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**Town of Huntington Selectboard Meeting**

Monday, January 29, 2018

6:00 pm – Special Selectboard Meeting, Town Office (lower level)

APPROVED MINUTES

<p><b>Agenda</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Public Comment</b></li> <li>● <b>Town Meeting Articles</b></li> <li>● <b>Other / New Business</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Selectboard Attendees</b>   <b>Others Present</b>  <b>Staff Present</b></p>	<p>Dori Barton (Chair), Andrew Hendrickson, Roman Livak, Dan Rissacher, Nancy Stoddard (Vice-Chair)          Brett Lindemuth          Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator)</p>
<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Dori Barton called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.</p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p>No public comment was offered.</p>
<p><b><u>Town Meeting Articles</u></b>   <b><u>ARTICLE WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER</u></b>    <i>Follow-up: Elliott to organize VLCT Workshop</i>    <i>Follow-up: Elliott to provide Selectboard info on Act 79.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Petitioned Articles – Brett Lindemuth</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Lindemuth formally withdrew his request to have the following article (which he had duly circulated and submitted to the Town Clerk), and requested that it not be included in the Town Meeting Warning.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><u>Article Withdrawn by Petitioner:</u></b> Due to the Selectboard’s inability to follow the Town’s Conflict of Interest Policy for the proper and timely disclosure of numerous conflicts of interest which became known to Townspeople in connection with the application of Friends of Gillett Pond for Huntington Conservation Fund monies, shall the voters of the Town of Huntington direct the Selectboard to reduce—by \$25,000.00—the \$75,000.00 pledge the Selectboard make to Friends of Gillett Pond from the Conservation Fund, thereby resulting in a final pledge of \$50,000.00, which coincidentally is the pledge amount originally recommended by the Huntington Conservation Commission?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● As requested by the Selectboard’s direction, the Town Administrator will work with VLCT to hold a workshop on Public Participation, Conflict of Interest (including newly adopted legislation), and Ethical Conduct. Rissacher suggested that, if possible, this workshop be opened to members of other Town committees, boards, and commissions as well as the general public.</li> <li>● Elliott will provide copies of the legislation passed this year (which goes into effect on July 1, 2019) to Selectboard members.</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>ARTICLE WORDING</u></b> <b><u>MODIFIED BY PETITIONER</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lindemuth formally provided the Selectboard with changes to the following article</b> (which he had duly circulated and submitted to the Town Clerk), <b>and requested that it be included in the Town Meeting Warning:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Original Petitioned Article:</b> Shall the voters of the Town of Huntington direct the Selectboard to (1) permanently cap the Huntington Conservation Fund at \$100,000.00, (2) suspend the yearly replenishment when the fund balance exceeds \$95,000.00, and (3) apply any yearly fund balance in excess of \$100,000.00 to the reduction of taxes in the current year?</li> <li>○ <b>New Wording Presented by Petitioner:</b> Should the Selectboard explore and consider mechanisms to effectively cap the amount of funds held in the Conservation Reserve Fund at \$100,000.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Town Meeting Articles</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The full Selectboard signed the March 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warning which includes 15 articles.</li> <li>• The Selectboard will determine who will introduce which articles at the February 5, 2017 Selectboard meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MOTION: ADJOURNMENT</b> <i>(passed)</i></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION:</u> Livak moved and Hendrickson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Passed unanimously with 5 members present and voting.</b></p>
	<p>01/29/18– Meeting date  01/31/18 – Draft/unapproved minutes distributed and posted on website.  02/05/18 – Minutes approved by the Selectboard  02/06/18 – Approved minutes to Town Clerk for recording &amp; web posting</p>