roads up.

Robert Woolner – Mr. Woolner spoke as a Library Trustee and brought up the fact that within the Library Budget this year they budgeted money in the wage line that provides coverage if someone is out sick. He said that if those funds are not used they simply get returned. He also brought up the reduced amount for book purchases and said that there were some purchases that had been coded differently so they had actually spent more than was reported. Ms. Buono told Mr. Woolner that she had already spoken to the Director and that the requested amount for books had been put back into the budget.

Scott Murdough – Mr. Murdough brought up the warrant article to discontinue a portion of Blair Avenue which abuts his property. Bill Goss explained that this small portion was drawn on the map yet never developed. A discussion ensued with regard to whether or not this piece needs to be discontinued or if it was recorded as road with the plan even though it is on the tax map. The Selectmen decided to take the article off and look into it further.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

David N. Fullerton, Selectman

Jonathan M. Daley, Selectman