A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, January 10th at 7 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Mike Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board members present:**
- Mike Kaminski, Chairman
- Dave Nault, Selectman
- Robert “Bob” Martel, Selectman

**Town Officials and others present:**
- Line Comeau, Town Administrator
- Jennifer King, Recording Secretary
- Patrick “Woody” Bowne, Transfer Station Supervisor
- Chief Dan Sklut, Dunbarton Police Department
- Sgt. Christopher Remillard, Dunbarton Police Department
- Deb Trottier, School Board Chair
- Dana Lavoie, Energy Committee Chair
- John Stevens, Energy Committee

Leo Martel was present recording the meeting for the benefit of the citizens who could not attend.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes**

- **Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 3rd, 2019 as amended.
- **Discussion:** none.
- **Vote:** (3-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**2019 School Budget & Warrant Update**

- **Deb Trottier** told the BoS that the School Board has decided to go forward with a warrant article for the school budget in order to obtain a new A/V system for the school. They have a matching donation from the PTO of $7,000, as well as $7,000 from the community/kitchen fund. Their intent is to use it as a capital expenditure, and with a price of $28,000, it would qualify as such. They would
take it out as part of their capital reserve. They will finalize this at their next budgetary meeting on February 6th. They kept their budget level this year. They successfully negotiated a teachers’ contract. Capital and Maintenance items in their budget.

**Ms. Trottier** said that she thanks the PD for partnering with the school to add a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the school and would like to have a warrant article added for this. They feel it’s a great idea for the school.

**Mike Kaminski** said that this is still a very new idea that they are just hearing about, and they want to take some time to straighten some numbers out before they address it. **Mr. Kaminski** also expressed some concern about the hidden costs involved with bringing a part-time officer to full-time status. **Dave Nault** echoed those concerns and agreed that they need to look closely and make sure they do this the right way. They recently made another part-time position full-time, and to do this again so soon may not sit right with a lot of residents.

**Mike Kaminski** asked Sgt. Chris Remillard to work with Line Comeau to come up with some numbers for them to review ahead of next week’s meeting. **Chief Sklut** noted that this is a very new development for them as well. There is no money in his budget, nor should this increase the town’s portion, this is something that is being borne by the school. **Bob Martel** said that the police department made some concessions regarding staffing when they made the last part-time position full-time. Some residents may have some concerns about them doing this again so soon. **Deb Trottier** explained that it was a last-minute development that came out of their budget process, so it is a new concept for everyone. She is willing to work on this with the BoS and the Police Department.

**Returned Check Issue**

**Bob Martel** asked for the status on the returned check issue. He is concerned that we’re coming up on another year where this person may be coming to register their vehicles with yet another check that will be returned for insufficient funds. **Sgt. Remillard** responded that they are waiting on the returned check package to be completed and returned to them by the Town Clerk.

**2019 Proposed Revenues**

**Line Comeau** presented the proposed revenues for 2010.

**Dave Nault** suggested that they change the amount for Land Use from $60,000 to $40,000.

➢ The BoS was in agreement on this change.

**Mr. Nault** also suggested they drop the amount for permits from $30,000 to $20,000, as he feels that construction may slow this year.
The BoS was in agreement on this change.

Line Comeau noted that this brings their projected revenues to $1,120,400.

Bob Martel asked Woody Bowne what the values on recyclables are looking like. Mr. Bowne remarked that they are all over the place. It does trend down this time of year, but this year, it is difficult to predict what it is going to look like.

2019 Draft Warrants

Line Comeau presented the Draft Warrants to the BoS.

Dave Nault suggested they remove the name of the road from #10.

➢ The BoS was in agreement on this change.

Solar Project Discussion

Line Comeau told the BoS that they need to decide if they want to fund the solar project via a warrant article or through the operating budget.

Dave Nault would like to create a warrant article to set aside a portion of the $50,000 for each year of the first 7 years of usage of the solar panel system. He feels strongly that this is a long-term project that they’re signing up for, and the taxpayers should be aware of this up front. He is not going to agree to signing on for a project this big that will commit them for the next 30 years without giving the public an opportunity to have their views heard beforehand.

Bob Martel and Mike Kaminski would like to wait a year before requesting the money in a warrant article. Their concern is that the warrant would be voted down at this point because of the unknowns about making this change. They feel that people would be more receptive if there were proof, actual data and numbers to point to.

Mr. Kaminski stated that they would be setting up something to generate their own electricity, providing a cost savings in what they are currently paying to Eversource. Even if the town decides to not purchase the system after the first 7 years, they are still going to be saving money if they continue to pay the monthly cost to Granite State Solar. This is really just an option to buy.

Bob Martel suggested that they schedule a public forum to discuss the project and make the public aware.

➢ The BoS was in consensus to schedule a public hearing.

Line will schedule the public forum for January 24th.

Budget Workshop Date

The BoS will meet for budget deliberations at 4pm this Monday Jan. 14th.

Everett Road Meeting Date

DBOS MEETING January 10, 2019
**Mike Kaminski** shared that the Road Agent, Planning Board Chair and one Selectman will meet tomorrow morning to prepare a recommendation to present to the BoS regarding the Everett Road Class VI upgrade.

**TOWN BUSINESS**

**Mailbox Items**

**Mike Kaminski** shared the following items received over the past week:

- **Woody Bowne** submitted a Right to Know Request regarding information discussed at a previous BoS meeting. **Mike Kaminski** does not feel that this is the way to manage or communicate between departments. He could have found another way to communicate with them.

Email from the Chief of Police regarding their on-call and stipend policies.

Email from a surveyor requesting them to direct the Planning Board to act. Mike prepared a response but wants the opinion of the BoS on how to proceed. There is a legal opinion regarding monuments in town that needs to be reviewed. Will address this issue next week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER ISSUES**

**Bob Martel** said he looked into the request they received from Building Department as far as paying mileage to the Inspector. He expressed concern over the listed rate as it differs from the current federal rate. If you pay over what the federal rate is, the additional has to be claimed as income.

➢ The BoS was in consensus to approve the request using the Federal rate, and that the mileage shall be claimed on a monthly expense report submitted by the Building Inspector.

**Mike Kaminski** said that they received a credit on their insurance in the amount of $8,900 and asked if they should put it toward future premiums or take it in a check.

➢ The BoS was in consensus to add this to their 2019 revenues.

**NONPUBLIC SESSION**

**Motion**: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Dave Nault, to enter nonpublic session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3II (c) to discuss dedication of the Annual Report.

By roll-call vote:

**Kaminski**-yes. **Nault**-yes. **Martel**-yes.
The BoS took a 1-minute recess to allow the room to clear. The BoS entered nonpublic session at 8:58 p.m.

The BoS reentered public session at 9:11 p.m.  
**Motion**: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Dave Nault to seal nonpublic minutes.  
**Discussion**: none.  
**Vote**: (3-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**Motion**: by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to adjourn the meeting.  
The BoS adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

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Mike Kaminski, Chair

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Dave Nault, Selectman

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Bob Martel, Selectman