

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET**

Approved Minutes
February 4, 2020

PRESENT: Chairman Philip Tirrell, Selectman Mary Grenier, Selectman Everett Thurber and Ingrid Bjork, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: David Richards, Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino and Jim Grenier.

Chairman Tirrell called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 PM.

Copies of the proposed 2020 Warrant and draft MS-636 were available to the public. The Selectmen allowed time for the public to review the proposed 2020 Town warrant and draft MS-636. Chairman Tirrell said and if anyone has any questions while he is reading the proposed 2020 Town warrant to feel free to interrupt. He read the proposed 2020 Town warrant. The Operating Budget is \$1,425,465. and individual and special warrant articles total \$267,292.

Mr. Richards wanted to know if article 25 should state that the money from the fund balance came from the sale of municipal properties. Chairman Tirrell said that it is not needed in the warrant article but would be explained if needed at Town meeting. Ms. Bjork said the Town received a little over \$48,000 in revenue from the sale of municipal property in 2019.

Mr. Grenier wanted to know more about article 7, Emergency water supply. Chairman Tirrell explained that the capital reserve was previously established and that they were asking for \$20,000 this year so they could complete the Richardson Brook dry hydrant project.

Mr. Grenier asked how many lease payments were on the backhoe, article 19. Ms. Bjork said it was a ten year lease. The 2020 payment would be the eighth.

Chairman Tirrell asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the 2020 proposed operating budget and warrant articles. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Selectmen signed the 2020 Town Warrant.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 6:55 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant