HARRISON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING
Thursday March 23, 2017 – 7:00P.M.

Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman William Winslow, Selectman Richard St. John, Selectman Achille Belanger, Selectman Raymond Laplante, Town Manager George Finch, Secretary Melissa St. John

Public:LRTV, budget committee members, CEO John Wentworth, 4 public

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank
2. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank
3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)
4. Approval of Warrants #37 & #38

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Financial Warrants #37 & #38 made by Selectman Belanger, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

5. Approval of minutes March 9, 2017

Motion to accept the March 9, 2017 meeting minutes made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 4-0. Selectman Frank abstained, not at meeting.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business

a. Shoreland zoning ordinance changes

Informational only to provide highlights of the proposed changes. A public hearing will be on April 13th. CEO John shared that most changes are State mandated. The format to calculate expansions under Shoreland zoning is changing. Using footprint instead of volume.

Motion to schedule a public hearing for April 13th made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

b. FY 18 budget

Informational only to give the Selectmen a chance to see if there are any areas of the budget they wish to address ahead of the public hearing on April 13th. Budget committee gave their recommendation list to the selectmen. See attached.

c. Town Manager contract
Extending the contract through December 2020.

Motion made to extend the Town Managers contract for another three years made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd made by Selectman Winslow. Approved 3-0. Selectman St. John and Selectman Belanger abstained.

8. Other Business

9. Manager’s Report

   o FY17 Financial Update – While we are a week away from the closing the third quarter financial report I will note my concern with the Public Works budget. To not recognize this would require me to ignore the major storm we had on Tuesday of last week and to not recognize we could have additional storms well into April. Right now my projection for public works is to be over budget but we will offset this with reductions in spring work and in reductions in other municipal departments to remain within budget overall. I have not requested our option, approved at Town Meeting, of bringing forward $25K from the undesignated fund balance for emergencies. My preference to do so would be last resort although I am comfortable most everyone would recognize this winter’s storms as being an emergency budget issue.

   o Public Works – Bids for this year’s paving will be in Friday the 31st. Work will begin shortly after the paving companies start their summer paving. This is totally weather and road conditions controlled but we will keep you posted as the schedule is set.

   o Town Office Upper Parking Lot – It appears the weather is going to put a couple of weeks delay on the start of the project but plans are, (weather permitting), to begin in early April. There will be differing stages of work to be done and we will keep you posted as the work progresses.

10. Executive Session (if necessary)

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at p.m. made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Winslow

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Melissa St. John, Secretary