

# Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 20, 2024 Town Hall Green Room

In Attendance: Chairman Carrie Allen, Michael Shove, Brian Roccapriore, Chris Aniskovich, Dennis Donovan and Chris Passante Absent: Hank Teskey Also participated: Michelle Benivegna, Town Manager

C. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Dennis Donovan led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

### VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 06, 2024

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to approve the minutes from November 06, 2024. D. Donovan amended the minutes in #7 Board of Education Teachers Contract. D. Donovan would like the minutes to reflect that he abstained from voting. The amended motion were unanimously approved.

C. Allen moved to agenda item #8 – Town Manager's Report

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

M. Benivegna reported on the following topics.

- Loureiro Engineering will be providing a landfill capping update at the December 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
- Human Services Clinician Position candidate has declined the job offer. The resumes submitted are under view.
- The town's website has been updated with new colors and layout.
- Police Fleet update
- East Main Street sidewalk project update
- Department budget requests are due by December 5<sup>th</sup>
- Special thanks to Public Works for their work updating the 1630 house.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

C. Allen thanked M. Benivegna for attending the Veteran's ceremonies.

#### FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & LINE ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST

R. Tait reviewed his report dated 11/20/2024. R. Tait submitted 2 line item transfer requests to the council for review. The Police Department line item transfer was to cover wage increases per union contracts that were approved in the prior and current budget. The police transfer request of \$196,000 comprised of \$112,000 in wage increases, \$64,000 in separation payout and \$20,000 in non-union increases. This transfer will require town meeting approval. This will leave a balance in contingency of \$16,484.



C. Aniskovich made a motion, seconded by C. Passante to approve the line item transfer request totaling \$211,433 decreasing contingency by \$211,433 and increasing police salaries full time by \$196,408, employer social security contribution by \$15,025 and send to town meeting on December 18th at 6:30 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to approve the line item transfer request to decrease contingency by \$74,198 and increase town manager salaries by \$4,133, technology salaries by \$6,512, town clerk salaries by \$2,492, assessor salaries by \$3,402, tax salaries by \$2,465, inland wetlands salaries by \$1,202, planning & zoning salaries by \$4,381, building salaries by \$8,664, park and recreation salaries by \$2,875, public works salaries by \$32,799 and employer social security contribution by \$5,273. The motion was unanimously approved.

### COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The council discussed the location of the basketball court at the Town beach as well as the condition of the football field at Peter's Complex.

# **TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

D. Donvan updated the council on the Police Commission.

#### **ADJOURN**

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by M. Shove and unanimously adjourned the meeting 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino Executive Assistant Town Manager