

# TOWN OF LANGDON

## APPROVED SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**7:00 Public Budget Hearing called to Order by Ronald Batchelder, Selectboard Chair.**

**Present: Ron Batchelder, Bud Ross and Lou Beam.**

Ron Batchelder said he would go over the budget by line item.

Lou Beam discussed the outcome of the School Deliberative Session last Thursday. He mentioned that there were only 129 registered voters in attendance from all the towns. The default budget of \$30,292,413 had been voted in as opposed to the budget of \$30,604,618. He mentioned that the school can keep 2.5% of their budget in addition as capital reserve fund each year.

Ron started the budget overview. Lou noted that the budget is down 1.9% from last year. The Board went over each line and took questions. They discussed the fund balance and how it would offset the costs of paving and repairs to the Grader this year. The Board also noted that they had added \$5000.00 to the usual \$15,000 to be put into the Capital Reserve for Highway Department Vehicles. The big truck will need replacing soon and by adding to the reserve fund the purchase will impact taxes less. The Board also discussed some of the drafted warrant articles. The sand shed will be one for \$5000 to adjust the shed to hold more sand. Todd mentioned that he spends \$1000 per year on plastic to cover the sand and this will help cost. He also mentioned that a new building would cost the Town at least \$20,000.

Lou discussed the State Aid for Education and how it is decreasing each year.

**7:58 Motion to close the Public Budget Hearing. (Lou,Bud)**

**7:59 Meeting to Order by Ronald Batchelder, Selectboard Chair.**

**Minutes of the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting accepted as written. (3-0)**

**Ron Batchelder**, reviewed the Town Calendar.

February 13<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Committee @ 7pm

February 14<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hours 10-12

February 15<sup>th</sup> Community Club 1-3pm

February 19<sup>th</sup> President's Day- no meeting- office closed

### **Recognition of Visitors:**

The Board recognized Claudia Istell from Acworth. Claudia said she was tentatively running for State Legislature and that Jim Grenier was said to be retiring. She was going to each of the Towns to introduce herself and hear what the Boards had to say.

Doug Beach mentioned that he would like to have the points for the new cemetery done this year. The Winch Fund and Cemetery Perpetual Care funds were also discussed and the Trustees will be notified.

### **Old Business:**

1. Lou discussed with the Board that Dorothy Campbell is turning 100 this year and her family was looking to put together a celebration. Lou thought that the Town could recognize her at the Town Meeting and asked if the other gentlemen on the Selectboard would consider dedicating this year's report to her. Lou also talked about the Boston Post Cane and ordering a replica from Peterborough.

Motion to dedicate this year's Town Report to Dorothy Campbell. (Bud, Ron)

**New Business:**

1. The Board reviewed and signed an Intent to Cut.

2. The Board reviewed and signed POs for the Road Agent. Lou discussed with Todd the sand and salt usage so far this year and how much he had stockpiled.

3. The Board reviewed and signed orders.

**8:30 Move to Adjourn. (Lou, Bud)**

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Jarvis