

**Town of Haverhill
Select Board
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
6:00 PM
R. E. Clifford Memorial Building
65 South Court St.
Woodsville, NH 03785**

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:01 PM by Darwin Clogston, Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

Town Employees Present:

Assistant Town Manager: Jennifer Boucher

Members of the Public Present: Phil Blanchard, Dawn Lavoie, Wayne Fortier Michael Graham,

Clogston, Chair: Per Gov. Sununu Meeting Compliance CHECKLIST to Ensure Meetings are Compliant with the Right to Know Law During the State of Emergency (abbreviated)

- **February 16, 2021**, Select Board Meeting
- Executive Order—This public body is authorized to meet electronically.
- Confirming a) providing public access by telephone, with additional access by video or other electronic means, ZOOM conferencing is being used. All members of the Select Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously, the public has the ability to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting by dialing the following number: 1-929-436-2866 (US) or the website <https://ZOOM.US/meeting> (ID# 93672621733; passcode: 970614); b) public notice has been provided of the necessary information for accessing the meeting though ZOOM or telephonically, instructions have also been provided on the website of the Town of Haverhill at www.haverhill-nh.com, and c) providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body if there a problems with access (call 802-793-0535 or email at townmanager@haverhill-nh.com); d) adjourning if the public is unable to access the meeting. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes taken during this meeting will be taken by ROLL CALL vote.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE: Matthew Bjelobrk (Present), Howard Hatch (Here), Fred Garofalo (Here), Darwin Clogston (Here). A quorum was met.

Clogston noted that Steve Robbins and the Town Manager Brigitte Codling are not in attendance for this meeting. Jennifer Boucher will be leaving the meeting shortly.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda Modifications:

MOTION #1: Bjelobrk made the motion to approve the Agenda as written, and Garofalo seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Matthew Bjelobrk (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #2: Garofalo made the motion to approve Minutes from **February 1, 2021**, as written, and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Matthew Bjelobrk (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

TOWN EMPLOYEE APPEARANCES: None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Senator Bob Giuda

Senator Giuda stated that he is in attendance to report on the State budget, which is \$30,000.00 a month with positive revenues. Giuda will support a 40% incremental refund of meals and rooms taxes to the towns. Giuda also stated that the legislature is focused on trying to minimize property tax bills.

Giuda addressed the Woodville Fire District audit stating that he does not have the report from the auditors, Blodgett and Sanderson, at this time, but the budget report will be available on March 2, 2021, in a public presentation possibly at the high school.

Clogston noted that the Clifford Building could be an alternate venue for the presentation.

Giuda reported that a voting machine discrepancy was identified in a NH town.

PUBLIC WANTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Topic: Select Board Budget Public Hearing

Wayne Fortier addressed the topic of the Public Budget Meeting held on January 8, 2021, and stated that neither the budget nor the warrant was available to the public. Fortier, Vice Chair of the Advisory Budget Committee, noted that with more than 18 hours of Committee meetings, the Committee cut the budget by approximately \$125,000.00, and the Select Board did not approve any of the Committee's recommendations.

Topic: Warrant Articles

Michael Graham asked when the Warrant Articles would be available, and he asked about a change in the Town's Treasurer position from an elected official to an appointed position. Bjelobrk read the Article on the Warrant regarding the Town Treasurer.

Topic: Defeating the Budget

Graham asked if there was a warrant article about voting on the Town budget. Clogston read instructions for the virtual Informational Meetings.

Clogston stated the virtual meeting schedule:

- Information Meeting #1, Tuesday, March 9, with questions and comments related to specific Warrant Articles.

- Informational Meeting #2, Thursday, March 11, from 6:00 PM until finished. The Select Board will consider and address comments from the public. The Select Board will discuss and be permitted to amend any article on the Warrant.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PENDING / OLD BUSINESS: None.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Bjelobrk noted that the Airport Commission had a meeting, but there were technical difficulties, so the meeting terminated early, but there is a possibility to resume the meeting later this month.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

- Clogston noted that the Board has already discussed Article 2.

NONPUBLIC SESSION: None.

ADJOURN

MOTION #3: Bjelobrk made a motion and Garofalo seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Matthew Bjelobrk (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 6:53 PM.

Transcribed by Joanna Bligh