

Town of Belgrade

Board of Selectpersons

January 17, 2017 / 6:30PM

In Attendance

Michael Barrett (Chair)

Cheryl Cook (Selectperson)

Rick Damren (Vice Chair)

Carrie Castonguay (Town Manager)

Ernie Rice (Selectperson)

Anthony Maffei (Select Board Assistant)

Gary Mahler (Selectperson)

Howard Hollinger

Paul Lessard

Meeting Minutes

6:30PM Stand for pledge of allegiance

- The board opened the meeting at 6:30PM
- Ernie made a motion to change the agenda. Gary Mahler seconded. **(4-0)**
- The board discussed Article 9 from the upcoming Town Meeting Warrant and after consulting with the Town attorney, decided to accept it with all other petitions and include them on the secret ballot for the March 17th Election. **(No vote required)**
- The board also discussed article 38, which is a contingency article for the Belgrade Lakes water quality program in the event that article 9 does not pass. The board approved this article and it will be included in the Annual Town Meeting on March 18th.
- Diane Oliver from Friends of Belgrade lakes Village read a statement on behalf of the group. Several members of the group shared their concerns about having the article for the Route 27 improvement

project on the secret ballot rather than in the actual town meeting. After much discussion the board decided to leave the article on the secret ballot.

- Pat Donahugh made a presentation showing the affect of MDOT's changes that are scheduled to be made in front of the Belgrade Lakes Post Office. Through images and video he showed the potential hazards created by the new change, as well as in inconvenience it poses for both citizens and Post Office employees. After seeing the presentation, Ernie Rice made a motion for the board to write a letter to the project head to see if they can potentially change their decision. Gary Mahler seconded the motion. **(4-0)**

- The Select board approved a policy for the DC Stevens Fund. The policy outlined would give 90% of the yearly earnings from the fund to the school, and reinvest 10% of the earnings back into the fund. This has been common practice but it is now the policy. Ernie Rice made a motion to accept the proposed policy. Gary Mahler seconded. **(4-0)**

- The board reviewed their lone bid for the Town plumbing and heating contract. Ernie Rice made a motion to approve Bob the Plumber for the 2017-2019 fiscal years. Gary Mahler seconded. **(4-0)**

- Rick Damren wants to drop the price of the old Town Office. He made a motion to drop it down to \$125,000.00. Gary Mahler seconded. **(4-0)**

- Crystal Corbett was there for the Tax Assessor bid. The board had concerns with the limited number of hours she had available and chose to pursue other candidates. Gary moved to accept the bid from RJD. Ernie Rice seconded the motion. **(4-0)**

- Town Librarian Janet Patterson asked the select board to approve the use some of money that she had budgeted for signs on the road that will make it easier for people to find the Library. Ernie made a motion to approve the purchase. Gary Mahler seconded. **(4-0)**

- The board discussed purchasing smart phones for employees who work at multiple locations so that they can track their hours at the different locations and make calls without using up their own minutes and data. Gary Mahler made a motion to approve. Ernie Rice seconded. **(3-1)**

- The board looked at the final warrant for 2016. Gary Mahler made a motion to approve the warrant. Rick Damren seconded the motion. **(4-0)**

- The board looked over Warrant #4. Gary Mahler made a motion to approve the warrant. Rick Damren seconded. **(4-0)**

Select Board Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM