

TOWN of BRIDPORT
Special Selectboard Meeting
January 22, 2019



PRESENT: Joan Huestis-Chair, David Bronson, Tim Howlett, Mike Lawton and Matt Lawton

Also Present: Irene Zaccor- Treasurer/Assistant Town Clerk and 3 Town auditors; Bob Coffey, JoAnne Kenyon and Barbara Stratton

Meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by Chair - Joan Huestis.

No Public Comment

Budget

- 2019 Budget – David Bronson suggested that more money be budgeted for items such as roof for garage and insulation for Masonic Hall. He would like to keep this year's tax rate near the same rate as last year.
- Bob Coffey noted that the Town went from a surplus/carryover of \$396K down to \$239K in 2018. Town could raise more, raise less or do neither.
- Much discussion ensued about level funding, increased cost of culvert project, bidding for culvert project, projected costs of roof repair for garage, separation of DPW and GF monies, etc.
- General consensus to maintain the 2018 tax rates.

Town Warning

Motion made by Mike Lawton and seconded by Matt Lawton to pull draft Article 30 regarding additional carryover funds for culvert project out of the 2019 Town Meeting Warning. 1 abstention, 4 in favor, motion passed.

Highway Mileage Certificate

Motion made by Matt Lawton and seconded by Mike Lawton to accept the changes made by David Bronson to the Highway Mileage Certificate regarding corrections to Town Highway map. Motion passed. Certificate was signed by all members of Select Board.

Motion made by Joan Huestis to recess the meeting until Tuesday 1/29/2019 at 8 a.m. and all approved.

Meeting recessed at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Zaccor - Town Treasurer & Assistant Town Clerk