

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

Approved Minutes
February 5, 2019

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Richards, Jim Richards, David Richards, Highway Supervisor Daryl Simino, Ernest Perry and Sharon Perry.

Chairman Tirrell called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

Copies of the proposed 2019 Warrant and MS-636 were available to the public. The Selectmen allowed time for the public to review the proposed 2019 Town Warrant and MS-636. Chairman Tirrell said and if anyone has any questions while he is reading the proposed 2019 Town Warrant to feel free to interrupt. He read the proposed 2019 Town Warrant. Chairman Tirrell explained that the 2019 operating budget of \$1,269,758.00 is 3.3 % less than last year's operating budget of \$1,312,603.00.

After reading article 8 Mr. Jim Richards asked if the Selectmen had any specific locations planned at this time for emergency water supply systems. Chairman Tirrell explained that the Selectmen are concentrating on completing the Richardson Pond Brook dry hydrant first before establishing others.

Mrs. Sharon Perry asked why article 19 has furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. She said she thought they already were. Ms. Bjork explained that the article is proposing a change in purpose by adding culverts so the Board of Selectmen need to be revoted as agents to expend.

Mr. Simino discussed his concern that article 23 regarding the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve should be increased because he is worried that the compactor will need an expensive repair or be replaced soon. Ms. Bjork explained that he could amend the article at Town meeting if he wished to do so.

Mr. Simino also asked what will happen if article 3 regarding the purchase of a Highway Truck with plow equipment fails to pass at Town meeting. Selectman Grenier said that she will ask to increase the amount going into CIP 026, Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve.

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

Selectman Grenier made a motion to accept the 2019 proposed operating budget and warrant articles. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 6:29 PM. Chairman Tirrell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Bjork
Administrative Assistant