

*Approved Minutes  
BOS meeting 8.2.2021  
Unanimous Vote*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, April 15, 2021  
Groveland Town Hall Meeting Room  
183 Main St, Groveland, MA 01834**

TOWN OF GROVELAND

2021 AUG -4 PM 12: 12

**Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place. This meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place without any public present, but we will make every effort to ensure the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time.**

This meeting was broadcast live on Groveland Public Access, Channel 9, as well as through Zoom.

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Members of the public are asked to send written comments to [kworden@grovelandma.com](mailto:kworden@grovelandma.com) or submit questions through the Zoom chat window.

**Present:** Chair Wood, Selectmen O'Neal, Naves and Watson  
Kevin Paicos, Interim Finance Director, Katheryn Worden, Administrative Coordinator

**Absent:** Selectmen Kastrinelis

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE:**

- **Budget FY22**

Mr. Paicos presented two changes to the Warrant to get it back into balance. Mr. Paicos discovered that the Water and Sewer Expense budget pays for their share of the Property Casualty/Workers Comp budget, so he has netted it out of the Town budget otherwise it is double counted in the budget. The first change should be to reduce the Property Casualty budget in the Omnibus from \$240,000 to \$214,000 and the \$26,000 difference is budgeted in the Water and Sewer budget and when the bill comes in, they will pay their share of the bill.

A motion was moved by Selectman Watson and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to approve the Property Casualty budget in the amount of \$214,000.

Roll call vote: Naves; yes, O'Neil; yes, Watson; yes, Wood; yes.

Selectman O'Neil asked if we are sure this is the correct number and Mr. Paicos responded that the \$214,000 number is not certain because the bidding process is not completed.

- **Trash Contract:**

Mr. Paicos talked with Waste Management. This will all be explained in further detail at the next meeting when the representative is present to discuss their proposal for a new contract, but he shared the formula he used to estimate a total of \$628,161 and he has rounded the number to a safe figure of \$630,000. The decision to be made next week will be whether to accept the proposal or go out to bid. A couple of options will also be presented at the next meeting hopefully to further reduce the proposal. Mr. Paicos noted that the Finance Committee took a vote at their meeting to concur with the BOS vote tonight.

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Watson to reduce the trash budget from \$700,000 to \$630,000.

Roll call vote: Watson; yes, O'Neil; yes, Naves; yes, Wood; yes.

Selectman O'Neil worried that this was not leaving much of a buffer.

- **Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Mr. Paicos noted the Omnibus budget, and everything related to it is in balance with a tiny surplus of \$7,464.50. There are separate items in the Warrant that Mr. Paicos needs to figure out the funding source. Mr. Paicos reported that he received news that in the Senate version of the State budget they removed the provision that allowed the ESSER II money to be used by the regional school to lower their assessment. If the \$250,911 cannot be used, there are two options: 1. The regional school lowers their budget or 2. The Legislature restores the authorization so they can use the \$250,911. Next year, the ESSR 3 money which is in the American Rescue Plan is expected to be between \$800,000 - \$900,000. Mr. Paicos will follow up with Senator Tarr and also encouraged the Board to contact representatives as well to discuss the problem this creates. Chair Wood will reach out to Senator Tarr after this meeting. Town Counsel reviewed a couple of items and everything is all set.

Katheryn will work with Ruth Rivard, Finance Committee on some edits and when complete will reach out to the Board to have them sign the Warrant. The Town Clerk, and the Police Chief will be available to get the Warrant posted and Mr. Paicos will get hard copies printed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Naves to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Roll call vote: Watson; yes, O'Neil; yes, Naves; yes, Wood; yes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, April 26, 2021.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Katherine T. Ingram*