Present: Chairman Kathleen Laplante, Vice Chairman Richard St. John (arrived at 7:35 pm), Selectman Matthew Frank, Selectman William Winslow, Selectman Achille Belanger, Town Manager George Finch, Secretary Melissa St. John

Public:LRTV, Bridgton News, 6 public

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Laplante

2. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Laplante

3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

4. Workshop
   a. Presentation by RM Davis (scholarship fund)

This is a required annual update on the handling of the scholarship money. The funds are for college scholarships from interest on money which was provided for this purpose. There is no tax money involved and the Board/Town is only a pass through for these funds as required.
   b. Budget presentation

The draft of the budget was presented to the Selectmen and passed on to the Budget Committee.
   c. Fire truck #4 update

Board presented with possible replacement vehicle. Insurance coverage will provide the necessary funding to replace the truck with a newer truck with better firefighting capability and safety enhancements. The hope is to get a newer truck to gain us longevity.

5. Approval of Warrants #30 & #31

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Financial Warrants #30 & #31 made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved
6. Approval of minutes January 14, 2016

Motion to accept the January 14, 2016 meeting minutes made by Selectman Frank, 2nd by Selectman St. John. Approved 4-0, Selectman Winslow abstained, absent from last meeting.

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

   a. Referendum questions
Motion to place referendum questions on the June ballot made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman St. John. Approved 5-0.

   b. Budget Committee appointments
Motion to appoint Raymond Laplante, Colleen Densmore, Pamela Dyer to the FY2016/17 Budget Committee made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Frank. Approved 5-0.

   c. Fire truck

Motion to allow the fire department to spend up to the amount of the insurance check to purchase a fire truck that meets their needs the best made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman St. John. Selectman Belanger amended the motion to include the insurance plus a $100 donation made by James Lifter, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

   d. FY15 audit report

Motion to accept the FY15 audit report made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Frank. Approved 5-0.

9. Other Business

10. Manager’s Report

   - Financial Report – While January is not complete I am pleased to report, (thanks to lower fuel prices for heating and vehicles and a mild winter so far), that we are in a much stronger position to finish the year on the positive side. Currently municipal revenue is running $68K or 10% ahead of budget while expenses are running $61K or 3.2% below budget for a positive $129K position. Hopefully I did not just cast a bring on the winter spell.

   - Deputy – There has been a change within the Sheriff’s Department bringing a new deputy to Harrison. I am pleased to announce Sherry MacVane has come on board and has already made her presence known on a number of streets
where speeding has been an issue. So let’s welcome Sherry on board and obey the speed limit so you’re your introduction to her isn’t a speeding ticket.

Reminder – “ROADSIDE MAILBOX GUIDELINES POLICY” - Our plow drivers are instructed to take all necessary precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the wing of their plow truck. Please remember, State law provides that any installations within the Town's Right-Of-Way including mailboxes, shrubbery, fences and other property enhancements are placed there at the owner's risk. Municipalities are not responsible for any damages caused during snow removal operations. In most cases, mailboxes are damaged by the weight of the snow and not from direct contact from plow equipment.

11. Executive Session (if necessary)

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Laplante, Chairman

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Melissa St. John, Secretary