

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MINUTES

**March 1, 2019**

Board met in session at 8:30 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Abbot Hall  
Present (constituting a quorum):

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair  
Harry C. Christensen, Jr.  
M. C. Moses Grader  
Judith R. Jacobi  
James E. Nye

Jason Silva, Town Administrator

**BUDGETS.** Alison Nieto, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present budgets with the following Departments:

**Police Department.** Police Chief Robert Picariello appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,048,871.00 for Salaries, \$182,390.00 for Expense, \$5,000.00 for Indemnification of Officers, for a total operating budget of \$4,236,261.00. All in favor.

**Animal Inspector.** Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,400.00 for Salaries, for a total operating budget of \$2,400.00. All in favor.

**Fire Department.** Fire Chief Jason Gilliland appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$3,885,738.00 for Salaries, \$189,600.00 for Expense, \$5,000.00 for Fire Alarm Expense, for a total operating budget of \$4,080,338.00. 4 voted in favor, Mr. Christensen voted present.

**Harbors and Waters Department.** John Doub, Harbors & Waters Board, appeared before the Board to present the Harbors & Waters Board proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$401,972.00 for Salaries, \$407,991.00 for Expense, \$133,000.00 for Capital Outlays, for a total operating budget of \$942,963.00. All in favor.

**Highway Department.** Arthur Graves, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$922,922.00 for Salaries, \$107,084.00 for Expense, \$14,425.00 for Rebuild/Maintain Streets and Sidewalks, \$100,000.00 for Snow Removal, for a total operating budget of be \$1,144,431.00 All in favor.

**Tree Department.** Doug Gordon, Tree Warden, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$247,898.00

for Salaries, \$56,578.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$304,476.00. All in favor.

**Veterans Services Department.** David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Agent, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budgets for FY 2020 as follows:

**Veterans' Agent.** Motion made and seconded to approve \$68,485.00 for Salaries, \$1,243.00 for Expense, \$1,100.00 for Local Travel, \$40,000.00 for Benefits, for a total operating budget of \$110,828.00. All in favor.

**Memorial Day.** David C. Rodgers, Veterans' Graves Officer, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$6,300.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$6,300.00. All in favor.

**Weights and Measures.** David C. Rodgers, Sealer of Weights and Measures, appeared before the Board to present his proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$250.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$250.00. All in favor.

**Engineering Department.** Charlie Quigley, Town Engineer, appeared before the Board to present the proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$167,903.00 for Salaries, \$10,645.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$178,548.00. All in favor.

**Building Inspection Department.** Richard Baldacci, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present the proposed Building Inspection budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$549,711.00 for Salaries, \$21,355.00 for Expense, \$6,000.00 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of \$577,066.00. All in favor.

**Public Buildings Department.** Richard Baldacci, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Board to present the proposed Public Buildings budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$105,972.00 for Salaries, \$105,790.00 for Expense, \$400.00 for Local Travel, for a total operating budget of \$212,162.00. All in favor.

**Council on Aging.** Lisa Hooper, Director of the Council on Aging, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$289,129.00 for Salaries, \$11,990.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$301,119.00. All in favor.

**Selectmen's Department.** Jason Silva, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$5,500.00 for Office Expenses, \$380,963.00 for Salaries, \$91,915.00 for Expense, \$27,000.00 for Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Services, \$15,000.00 for Training, \$2,000.00 for Out-of-State Travel, for a total operating budget of \$522,378.00. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,300.00 for Town Reports, \$54,500.00 for Audit of Accounts, \$128,820.00 for Street Lighting, \$475,888.00 for Other Insurance, \$110,770.00 for Salary Reserve, \$100,000.00 for Utility Reserve, \$533,544.00 for Energy Reserve for a total operating budget of \$1,930,200.00. All in favor.

**Parking Clerk.** Jason Silva, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$13,095.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$13,095.00. All in favor.

**Town Counsel.** Jason Silva, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$2,000.00 for Salaries, \$96,575.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$98,575.00. All in favor.

**Finance Department.** Alison Nieto, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$684,167.00 for Salaries, \$264,610.00 for Expense, for a total operating budget of \$948,777.00. Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,425,000.00 for Maturing Debt, \$2,491,991.86 for Interest, \$710,000.00 for Medicare, \$13,476,211.00 for Group Insurance, \$80,964.00 for Non-Contributory Retirement for a total budget of \$22,132,943.86. All in favor.

**Other Post-Employment Benefits.** Alison Nieto, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$250,000.00 for Other Post-Employment Benefits for a total operating budget of \$250,000.00. All in favor.

**Workers Compensation.** Alison Nieto, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present her proposed budget for FY 2020. Motion made and seconded to approve \$397,169.00 for Workmen's Compensation, for a total operating budget of \$397,169.00. All in favor.

A resident addressed the Board stating she is seeking an avenue to hold a public forum/meeting with the School Committee and members of the School Department.

Selectmen Nye congratulated the boys and girls MHS Ski team on another outstanding season.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn 9:30 a.m. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley  
Administrative Aide