



Office of the  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
272 Main Street, Townsend, Massachusetts 01469

Wayne Miller, *Chairman*

James M. Kreidler, Jr.,

*Town Administrator*

Don Klein, *Vice-Chairman*

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.  
SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 272 MAIN STREET, TOWNSEND, MA

- I. PRELIMINARIES - VOTES MAY BE TAKEN:
  - 1.1 WM called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M.  
Roll call vote showed 2 members present: Chairman Wayne Miller (WM), Vice-Chairman Don Klein (DK)
  - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
  - 1.3 WM announced the meeting is being tape recorded.
  - 1.3 Chairman's Additions or Deletions - None.
  - 1.4 Public Comment Period - None.
- II. MEETING BUSINESS - VOTES MAY BE TAKEN:
  - 2.1 Review/Approve/Sign the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on January 21, 2020.  
Mr. Kreidler reviewed the warrant articles with the Board (see attached). Discussion included: raise & appropriate, free case and other available revenue, Library Trustees request to use free cash, contractual obligations, transfers, capital recommendations, capital stabilization, pavement management program, Charter presentation, net metering credits, changing the credit agreement from 30 years to 20 years, sales tax for recreational marijuana and other marijuana products, recycling bylaw, vehicle/parking enforcement, and the lease agreement for the school field. DK moved to adopt as presented and amended and to execute and post tomorrow. WM seconded. Unanimous vote.
  - 2.2 Review/Sign Chapter 90 Reimbursement requests for the following projects:  
Old City Road in the amount of \$142,642.72  
Bayberry Hill Road in the amount of \$441,979.21  
Clement Road in the amount of \$196,929.11  
DK moved to sign the Chapter 90 reimbursement requests for Old City Road in the amount of \$142,672.72, Bayberry Hill Road in the amount of \$441,979.21, and Clement Road in the amount of \$196,929.11. WM seconded. Mr. Kreidler explained this is for reimbursement of the projects the Board previously approved. DK amended the motion; and to sign out of session. Unanimous vote.
  - 2.3 Review/Accept the Firefighter Turnout Gear and Gear Washer Extractor grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.  
DK moved to accept the turnout gear and gear washer extractor grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Office of Public Safety and Security. WM seconded. Unanimous vote.
- III. WORK SESSION - VOTES MAY BE TAKEN:
  - 3.1 Town Administrator updates and report.

5.1.1 FY20 & FY21 Budget Update

Mr. Kreidler informed the Board budgets are due January 10, 2020, further explaining the projections are in the process of being completed. Mr. Kreidler informed the Board; the town is looking at a 10% increase in health insurance. Mr. Kreidler relayed the health insurance will be going out to bid.

3.2 Board of Selectmen announcements, updates, and reports.

DK gave an update on the rail trail construction, informing folks the trail can be walked and a coming work session will discuss the tree removal.

3.3 Clerk of the Board announcements for events - None.

3.5 DK moved to approve the meeting minutes for November 12, 2019 and November 25, 2019. WM seconded. Unanimous vote.

3.6 DK moved to review and sign the payroll and bills payable warrants out of session. WM seconded. Unanimous vote.

DK informed the Board the next Capital Planning meeting is on January 21, 2020.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

DK moved to adjourn at 6:36P.M. WM seconded. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Smart

Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator

Voted to approve the meeting minutes for the meeting of January 6, 2020 by the Board of Selectmen this 17th day of February, 2020.



# TOWNSEND FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Department

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** James Kreidler, Town Administrator  
**From:** Mark Boynton, Fire-EMS Chief *MRB*  
**Subject:** Grant Award for Firefighter Turnout Gear and Gear Washer Extractor  
**Date:** December 23, 2019

Townsend Fire-EMS Department has been awarded a Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant in the amount of \$2,638.80 and a Washer-Extractor Equipment Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Department of Fire Services (DFS). These programs aim to reduce the amount of cancer-causing chemicals that firefighters are exposed to in the course of their work by providing them with modern protective gear to wear while fighting fires, and modern gear washing machines to clean contaminants from their gear before they wear it to the next emergency.

The Fire-EMS Department will use this funding to purchase twenty four (24) pairs of gloves for personal protection during firefighting operations, and one (1) washer-extractor for gear cleaning at the Harbor Fire Station. The purchase of these items represents a significant step forward in our ongoing cancer prevention efforts at the Fire-EMS Department. Equipping our firefighters with new gloves and enhancing our ability to wash their gear once it is contaminated is a tremendous benefit to the firefighters, their families, and the collective safety of our community.

We now know that the risk of occupational cancers is amongst the greatest threats faced by modern firefighters. Providing firefighters with new gear to wear and the ability to wash gear at all three fire stations are two of the most valuable actions we can take to reduce future cancer diagnosis. We are thankful that the Commonwealth has made this a priority and invested in the advancement of the ongoing cancer prevention efforts of fire departments across the state.

Funding for this grant program was made available through the Baker-Polito administration for fire departments across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I respectfully request the Board of Selectmen accept these grants.



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KARYN E. POLITO  
Lieutenant Governor

December 9, 2019

Chief Mark R. Boynton  
Townsend Fire-EMS  
13 Elm Street  
PO Box 530  
Townsend, MA 01469

Dear Chief Boynton,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Services (DFS) has awarded Townsend Fire-EMS \$2,638.8 in State Fiscal Year 2020 funding from the Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant Program for the purchase of gloves.

The contract, terms and conditions, and other award documents will be provided to you by DFS. Please contact Tim Moore, Program Coordinator at DFS, with any questions about this award at [Timothy.Moore@mass.gov](mailto:Timothy.Moore@mass.gov) or 978-567-3721.

We would like to thank you and all of the members of your fire department for all that you do to keep the Commonwealth and its citizens safe.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in cursive.

Governor Charles D. Baker

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in cursive.

Lt. Governor Karyn E. Polito



CHARLES D. BAKER  
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