



BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Town Hall Small Meeting Room – 6:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Selectmen Doering and Ziobro were present.
- 2. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL FY21 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET DRIVERS** – First Selectman Hayden discussed potential budget drivers and timelines for the upcoming FY21 General Government Budget. The Board of Finance (BOF) has asked the BOS to present anticipated budget drivers to them at their January 21, 2020 meeting. The First Selectman reviewed draft drivers with the BOS and solicited their feedback. He also discussed the budget cap legislation that was passed by the Legislature several years ago which capped BOS and BOE annual budget increases at 2.5%. The Town also receives \$2,792,276 million in State funding and any significant reduction in aid would negatively impact revenues. He mentioned that in this year’s “short session”, he did not expect that Teacher Pensions and the State-wide Car Tax would be brought up as it had been previous legislative sessions. State Town Aid Road (TAR) funding has not been resolved. The Town receives a \$205,000 grant from the state for TAR.

The First Selectman also said that, in accordance with State Statute, the 2019 Grand List will be finished by the Assessor at the end of January. As a result, a projection for the Grand List, which is the total of all taxable property in town including Personal Property, Real Estate and Motor Vehicles is not available at the present time. Additional potential budget drivers that were discussed also included: FY21 contractual increases for bargaining unit members and non-union employees, increased winter storm costs, a projected 3-5% Property & Casualty Insurance increase, a possible 8% increase in Health Insurance premium, a projected 10% increase in the trash tipping fee along with an anticipated increase in utility prices for the upcoming fiscal year.

- 3. ADJOURN** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
James M. Hayden