

DRAFT, SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL

DUNBARTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014  
TOWN OFFICES – 7:00 P.M.

The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen held their regularly scheduled meeting at the above time, date and place with Les Hammond, Chairman, presiding.

The following were present:

Les Hammond, Chairman  
Ted Vallieres, Selectman  
Travis James, Selectman  
Line Comeau, Town Administrator  
Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary

Members of Boards/Committees and Town Officials:

Mark Antonia, Library Trustee  
Brian Pike, Cemetery Trustee

Members of the Public:

Joyce Hammond

Les Hammond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a full Board of Selectmen present along with Line Comeau, Town Administrator, and Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (Thursday, February 6, 2014)

*MOTION:*

*Travis James made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the Thursday, February 6, 2014 Board of Selectmen's meeting with one amendment as follows:*

*On page 2, reference statement by Travis James regarding the letter that was read: Should read as follows: "Most of the letter wasn't read and we covered the bullets"*

*Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

WARRANT:

At this point in the meeting, Les Hammond, Chairman, stated that the Board of Selectmen needed to vote on the Warrant after having had the Public Hearing on February 6, 2014.

*MOTION:*

*Travis James made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen accept the Warrant as written.*

Board Discussion:

At this point in the meeting, Ted Vallieres stated that he did not agree with the amount that is in the budget. I have made my feelings known in the past and am not voting for the budget as written. Stated that last year

I objected to the way the budget was written and I asked for another meeting and I was finally granted it but I was never given an opportunity to give my opinion. During the budget process this year, I made my objections known.

Travis James asked what in the budget articles don't you like. Stated he felt that it was a smooth budget. There was a large increase in the Highway budget which you asked for.

Ted Vallieres stated the Highway budget did not go up a penny from last year. It was increased last year by \$65,000 for the Stark Bridge of which we did not spend. Therefore the \$65,000 went into surplus and we are putting it in a Warrant Article this year for the Stark Bridge. Taxpayers shouldn't pay twice for the bridge. Stated he was against the extra hours for the Deputy Town Clerk, payments for mileage, along with other items.

Stated that as long as you have a majority vote of the Selectmen, it can go forward.

Les Hammond, Chairman, stated that if we change the budget now we have to have another Public Hearing.

*There was no second to the motion, therefore the motion died on the floor.*

*At this point in the discussion, Les Hammond stated he would be Abstaining from the vote on the Warrant.*

*If a Vote were taken at this point, the Vote for the Warrant would be as follows:*

*James - Yes*

*Vallieres - No*

*Hammond - Abstain*

At this point in the meeting, it was decided to seek Legal Counsel to see what the next step would be. In addition, we need to check the calendar to see if there is enough time to have another Public Hearing.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:**

*Travis James made a motion to adjourn the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen's meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Alison R. Vallieres, Recording Secretary

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Les Hammond, Chairman

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Ted Vallieres, Selectman

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Travis James, Selectman