



WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2022

PRESENT: FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, CHAIRMAN; SHERRY M. BURDICK, SELECTMAN;
JONATHAN H. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN

ABSENT: VICE CHAIRMAN; JOHN (JACK) MEANEY; JOHN VAN LOENDERSLOOT, SELECTMAN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton - absent

GUESTS: Finance Administrator Beth Rouse, Kyle Parker, Toni Parker, Tom Flaherty

Chairman Hippler opened the meeting at 6:30 pm., welcomed those present to the January 17, 2022 meeting of the Weare Board of Selectmen and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE ITEMS: none

MANIFEST:

To order the Treasurer to sign the payroll and accounts payables checks dated January 20, 2022 as included in the following manifests:

<i>Payroll Manifest</i>	\$	74,289.68 (Weekly payroll)
<i>2021 Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	8,361.42
<i>2022 Accounts Payable Manifest</i>	\$	66,084.29
<i>Total</i>	\$	148,735.39

Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to accept the manifest as follows, which passed.
Passed 3-0-0.

MINUTES:

December 6, 2021: tabled

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS:

Selectman Osborne moved, Selectman Burdick seconded to reinstate the mandatory mask mandate to enter any Town building for at least the next 60 days, effective January 18, 2022. Passed 3-0-0

Selectman Burdick to look into the flagpole at the Historical Society that blew down in the snowstorm. Selectman Osborne thanked the Weare Center Store owners who took care of the flag. Tom Flaherty is in possession of the flag to deliver to Town Administrator Bolton.

Chairman Hippler referenced the article in The Messenger that he does not think is accurate, stating a 4.6 % increase. There were fulltime EMTs, raises, etc. that were voted in to the budget last year, but their figure is not accurate.

Finance Administrator Rouse explained the proposed budget has a 3.28% increase over default.

Chairman Hippler asked Finance Administrator Rouse about Article #7 two FF/EMS employees. Tax impact is zero, is that because Chief Vezina is reducing his Part-Time Per Diem line? Finance Administrator Rouse responded correct.

At 6:40pm the Board recessed until 7:00pm.

Selectman Osborne stated the Building Inspector vehicle needs to be parked up next to the building so DPW can plow.

Chairman Hippler opened the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:00pm. to hear public testimony and comment on the 2022 overall Proposed Town Budget, including all separate, special and petitioned Warrant Articles, as well as disclosure of the Default budget. Anyone wishing to speak may do so, but this hearing will be continued to Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00pm due to the Covid outbreak in Town.

Chairman Hippler asked the public for comment.

Tom Flaherty, Sunrise Lane, asked about insurance going down. Chairman Hippler responded correct, general liability of the Town. He then asked if health insurance breaks out separately. Chairman Hippler responded yes, separately within each department.

Tom Clow, Concord Stage Road, stated he was disappointed the warrant article for the radio communications was withdrawn.

Chairman Hippler stated there was a discussion that the radio lease/funding was to be 1.3 million dollars to rebuild the radio system. ARPA money, approximately \$950,000.00, will be used for the radio system. Motorola has been asked to breakdown the cost at each individual site. Two-way Communications provided groundwork cost. Then a final cost will be determined to complete the project. If the article was voted down then no means no. The plan is to use the ARPA money as soon as possible to get the ball rolling.

Tom Clow asked if the towers would be done. Chairman Hippler stated he is not sure, waiting on Motorola's breakdown. If the Capital Area passes then communications will need to be put in place.

Tom Flaherty asked of the 1.45 million dollar cost and using ARPA money at \$900K, the balance is about \$600,000.00. Is this still a consideration for a bond? Chairman Hippler answered in the future, maybe next year or the year after.

Chairman Hippler called Selectman Van on the phone and placed him on speakerphone at 7:10pm.

Chairman Hippler moved, Selectman Osborne seconded to continue the public hearing to tomorrow at 7:00pm. Selectman Burdick - yes; Selectman Van - yes (via phone); Selectman Osborne - yes; Chairman Hippler - yes. Passed 4-0-0

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Hippler made a motion, Selectman Burdick seconded to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Passed 4-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from You Tube recording