

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Linda Cook, Chair; Christopher Ashley; Steve Flanders; Dan Goulet; Mary Layton, Vice-Chair; Neil Fulton, Town Manager; Nancy Kramer, Assistant to the Town Manager.

There were about 8 people in the audience.

Also participating: Jay Ansel, Michael Bruss, Ernie Ciccotelli, Dan Dupras, Jeff Goodrich, Andy Hodgdon, Chris Kennedy, Adam Lornitzo, Tracy Montminy, Roberta Robinson, Demo Sofronas, Jay White.

Cook opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Interview Potential Architects for Public Safety Facilities (Discussion/Possible Action Item). Representatives from Jay White, Architect, UK Architects and Black River Design, Architects gave short presentations and answered questions. No actions were taken.
2. Outside Auditor for FY16-18 (Discussion/Action Item). After a brief discussion, Ashley **moved** (2nd Flanders) to concur in the Town Manager's decision to retain Ron L Beaulieu & Company to perform audit services for the Town of Norwich for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017 and 2018. **Motion passed 4 to 1** (yes - Ashley, Cook, Flanders and Goulet; no - Layton).
3. FY17 Budget (Discussion/Action Item). Fulton said the only changes to the budget from the last meeting were the Treasurer's meetings amount and a reduction in the audit amount. Fulton reviewed the sheet entitled Property Tax Impact Comparisons. Fulton will update for the next meeting. Fulton also reviewed the Alternate Projects sheet. There was some discussion of grade and step pay and COLA increase. No actions were taken.
4. Approve 2016 Town Meeting Warning (Discussion/Action Item). After discussion, the Selectboard agreed by consensus to changes for Articles 5 and 6. Fulton will provide a final draft for approval at the Selectboard's January 27th meeting.
5. Selectboard Town Report Submission (Discussion/Action Item). The Selectboard reviewed the draft that had been distributed to them. Afterwards, Ashley **moved** (2nd Cook) to approve the report with changes discussed at tonight's meeting. **Motion passed.**
6. Town Manager Evaluation (Executive Session May be Required). Dropped.

Goulet **moved** (2nd Flanders) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on March 9, 2016.

By Nancy Kramer
Assistant to the Town Manager

Linda Cook
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – January 27, 2016 at 6:15 PM

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SELECTBOARD.