

**Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Thursday, February 8, 2018 @6:00 p.m.
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by First Selectwoman Catherine Iino. In attendance were Selectman Lou Annino, Jr., Selectman Nancy Gorski and Finance Director Regina Regolo. There were no visitors.

Iino made a motion to add two items to the agenda: 1 A - Approval of the Board of Selectmen minutes from the previous budget preparation meeting on February 6, 2018; and 1 B - the Amendment to Agreement with Middlesex Hospital for paramedic services. The motion was seconded by Annino and passed unanimously.

Annino moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting held February 6, 2018 with the following changes: In the fifth paragraph of the first page, third bullet point, change "She argued for a significant raise" to "She petitioned for an increase"; in the 2nd paragraph of the 2nd page, change "Iino also recommends" to "Iino also contends." Ms. Gorski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Iino moved that the board authorize her to sign the Amendment to Agreement with Middlesex Hospital for paramedic services. The motion was seconded by Annino and passed unanimously.

The Board began review of the FY18/19 Operating Budget. The following changes were proposed:

- Draft a narrative to explain proposed changes to overall Assessor budget.
- Change the line item description for "Treasurer Expense" to "Deputy Treasurer Stipend."
- Draft a narrative to explain proposed changes to "Building Official Salary" line.
- Move line item "Life Benefit – KVFC & KAA" from "General Government" to "Public Safety," with explanatory narratives.
- Limit snow removal budget to an overall increase of 2.0%.
- Change the line item description of "Compactor Area Maintenance" to "Compactor Operations."
- Adjust the line items for "Supervisor" and "Compactor Attendants" to reflect a 2% increase.
- Change the line item description of "Hired Contractors" to "Contracted Hauling."
- Eliminate the line items: "Bethke Site" and "Mosquito Control."
- Draft a narrative to explain proposed changes to line item "Land Use Reporting Fees."
- Eliminate the line items: "Housing Partnership" and "Municipal Properties Committee."

- Adjust line item “Regional Mental Health Board” down to zero, as agency no longer exists.
- Adjust line item “Youth & Family Services” to reflect a 2% increase.
- Include no wage increases for Finance Director, Administrative Assistant, or Road Foreman pending further review.

No votes were taken on the budget.

The board asked that the fire chief and fire commissioners be invited to a future meeting to discuss their budget request for next year.

The next board meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

lino moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Annino and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Regina Regolo
Acting Recording Secretary