



BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 12, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Room – 8:30 am

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 8:31 am. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present. Paul Oliva and Bill Evans were members of the public

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– Paul Oliva, Chair of Economic Development Commission (EDC) and Bill Evans, a member of the EDC spoke to the BOS regarding economic development. Mr. Oliva spoke about focusing on recruiting new businesses into town, increasing the Grand list which would increase tax revenue. Mr. Oliva and Mr. Evans discussed the need for filling the vacant economic development position which will market the town. Mr. Oliva said that he thought an independent economic development position, separate from the Bradley Development League (BDL) would be beneficial. Mr. Oliva and Mr. Evans also advocated a tax abatement policy separate from the current Bradley Development Zone and for increased funding in the operating budget for personal property audits.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **FY2018/19 Draft Budget and Narrative Review** – First Selectman Hayden reviewed changes in the Draft Budget and Narrative from the March 8, 2018 version. The BOS reviewed funding, made edits and discussed the format for the report to be presented to the BOF. The BOS divided the narrative into five categories: Budget Savings Considerations, Reallocation of Existing Funding, BOS Recommended Requests, Areas of Risk and Commentary by Department. The \$4,699,467 General Government budget and narrative reflects the +0.75% direction provided by the BOF and communicates priorities and levels of service. Selectman Ziobro made a motion to approve the FY19 Budget and Narrative as amended. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

4. **ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 am. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted,
James M. Hayden - First Selectman