

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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March 13, 2015

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Gilman convened the Board of Selectmen at 9:00 a.m. in the Nowak Room of the Town Office. Other members of the Board present were: Selectman Dan Chartrand, Selectwoman Anne Surman (via phone), Selectwoman Nancy Belanger, and Selectman Don Clement. Town Manager Russell Dean was also present. Attorney Dana Bisbee was also present on behalf of the Town.

Chairwoman Gilman began discussion on a proposed Special Town Meeting to take place on March 31st with voting on April 28th. Ms. Gilman indicated the reason for this special town meeting was to respond to a PEA request to discontinue Gilman Street. Ms. Gilman then read the warrant article being proposed as Article 1. Chairwoman Gilman asked for comments.

Selectwoman Surman asked about police and fire review of the proposal. Review on these items would be done as part of the planning board technical review process.

Selectman Chartrand mentioned the special town meeting was needed because in our form of government we have to do it this way.

Selectman Clement discussed the fact that the Board wished to be sure about what was being presented prior to moving forward hence the need for the special town meeting – it could not be done in time in a responsible way for the annual town meeting.

Selectwoman Gilman indicated this was up to the voters to decide whether to discontinue a street – it is in their purview not the Selectboard.

Selectman Chartrand made two motions which were withdrawn regarding the process of scheduling the meeting and supporting the article, per advice of Mr. Bisbee.

Selectman Chartrand then moved to schedule the special town meeting for March 31st deliberative session and April 28th as the voting session, and to recommend Article 1 in the warrant. Selectwoman Belanger seconded the motion. Motion carries by unanimous vote. Mr. Dean asked about a numerical tally and it was agreed by the Board the vote would be shown numerically in the warrant per recent past practice.

Mr. Roger Wakeman who was present representing Phillips Exeter Academy thanked the Board as he felt this was a win-win situation. The Board thanked Mr. Wakeman for his comments.

2. Adjournment

Selectman Chartrand moved to adjourn. Selectwoman Belanger seconded. Motion carried. The Board stood adjourned at 9:20 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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Russell Dean
Town Manager