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**DUNBARTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING - EMERGENCY BUDGET MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014
TOWN OFFICES – 7:00 P.M.**

The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen held an Emergency Meeting on the Town Budget at the above time, date and place with Les Hammond, Chairman, presiding.

The Chairman declared an emergency to exist, on the advice of counsel, given the deadlock over the budget and the impending deadline to finalize the same and post the Warrant.

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:

Jeff Crosby, Road Agent
Brian Pike, Cemetery Trustee
Patrick Bowne, Transfer Station Manager
J. R. Swindlehurst, Fire Department

Members of the Public:

Bill Wynne, Goffstowntoday.com

The Secretary noted for the record that the meeting was being videotaped by Goffstowntoday.

Les Hammond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with a full Board of Selectmen present along with Line Comeau, Town Administrator, and Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary.

He stated that the reason for this meeting this evening after meeting with the Town Attorney, was to resolve the Town budget crisis from the previous evening whereby there was no agreement on the Town Budget.

Travis James stated the result of that meeting was that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen move that we place the town budget on the Warrant as it currently exists to give the Town residents an opportunity to vote on it. Based on that, the following motion was made:

MOTION:

*Les Hammond made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen move that we place the Budget on the Warrant as it has been prepared so that the residents may express their opinion on it.
Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

At this point in the meeting, Travis James read the following statement which is a definition of Teamwork.

"People in the workplace perform teamwork when they combine their individual talents in pursuit of a goal -- a goal usually demonstrated through teamwork -- and on the same try to diminish the boss-and-co-worker mentality."

At this point in the meeting, Les Hammond, Chairman, stated that the Board of Selectmen must vote on each individual article whether they are for or against. The Warrant Articles were voted on as follows:

WARRANT ARTICLES:

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to replace the stark bridge. This article is non-lapsing per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2019 whichever comes first. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
Vallieres - Yes
James - Yes

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,700 to purchase new mapping software, including installation and labor cost for the layout of the town cemeteries. This sum to come from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
Vallieres - Yes
James - Yes

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for deposit into the established Capital Reserve Fund for future revaluation of the town. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
Vallieres - Yes
James - Yes

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to purchase a new highway maintenance vehicle and necessary equipment and authorize the withdrawal of \$75,000 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. Any funds received from the sale or trade of the old highway vehicle will be used to lower the purchase price. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Hammond - Yes
Vallieres - Yes
James - Yes

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for deposit into the established Capital Reserve Fund for the future purchase of a highway department vehicle as summarized in the Capital Improvements Plan. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
Vallieres - Yes
James - Yes

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to renovate the existing fire department kitchen, bath and meeting areas and add three new offices. This article is non-lapsing per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the fire department office renovations are complete or December 31, 2019 whichever comes first. This sum to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - Yes
 James - No

9. To see if the town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund, pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future purchase of a fire department emergency vehicle and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 as summarized in the Capital Improvements Plan. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - Yes
 James - Yes

10. To see if the town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund, pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future purchase of a transfer station department vehicle or equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 as summarized in the Capital Improvements Plan. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - Yes
 James - Yes

11. To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the town's 250th anniversary celebration and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This sum to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - Yes
 James - Yes

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,200 for the milfoil control at Gorham Pond and to authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the State of New Hampshire DES in the amount of \$7,280, known as the Variable Milfoil Control Grant. The balance of \$10,920 to come from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - Yes
 James - No

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 by withdrawing the funds from the Capital Reserve Fund created to restore the 2nd floor of the Town Hall & Theatre to cover cost associated with Phase II: architectural/engineering design materials.

Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - No
 James - Yes

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,200 to purchase breathing apparatus for the volunteer fire department. Furthermore to withdraw \$10,520 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund and authorize the board of selectmen to accept a Federal grant of \$94,680 for this purpose. This article is contingent on the receipt of the grant. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is non-lapsing and will not lapse until the equipment is purchased or December 31, 2019 whichever comes first.

Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - Yes
 James - Yes

15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 to change the police department secretary's position from part time to full time. Said amount reflecting funds for this position starting July 1st, 2014. This sum to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - No
 Vallieres - No
 James - Yes

16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 to hire and equip a full time police officer position. Said amount reflecting funds for this position starting September 1st, 2014. This sum to be raised from taxation.

Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - No
 James - Yes

Travis James stated that at last night's meeting, the Board of Selectmen were unable to come to an agreement on the Town Budget. Stated he was happy and pleased to say that we were able to come to an agreement this evening. It is up to the Town residents to decide on the final budget.

Jeff Crosby, Road Agent, asked if the numbers have changed from the original budget.

It was noted that they had not changed.

There being no further business, the Chairman announced that there would be a Non-Public Executive Meeting after this meeting and they would not be taking up any more business after that meeting adjourned.

MOTION:

Travis James made a motion that the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen go into a Non-Public Executive Session in accordance with RSA 91:A. 3. to discuss a Personnel Issue. Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

*Hammond - Yes
 Vallieres - Yes
 James - Yes*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with the following motion:

MOTION:

Travis James made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen at 7:45 p.m. Ted Vallieres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison R. Vallieres, Recording Secretary

Les Hammond, Chairman

Ted Vallieres, Selectman

Travis James, Selectman