

Selectmen/Assessor Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2016

Board Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Elmer Savage, Jim Justice and John Shepard.

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Doris Vertz, Steven Nolan, Erik Admundsen, Robert Williams, Joseph Patricia, Lynn Athearn and Mary Jane West.

1. **Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** by Chair at 6:00PM.
2. **Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (F) Poverty Abatement:** Motion Elmer Savage to go into Executive Session at 6:00PM. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous. Motion John Shepard to come out of Executive Session at 6:20PM. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
3. **Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Salary Negotiations:** Motion Elmer Savage to go into Executive Session at 6:21PM. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous. Motion James Justice to come out Executive Session at 6:35PM. Seconded Elmer Savage. Unanimous.
4. **Votes from Executive Sessions if any:** Motion James Justice to deny Poverty Abatement 16-1 due to the lack of information for the Board to determine eligibility. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
5. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
6. **Public Comment:** Mary Jane West spoke about the upcoming work on Rabbit Farm Rd. she does not want it paved. They walk dogs etc. on the road and are concerned about the higher speeds.
7. **Approve Minutes of March 1 and 8, 2016:** Motion James Justice to approve minutes as written. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous. There were no March 8th minutes to approve.
8. **Reconsideration of School Warrant:** Motion Greg Grotton to reconsider School Warrant. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous. Superintendent of Schools Steve Nolan explained the Bond process in detail. Board motioned to sign School Bond Warrant. Motion James Justice. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

9. **Update on Comprehensive Plan Committee:** there was no report.
10. John Shepard presented the approved 2016 TCSWMO budget. The final budget represents a 20%+Increase over last year's, and reminded everyone that the budget has been flat for several years, even below normal last year, which proves to have been a mistake since we suffered significant cost overruns in 2015. Cost drivers were: increased hauling and tipping fees for Demo and Metals, administrative pay raises of 5% (very controversial), unexpected/unbudgeted expenses including culvert replacement, "live bottom" trailer reconditioning, back-hoe maintenance and miscellaneous facility costs such as glass grinder repairs. John confirmed that the new facility manager is committed to updating and improving the budget process so that we anticipate costs more effectively, but this particular year is for financial "adjustments". Jay has a copy of the budget on file at the office.
11. **Sign Treasurers Warrant dated March 1, 2016:** Motion James Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
12. **Other Business:** there was none.
13. **Town Managers Report:** there was none.
14. **Selectmen's Report:** there was none.
15. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.
16. **Adjourn:** Motion James Justice to adjourn at 7:30PM. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on April 5, 2016 with the following amendments.