

Town of Croydon

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – Working meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 7:00 pm

Town Hall, Croydon NH

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
 - a. Amie Freak – Chairman
 - b. Edward Spiker – Selectmen
 - c. Kimberlee Burkhamer - Selectmen
 - d. Melissa Prunier – Administrative Assistant
4. REHEARSAL OF TOWN MEETING
 - a. Audio / Visual – Aaron has offered to run the audio-visual equipment.
 - b. Presenting budget – RSA 669:7 states there is no conflict with having the moderator present the budget during Town meetings.
 - c. Microphones and screen will be set up with tables set up facing the audience. Ballot box and ballots need to be set up.
 - d. One table for the Selectboard to sit at
 - e. Russ will open as moderator.
 - f. After each article – ONE Selectman moves the article: Another SB needs to 2nd.
 - i. Voting needs to be open for one hour for warrant article 2 since it is over \$100,000 giving people enough time to come down and vote by ballot.
 - ii. If there is a motion to reconsider – it would happen one week later.
 - iii. If more people show up than the town hall can hold, we will need to pause the meeting and move to the Fire Station
 - iv. If there is bad weather, we could postpone within 24 hours, moderator would need to speak with the Board of Selectmen and highway department before making that call.

- v. Article 9 will not need the hour window but will need ballot vote.
 - vi. Article 7 – Was not recommended by Board because we want the questions fielded to Jay / the fire department.
 - a) Jay will have a presentation prepared for town meeting day.
 - b) The piece removed from warrant article was that it would be a 3-year contract.
 - c) Suggestion was made by Jim Morgan that the money should be added as a budget item annually instead of coming forward each year.
 - d) Jay wanted to publicly thank the town for passing last year’s budget.
Already in the first 27 days they have received 25 days.
 - vii. Article 11 – Backhoe; Kim would like something from the highway department regarding the backhoe questions; the budget committee would be able to answer any of the leasing questions. Asking Joe Beaulieu to attend to help field those questions.
 - viii. Jim Morgan will present on the Master Plan article and the Zoning Board
5. PUBLIC FORUM: Amie made a motion to open public forum; Kim 2nd; voted to open public forum.
- a. Paul Freitas – reminding town to complete the inventory forms (PA 28)
 - i. March 12th Town elections – sample ballots are on the website 11:00 am – 7:00 pm– members of the select board need to available throughout the day. Protem can be appointed to cover for a selectman.
 - ii. March 16th – Town & School Meeting
 - b. David Doremus – Would like to adopt Disabled Tax Credit for permanently disabled people. Croydon would cover those that are financially “not great” and permanently disabled (PA 34 tax credit) town has not ever adopted. Title 2 & 16 social security recipients. Town has never increased asset level for income levels for help. \$24,500 is the cap for help in Croydon (40K asset single/70K for married) we have not increased these amounts in many years.

- i. Once Board moves to 5 people, one should be appointed to do more research and work with the Budget committee to discuss to put warrant article on for next year. Once it is approved “passed by town” then to increase the limits it is up to the Selectboard, which should be looked at every 3-5 years.

- 6. Amie made a motion to close public forum; Kim 2nd; voted to close public forum.
- 7. NON-PUBLIC (if needed) –
- 8. ADJOURNMENT: Amie made a motion to adjourn; Kim 2nd; voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:48 pm.
- 9. Next meeting: Town meeting, Saturday, March 16th

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M Prunier

Amie Freak

Date

Edward Spiker

Date

Kimberlee Burkhamer

Date