

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – March 26, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:**

Meeting called to order at 5:47 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech (arrived at 5:55) and Nick Lukiwsky. Also present was Francine Beland, a resident.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was made.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019, meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the following tax refunds:

\$ 61.30	Rita Dumont	refund
\$ 89.51	Jill Kidik	refund
\$ 194.52	Patrick Humphrey and Dawn Erlingson	refund
\$ 29.94	Allen and Carol Scheidel	refund

**DISCUSSION:** The Tax Collector, Terri Collins, decided she would withdraw her request for consideration by the Selectmen of additional hours for her assistant.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed the FY 2019/20 General Government budget and Capital budget that had been approved by the Board of Finance for presentation at the Annual Budget Hearing on April 9. The BOF did not make any changes to these budgets. The General Government (Selectmen’s) budget showed a decrease in the Selectmen’s budget of \$394, for a bottom line total of \$2,159,179. The Capital Budget that was approved shows a total of \$339,600 for both the Town and the Board of Education and will be funded by undesignated surplus (General Fund). Since two of the School capital projects (replacement of underground heating oil tank and school security) are reimbursable by the State, it is expected that \$116,500 will be returned to the General Fund during the coming fiscal year, reducing the net capital expenditure to \$223,100. These budgets and links to the Board of Ed, Regional 7 and RRDD #1 budgets will be available on the Town website.

**DISCUSSION:** Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the discussions with the Winsted Sewer Commission are proceeding and that a feasibility study, including cost estimates would be available that evening at the Winsted meeting. He has also opened a dialog with the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency who has grant and loan funding available for projects of this

sort. The level of funding is to be determined and the legal levels of assessment to the users also need study. The user fees will be to offset the cost of construction and any loan payments for which the Town would be responsible. There is a sense of urgency to this project as the Mallory Brook Plaza and Lombard Ford are sorely in need of public utilities.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen reviewed preliminary copies of the calls for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Budget Meeting. These agendas will be updated at the meeting of April 22, at which point these would have to be approved. Both calls had the normal agenda items, with the addition of approval of an easement from the MDC for the Merrill Tavern adjacent to the Historical Society's one-room school house. The easement allows the BHS to improve the Tavern for historical purposes similar to Squire's Tavern. Additionally, the RRDD #1 needs to update its recycling ordinance and the Towns need to approve the changes. This ordinance change will be voted on at the Annual Town meeting, also. Additional items may be added to these meetings as needed.

The Selectmen will hold a Special Meeting at 10:30AM on April 8, to avoid conflict with the Budget Hearing scheduled for 7:00PM on April 9, when the regular Selectmen's meeting would be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman