

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
VITRUAL MEETING – 6 P.M.**

Present were Chair Andrea Miles, Vice Chair Jeff Cyr, Clerk Christopher Geraghty, member Sarah Etelman, member Bruce Forcier, and Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Miles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Draft minutes of March 10, 2020

Etelman moved to approve the draft minutes of March 10, 2020. Cyr seconded the motion. All in favor.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT

Forcier noted that a solid waste contract needed to be acted upon soon. He recommended continuing a ‘pay as you throw’ system until Republic Services was able to convert to a ‘cart system’. Cyr added that considerations could be made for raising the flat rate fee.

Sullivan noted that the Town’s solid waste contact entered a bidding process and Republic Services submitted a competitive bid. At this time, it was at the Selectboard’s discretion to allow contact negotiations to take place with Republic Services.

Etelman moved to allow the trash subcommittee through Town Administration to begin negotiations for a solid waste contact with Republic Services. Forcier seconded. All in favor.

FY20 BUDGET & FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET

Sullivan noted that a message was sent out to Town departmental managers to freeze spending and to limit overtime hours. Vacant staff positions would not be filled at this time. The management team at Ledges Golf Course were cutting spending as revenues were expected to be down. Grant funding opportunities were being perused. Town Administration would reach out to Comcast to investigate potential available relief. Sullivan noted that the Town’s top financial priority was to preserve cash.

Forcier noted that the Federal 2020 census was underway and urged residents to complete the Census. Census numbers impact the level of Federal funding afforded to the Town.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Health Department submitted a report including the number of individuals in Town with COVID-19. New restrictions were set in place for local grocery and convenience stores which included recommendations to provide customers with hand sanitizer and disinfectant whipes. One-way pedestrian traffic as those stores was recommended as well.

Sullivan noted that the Town was looking for a commercial grade fogger to disinfect emergency vehicles and encouraged anyone who knew where to purchase one to call the Emergency Management Director.

Sullivan noted that Town employees were enrolled in LocalU webinars to enhance their skills as municipal employees.

ADJOURN

Forcier adjourned the meeting. Cyr seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Colleen Canning, Senior Clerk