



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Chester Deorocki, Chip Hussey, Rick Hussey, Jim Rolston, Steve Smith

Also Present: Matthew Scruton - Town Administrator

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Chair Hussey opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken; it was announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being live streamed and recorded.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Individuals wishing to speak must sign in prior to the meeting. Time limit: 3 minutes per individual. The total time allotted shall not exceed 20 minutes, unless extended by the Board.*

There were no public comments.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Monday, January 06, 2020

MOTION: C. Deorocki moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 06, 2020. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. Tuesday, January 14, 2020

MOTION: C. Deorocki moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Weeks Library Update

Marcia McLaughlin, 47 Nantucket Place and Library Trustees Chairman: The Library started the bid process last week. There will be an open house at the Library on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 for the prospective bidders on the expansion from 10 a.m. to noon.

2. Coakley Update

TA Scruton distributed an article regarding NH Senator Tom Sherman. Senator Sherman introduced an amendment on his legislation, House Bill 287, which sets stricter drinking water standards for the PFAS chemicals. That bill will be moving forward to the House and Senate.

3. Transfer Station Handrails and Enclosures

Additional quotes have been received for improvements to the compactors. There is a section of railing on the compactors that was not updated. There were also concerns that Transfer Station employees monitoring the gauges and buttons were working in the elements without an enclosure. A quote was received for a steel enclosure and included in the Board information. The enclosure would be sized to allow the Transfer Station employee and resident disposing of garbage to be under cover. The enclosure would be a safer environment in the winter months.

Chair Hussey would like to move forward. OSHA will not allow the operating controls inside a building out of the line of sight. TA Scruton reviewed the quotes with the Board (copy on file). J. Rolston asked if the resident throwing their trash away would be affected. TA Scruton explained when they bring their trash to the hopper they would walk into a shed. The shed measurements are 72" deep x 120" wide x 92" high with a 12" pitched steel roof assembly. Chair Hussey clarified that the Town is not out of compliance. The shed would allow the operators to be under cover while operating the hopper.

Funds are available in the Transfer Station CRF. C. Deorocki stated it seems like they keep going back to this project. He was alright with it if it was still within budget. He wanted additional quotes on other styles, including stick built; he wanted to see it before moving ahead. The handrails are safety issues; too bad they weren't done in the last round. Chair Hussey stated it was not done because they did not realize attendants would be standing outside to operate the equipment.

TA Scruton suggested continuing this to the next meeting. He will find out the balance of the Transfer Station CRF and what has been spent on this project to date.

C. Deorocki requested to go around the table: do we need a shelter over the hopper or do we need a shelter over the buttons. There was not a shelter over the hopper before was his point; maybe we needed like a phone booth or a Photo Mat. But not necessarily an \$8,500 steel building that gets shipped here. Chair Hussey stated for the record it was actually two buildings. C. Deorocki stated they needed to think out of the box and look at other options. Maybe we could shave that money down; we're spending a lot of money all over the place.

C. Deorocki asked if there were any thoughts on the hopper. Chair Hussey stated the original quote was 92" rather than 120". He suggested moving it over so it was not over the hopper but where the attendant would be standing. TA Scruton clarified they were originally \$3,500 each installed at the narrow width; the additional width increased the cost to \$4,250 each. S. Smith added a steel structure would last longer and be more beneficial in the long run; right now it sounded like a lot of money. He felt more research needed to be done. J. Rolston agreed.

MOTION: S. Smith moved to table further discussion regarding the handrails and enclosures. Second – C. Deorocki; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Other Old Business

There was no other old business to discuss.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

**1. Abatement**

The assessor has approved the abatement request for the resident at 8 Boxwood Path. The value abated is \$25,600.

MOTION: S. Smith moved to approve the abatement for the resident at 8 Boxwood Path in the amount of \$25,600. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

**2. Memorial Day Parade**

Sheila Pratt, Memorial Day Parade organizer, has requested Board approval for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 25, 2020. It will also be reviewed by Chief Laurent.

MOTION: C. Deorocki moved to approve the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 25, 2020, contingent upon approval from Chief Laurent. Second – S. Smith; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

**3. Sound System**

The acoustics in the Multi-Purpose Room at the School were less than desirable during the public hearing on Tuesday, January 14, 2020; a number of people complained. TA Scruton explained that it was very important to address the issue for the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 01, 2020.

Option 1: The Town can hire a “DJ” to bring in professional grade equipment. Larry Wahl has quoted \$750 to set up a system and manage it during Deliberative Session. Option 2: Invest in equipment. TA Scruton researched sound equipment (wireless microphones and speakers). He felt a basic system could be purchased for less than \$1,000. It may not be the same quality as a professional but may address the issue and the equipment would be available for future use.

J. Rolston questioned who would run the system. TA Scruton would set up the equipment and turn it on. He hoped someone would be available to make any necessary adjustments. M. McLaughlin: The School cut a \$14,600 system from their budget due to Budget Committee requests. She wondered what kind of sound system could be purchased for under \$1,000. J. Rolston responded that the Greenland Vets purchased a \$1,000 sound system; it has basically gone unused.

The Board agreed something needed to be done. Chair Hussey recommended hiring a “DJ” for the Deliberative Session and do further research working with the School on purchasing a sound system. C. Deorocki agreed, adding it was a good investment for the Town.

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to authorize the Town Administrator to contract Larry Wahl to provide sound equipment services for the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 01, 2020; cost not to exceed \$750. Second – S. Smith; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

**4. Budget Update, Warrant Article Assignments**

The next Town budget review is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Police Department Meeting Room. The Budget Committee would be delivering their final budget

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recommendations on Thursday, January 23, 2020. The warrant and budget must be posted no later than Monday, January 27, 2020.

For discussion at Deliberative Session, Board members have been assigned specific warrant articles. Assignments are as follows:

Article 01 – Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (5 – 0) .....	Chair Hussey
Article 02 – Operating Budget (5 – 0) .....	Chair Hussey
Article 03 – Veteran’s Tax Credit (5 – 0) .....	TA Scruton
Article 04 – Disabled Veteran’s Tax Credit (5 – 0) .....	TA Scruton
Article 05 – Road Improvement (5 – 0).....	R. Hussey
Article 06 – Ambulance Hydraulic Lift (5 – 0).....	S. Smith
Article 07 – Police Station Maintenance (5 – 0).....	S. Smith
Article 08 – Police Equipment CRF (5 – 0).....	S. Smith
Article 09 – Town Equipment CRF (5 – 0) .....	Chair Hussey
Article 10 – Ambulance Billing (5 – 0) .....	S. Smith
Article 11 – Public Works Building CRF (5 – 0) .....	R. Hussey
Article 12 – School Resource Officer (4 – 1) .....	S. Smith
Article 13 – Composting (Petitioned) (5 – 0) .....	C. Deorocki
Article 14 – New Fire Station (Petitioned) (4 – 1) .....	S. Smith

J. Rolston and C. Deorocki voiced concerns about a rat problem due to composting. TA Scruton noted that is a petitioned warrant article. C. Deorocki commented it was a pretty rapid pick up; J. Rolston noted the cost was \$161 per month. TA Scruton explained it was for three bins; if the program is successful, the Board may need to expand it, adding to the cost. Residents could also be told the bins were full and they should dispose of their compost material in the MSW compactor. Bins will have special lids. If passed, the contract (\$2,000) will be for one year.

MOTION: C. Deorocki moved to recommend the petitioned warrant article for composting. Second – S. Smith; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Chair Hussey moved to recommend the petitioned warrant article establishing a Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund. Second – R. Hussey; four in favor, one against (C. Deorocki). MOTION CARRIED

Chair Hussey recommended rescinding RSA 32:14; the Budget Committee would become advisory. He felt the present committee was overstepping the authority granted to them through the RSA’s. TA

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Scruton explained that the Town was currently under the Municipal Budget Act which establishes a Budget Committee to prepare the Operating Budget. The Budget Committee can be rescinded under the same provision; the governing body would set the budget to be presented at Deliberative Session. If the Selectmen agreed, the Board would need to approve a warrant article to rescind RSA 32:14 and make the Budget Committee advisory.

C. Deorocki stated the Budget Committee seems too big; there are too many people with too many opinions and too much time going over the same things. By the time the budget is done, and it's a good thing, it's gone over 100 times. They are an 11-person board, the Selectmen are 5. C. Deorocki felt they should maybe talk about reducing it. He felt a Budget Committee was needed for checks and balances. It's good business. If you take that away, that makes this Board supreme and that can't be; you need checks and balances. Personal politics should not be involved on any side, on any level, whatsoever.

The Board took a five minute recess.

TA Scruton reported that the RSA states the composition of the Budget Committee is determined by town meeting within the limits of RSA 32:15. The Budget Committee must have between 3 and 12 members at large of the community, elected or appointed by the moderator. Town meeting can alter the size of the committee or rescind the election of the official Budget Committee by warrant article.

S. Smith felt the Budget Committee was too large. They are not getting done what they need to; if it were smaller, 5 or 7, it would be more conducive to getting things done. He recommended moving forward with a motion to bring something to Town Meeting. C. Deorocki agreed with S. Smith. R. Hussey agreed there were too many members. J. Rolston was not ready to throw it out. He'd like to see it cut down a little but did not think it would be wise to get rid of it; it would look very political and there's enough of that going on now. J. Rolston felt it should be left alone and see if there could be reasoning with some of the members. He felt they were getting a little nit-picky and carried away, feeding into all the things have happened. The Board made decisions based on what they had for facts at the time. Chair Hussey agreed reducing the size may be better. C. Deorocki would like to have input from the Budget Committee.

MOTION: Chair Hussey moved that the Town of Greenland's Budget Committee as established under RSA 32:15 be reduced to 5 elected members at large and 2 ex-officio members. At large members shall serve staggering terms of three years and are elected at Town Meeting. Second – None. MOTION FAILED

### 5. Other New Business

C. Deorocki, for the record, acknowledged the efforts of the Budget Committee and the residents on the Budget Committee and the time they have given to the Town; members agreed. TA Scruton stated they have put in a lot of hours. The Town appreciates all its volunteers.

Road Agent Application: The Town received another application for Road Agent. Members asked TA Scruton how a conflict would be avoided. All parties needed to understand what could and could not be done. J. Rolston felt there was a conflict of interest with the application that was received. S. Smith agreed; he did not think the same person could be a contractor and a Road Agent. TA Scruton updated the Board there are two applications for Road Agent.

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Treasurer Application: TA Scruton has not received any applications for Treasurer. The Deputy Treasurer has expressed interest in considering the Treasurer position. The Deputy Treasurer has done a great job filling in since the resignation of the Treasurer.

### V. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

#### 1. Payroll Manifest 02

MOTION: S. Smith moved to approve Payroll Manifest 02 in the amount of \$56,192.99. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

#### 2. General Fund Manifest 02

MOTION: R. Hussey moved to approve General Fund Manifest 02 in the amount of \$338,656.50 (School - \$180,000; 2019 Invoices - \$101,994.44). Second – S. Smith; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Second – S. Smith; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### NEXT MEETING

Saturday, February 02, 2020 – 9:00 a.m., Deliberative Session, Greenland School Multi-Purpose Room  
Monday, February 03, 2020 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted – Charlotte Hussey, Administrative Assistant

Approved: 