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

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)

Tony Campbell asked the stop work order and the judgement against Sargent Gravel on the Plains Road be removed. The recommendation is to have his attorney speak with our attorney because this has gone beyond the Selectboard.

   a. R.M Davis – scholarship account update

Brian Noyes presented the status of the scholarship fund and its growth.

4. Public Hearing

Chairman Frank opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m..

   a. Town Warrant

The Town Manager presented the proposed warrant to the Selectmen for the FY2018 budget. We don’t have any school district numbers yet but we are hoping the mil rate will remain flat or close to it this year.

   b. Shoreland zoning ordinance

The major changes were discussed. Change to expansion - instead of using volume use a set amount of square footage based on footprint depending on the distance from the water. There are also additions to the ordinance that are already practiced but are now being put into print. This includes vegetation and tree removal and contractors working near the water must be certified in erosion control. Added definitions.

Chairman Frank closed the public hearing at 8:42 p.m.,
5. Approval of Warrants #39 - #41

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Financial Warrants #39 - #41 made by Selectman Belanger, 2nd by Selectman St. John. Approved 5-0.

6. Approval of minutes – March 23, 2017

Minutes were amended to change the warrant #’s to 37 & 38.
Motion to accept the amended March 23, 2017 meeting minutes made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 5-0.

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business

a. Liquor license

Motion to grant the VFW a renewal on their liquor license made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

b. Quit claim deed – Billie J. Bayley, Map 15, Lot 11-A

Motion made to grant Billie J. Bayley a quit claim deed for Map 15, Lot 11-A, made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 4-0. Selectmen Winslow abstained because it is family.

c. Award paving bid

Motion to grant the paving bid to F.R. Carroll Inc., in the amount of $1,253,492.44 made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 5-0.

d. Action on Town Warrant and Shoreland zoning ordinance

Table both items until April 27th. This will allow the Shoreland zoning ordinance to get cleaned up and the warrant to be reviewed before approval.

9. Other Business

The State will be doing work on Rt. 117 towards Norway sometime this spring or summer. More details will be posted as available.

10. Manager’s Report

- **FY17 Budget Update** – With two and a half month’s left in this fiscal year it is safe for me to say, unfortunately, this will be the worst fiscal year since my arrival. This should not come as a surprise as I expect most everyone recognizes this winter
has taken its toll on budgets. There is still hope the remaining part of the fiscal year will be a bit nicer to us but the late snow storms and rain are causing serious road problems in some areas. As of the end of March our municipal revenue looks good and should finish the year between $35,000 and $40,000 on the plus side. This will help offset expenses where it looks like we will be at the bottom line come June 30th.

- **Public Works** – As noted in the previous budget update, winter was very hard on us and spring so far has not let up on the public works crew. The spring runoff has been excessive and we have significant issues with a wash out on Summit Hill Road. We will need a dry spell with some drying winds before we can even begin to get to the root of the problems caused by the runoff.

  Upper Parking lot reconstruction is finally in full swing with the footings and first row of blocks in place.

  Road Paving – Now that we have rewarded the contract we can put together the scheduling of paving projects.

- **Parks & Recreation** – As was noted in the public hearing we have separated the two departments in to stand alone departments. This is a critical move necessary to truly reflect the budgets for each. Each of the department heads, (Kayla for Recreation and Al for Parks), will now be able to set and control their own budgets.

**Recreation** - Kayla is doing a great job at getting on board quickly and has truly made the changeover from Paula as seamless as possible. We have an extensive recreation program that provides a wide variety of services year round for young and old. Under her own umbrella she will be able to have a much clearer view of revenue and expenses.

**Parks** – Al has done a great job merging the wide variety of functions into one operation and the raising the level of the parks to a higher standard. Our key issue remains with staffing. In the long term summer help functions are just that, part time, thus difficult to fill. We thought we had a replacement of Ritchie who left the RADR field parks position to work at the transfer station. It appears to have fallen through and will be looking at the options.

- **Administration** – It is with mixed emotions but with congratulations that one of our long term per diem people is leaving us. Sharon Wilson with her husband Ken will be changing their sno-bird life style for full time in Florida and I wish them the best of luck. With this winter I can say there are many of us looking at that option. Thank you Sharon for all you did to set up the very professional level filing system and for the many years you covered the front desk. I also want to note that we will be replacing her with Denise Dumont.

- **Vacation** – While there is never a good time for a Town Manager to take a break I will be taking my annual birthday break which coincides with spring break and
seek out some sunshine. I will be out from Thursday, April 20th to Sunday, April 30th. As usual I will be only a phone call, text message or email away.

11. Executive Session (if necessary)

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Melissa St. John, Secretary