



Albany Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Albany, New Hampshire
February 13, 2019

Call to Order: At 5:05 p.m., Chairman Hiland called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Attendance:

Members: Rick Hiland, Cathy Ryan and Joe Ferris

Town Administrator: Kathy Golding

Public: Dorothy Solomon, Tara Taylor, Lance Zack and Ardis Yahna

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2019 Operating Budget and Warrant:

Chairman Hiland opened the public hearing for the Proposed 2019 Operating budget and warrant. Chairman Hiland reviewed each section of the operating budget and answered questions from the public. No changes were made to the proposed operating budget.

Chairman Hiland reviewed each warrant article and the Board recommended articles that included raising and appropriating funds as follows:

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 3, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 4, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 5, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 6, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 7, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 8, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 9, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion. Selectperson Ryan and Selectman Ferris were in favor. Chairman Hiland abstained (2-0-1).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 10, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 11, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 12, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 13, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0). Ardis Yahna spoke on behalf of Children Unlimited, Inc.

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 14, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 15, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 16, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 17, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 18, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 19, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion. Chairman Hiland and Selectperson Ryan voted against the recommendation, Selectman Ferris abstained. (0-2-1).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 20, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion. Selectperson Ryan and Selectman Ferris were in favor of the recommendation and Chairman Hiland voted against the recommendation (2-1-0).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 21, Selectman Ferris seconded. Selectperson Ryan was in favor of the recommendation, Chairman Hiland and Selectman Ferris abstained (1-0-2).

Chairman Hiland made a motion to recommend article 22, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion. Selectperson Ryan and Selectman Ferris were in favor of the recommendation and Chairman Hiland abstained (2-0-1).

At 6:48 p.m., Chairman Hiland closed the public hearing.
Selectman Ferris was excused from the meeting.

New Business:

- **Approval of the February 6 minutes:** *Chairman Hiland made a motion to table the minutes, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion and all were in favor (2-0-0).*

- **Approval of consent file:** Chairman Hiland amended the consent file to remove the assessing contract. *Selectperson Ryan made a motion to approve the consent file as amended, Chairman Hiland seconded the motion and all were in favor (2-0-0).*

Signed payroll checks and vouchers	\$884.66
Approved accounts payable invoices	\$31,129.45
Reviewed & signed previously approved accounts payable & issued checks	\$7,227.71
Approved health insurance option	
Approve 2019 assessing contract	
Approved request for leave	

Town Administrator Report:

The Town Administrator contacted Keith Croto regarding the dedication of the town report to his mother, Ann Croto. He will work with his sisters to submit a few pictures for the cover.

The Town Administrator has had numerous e-mail correspondences with Lewis Grimm, Planning Team Leader (Federal Highway Administration) and Josh McAllister, HEB Engineers, regarding the differences in estimates between Josh and NHDOT. A contact will be made to Jennifer Reczek of NHDOT to set up a meeting to go over these differences.

APPOINTMENTS: None

Old Business:

- Town Hall – building & parking lot maintenance – waiting for additional quotes
- State Bridge Aid – application filed and received by NHDOT – waiting
- QuickBooks Pro transformation – in process
- Chapel Committee/Historical Society – a meeting was held on Saturday. Dorothy Solomon reported, numerous ideas were discussed about what the future of the chapel may hold. Ray Desmarais submitted a quote for painting the chapel. Nothing will be done in 2019.
- Security/Fire system upgrade and evaluation – waiting for additional quote
- Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) – submitted - waiting
- Business Roundtable meeting – TBD –
- Road Standards update – in process
- Winter road maintenance policy – in process.

- Cable TV contract (2021) – waiting for copy of proposed contract -
- Treasurer’s office – in process.
- NH State Surplus – in process.
- North Country Council – need volunteer to serve as Albany Commissioner
- Broadband meeting – a meeting was held on Saturday. Chairman Hiland reported, there is a lot of interest in bringing broadband internet to the region. There is a lot to accomplish before it can happen. This will take a few years. The meeting was informative and productive.

Other Business (and Board reports):

Planning Board – Rick- a meeting was held on Monday. The Board discussed what direction they will take in 2019.

ESAA – Rick – the new Board of Directors will be approved at a closed meeting on February 21.

Conservation Commission – Cathy – nothing to report.

School Board – Joe – the public hearing on the proposed budget was held last night. Overall, the budget is down by \$101,971.00. The estimated local tax rate will be \$9.22 per assessed thousand and the state rate will be \$1.89.

Other: none

Correspondence: none

Public Comment: Lance Zack asked Dorothy about the Chapel Committee. Dorothy invited Lance to join the committee and explained the different ideas that were discussed at their meeting on Saturday.

Next Meeting: February 20 at 5 PM

Adjournment: *At 7:13 p.m., Chairman Hiland made a motion to adjourn, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion and all were in favor (2-0-0).*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Golding
Town Administrator