



Town of Richmond

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Minutes of 2021 Pre-Warrant Hearing @ Veteran's Memorial Hall

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw, and Andrew Wallace

Meeting opened at 7:02 pm

Chairman William Daniels opened the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation of the 2021 Warrant and Budget beginning with Article 7. Articles 1-6 will be on the ballot to vote on at the Town Election on March 9, 2021.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 55,000 for road upgrade of the paving of Fish Hatchery Road, from Route 32 to Mill Road said appropriation to be non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or March 31, 2023, whichever is earlier. Recommended by the Selectmen.

The Board answered questions raised in reference to costs of design and construction 80 % to be paid by the State of New Hampshire and 20 % will be paid by the Town of Richmond.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$261,642 for Town Administration. Recommended by the Selectmen.

The Board answered questions raised in reference to the 2020 expenditures and appropriations for Town Administration, increase in the General Government and Executive 2021 Budgets, and why we do not have a ZCO.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,067 for Police. Recommended by the Selectmen.

No questions raised. Comments were made in favor of the great job they are doing.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,636 for Ambulance, Fire and Rescue, and Emergency Management. Recommended by the Selectmen.

The Board stated the ambulance contract has been negotiated resulting in a decrease of \$3,750.00. Also, the increase to the Fire/Rescue is due to an increase in calls and the purchasing of new gear required.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$290,276 for Highway, Streets and Sanitation. This appropriation shall be offset by revenue of \$55,750 from the Highway Block Grant. Recommended by the Selectmen.

The Board answered questions raised regarding the Building Trust Fund and obtaining or constructing a building for the Highway Department where they can work on and store equipment away from the weather. Comments were made regarding the wonderful job Road Agent; Buddy Blood has done.

No questions or comments were made on Article 12 or the Community Organization requests.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,177 for Culture and Recreation. Recommended by the Selectmen.

The Board answered questions raised regarding the current internet provider and coverage.

Article 20. To dissolve the Heritage Commission that was established during the March 15, 2014 Town Meeting.

A question/comment was raised regarding the content of the Article. Harrington to contact DRA for verification.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Police Special Details Revolving Fund and transfer the remaining balance to the general fund. Currently the balance is \$19,643.00.

A comment was made to use the \$19,643.00 toward a building for the Highway Department. Comment noted.

Articles 14-25 had no comments or questions.

A complete PowerPoint presentation was presented in full during the Hearing. There was an error in the PowerPoint handouts where only one side had printed.

Handouts attached are the complete PowerPoint presentation and the Community Organization Requests for 2021.

Hearing adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harrington