

**Town of Haverhill Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020**

Draft Subject to Review by the Board

Members of the Board Present: Chair Clogston, Howard Hatch, Matt Bjelobrk, Tom Friel, Fred Garofalo

Members of the Public Present: Joe Longacre, Marilyn Blaisdell, Gary Hebert, Margo Longacre, Michael DiDomenico, Alex Nuti-de Biasi

Town Employees Present:

Town Manager: Brigitte Codling

Finance Officer: Jennifer Boucher (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval:

(Motion 1): Tom made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Matt and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

(Motion 2): Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 meeting, the February 10, 2020 work session, and to sign the manifest, forms, and other warrants. Fred seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Town Employee Appearances: None

Scheduled Public Appearances: None

Public Wanting to Address the Board: None

Pending (Old) Business: None

New Business:

Fireworks Discussion: The office of the State Fire Marshall would like to know Haverhill's regulations/local ordinances/rules behind fireworks. Multiple town employees, such as precinct commissioners and fire chiefs, have said they don't know of any local restrictions besides a possible 10 PM limit and minimum of 21 years old to purchase them. However, there is no local ordinance or regulation. It was discussed that perhaps they could say contact the local fire department.

(Motion 3): Howard made a motion to continue to abide by State law. Haverhill would be listed on as fireworks being permissible with no local restrictions. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Request to waive Robert E Clifford memorial building for an event on Feb 29th: There was a large fire on Brushwood Road and the home was a total loss. Michael DiDomenico wants to put on a fund-raising spaghetti dinner to help the fire victims. The event would be from 5-9pm.

(Motion 4): Tom made a motion to approve the fee waiver. Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Town Manager's Report/Comments: See attached.

(Motion 5): Chair Clogston made a motion to sign the deed. Fred seconded the motion and it failed 4-1. The board requested that the Town's attorney clarify what type of deed it needed to be, before the board was to sign it.

Finance Officer's Report/Comments: The finance officer was absent from the meeting.

Commission/Committee Reports: None

Correspondence:

CASA: The town voted to send them \$1,000 and this was their response to say thank you.

Town Attorney "Demand" Letter to Woodsville Precinct: It was mailed from the attorneys to the Woodsville Precinct Commissioners last week. The subject is the Woodsville highway funding overpayment for the past four years. Specifically, that the fund has been calculated using the "gross" highway operating budget rather than the "net" highway operating budget per the existing memorandum of understanding and amendments of such. The overpayment has been just under \$800,000 to Woodsville by the Town of Haverhill in error. The letter further outlines that the Town demands the return of all funds which are considered "lapsed" funds which were overpaid in the past 4 years.

Comments of Select Board Members: There was a question on whether or not King Street was still using the Clifford building. They are not anymore so the Board doesn't know why the buses are still there.

Howard, Matt, and Darwin will be the only ones at the ballot boxes. Tom and Fred can't be there because they are running.

There was a question whether or not the board wants ballot votes on any of the warrant articles. The board cannot call for a ballot vote.

The North Haverhill Precinct just voted (in a parallel meeting) to include a warrant article with the language to ask voters if they wish to relinquish their fire departments to become a department of the Town. This is a step forward for the Town.

Tom just had a Birthday this week. Happy Birthday Tom!!!!

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Non-Public Session (if necessary): There was no public session necessary.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Matt seconded the motion. A lady in the audience had a question about where the funds to fix the roof would go if the departments moved. The Funds would still go there because it is still a precinct building. The Town looked deep into the Mildred Page Trust to make sure it could be used for that and it can. The motion was put to a vote and it passes unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at PM

Minutes Provided by Alex Collins