

NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 6, 2019 MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Narragansett was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:30 PM, at the Narragansett Town Hall.

Present: Matthew M. Mannix, President
Jill A. Lawler, President Pro Tem
Richard Lema, Member
Patrick W. Murray, Member
Jesse Pugh, Member
Sean Corrigan, Acting Town Manager
Mark A. Davis, Town Solicitor

Council President Mannix called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in Pledging Allegiance to the Flag.

Manager Corrigan addressed the assembly regarding orderly conduct, adherence to the 3-minute time limit for speakers and the accommodation of additional participants in the overflow room. Fire Chief Scott Partington spoke to safety issues and noted the exits.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 8, 2019 Executive Session: Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the minutes as presented. So unanimously voted.
- April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting: Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the minutes as presented. So unanimously voted.
- April 23, 2019 Work Session (budget): Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the minutes as presented. So unanimously voted.
- April 24, 2019 Work Session (budget): Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the minutes as presented. So unanimously voted.
- April 25, 2019 Work Session (budget): Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the minutes as presented. So unanimously voted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- **Taste of the Towers**
Council President Mannix congratulated Towers Coordinator Donna DiCicco and the staff for a successful event last weekend
- **Town Council Commemorative Panels**
Public Works Director Michael DiCicco and Chief Partington unveiled two wall mounted panels, recently constructed by Public Works staff members, which display the names and terms of all Town Council members since Narragansett's incorporation. Council thanked staff.

PUBLIC HEARING/DECISION:

Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to open a public hearing at 8:05 PM to consider various applications from Town departments and/or local non-profit organizations for the **2018 Community Development Block Grant** program. So unanimously voted.

Community Development Director Michael DeLuca presented an overview of the annual grant program administered by the RI Office of Housing and Community Development. Following a regional informational hearing on March 14, one application had been received in Narragansett by the April 5 deadline. The Domestic Violence Resource Center submitted a request for \$50,000. The Narragansett Planning Board voted to recommend approval. The Planning Board also added a \$7,500 request (15% of grant) for the administration of the CDBG funds, to be provided under Narragansett's existing contract to the Washington County Community Development Corporation.

Kristen Meuse of the Domestic Violence Resource Center addressed the Council, requesting support for the \$50,000 grant application which would be used to support its residential program. Over 1,000 clients were served last year and the number one barrier to self-sufficiency is housing.

David Ruede of 125 Caswell Street was sworn in by Solicitor Davis. He said he was familiar with the work of the Resource Center and urged support for their application.

Catherine Celeberto of 48 Earles Court was sworn in by Solicitor Davis. She said a maximum of \$100,000 was available and suggested the Center's request be raised to that amount.

Director DeLuca, having reviewed the Center's budget, said it would be conceivable, but they would have to amend their application. Procedurally, the Council could approve a resolution for the \$100,000 application, contingent upon receipt of a revised application before deadline.

Karen Shabshelowitz of 63 Wanda Street was sworn in by Solicitor Davis. She urge the Council to support the Center as much as possible.

There being no further requests to speak in favor or in opposition, motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to close the public hearing at 8:16 PM. So unanimously voted.

Motion by Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Lawler to draft a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to submit an application for funding of Community Development Block Grants to the Town and designated non-profit agencies for qualifying projects & programs in the total amount of \$115,000.00. So unanimously voted.

(Reference is made to the stenographer's transcript for verbatim record.)

Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to open a public hearing at 8:17 PM on the Secondhand Goods Dealer license application of **Richard A. Bloom, d/b/a/ Narragantiques** at 909 Boston Neck Road, Unit #3, subject to local and state regulations. So unanimously voted.

Richard Bloom of 27 Mettatuxet Road was sworn in by Solicitor Davis. He said he was planning on opening in an existing unit that had not been used for a year and a half, using the existing inventory and his own. He said it was the former location of a video store, then a dry cleaners. He intended to sell

antiques and sports memorabilia and stated he would not be sharing the space with anyone else. Councilor Pugh commented that he had sorted cards for the applicant in years past.

There being no further requests to speak in favor or in opposition, motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to close the public hearing at 8:19 PM. So unanimously voted.

Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the application as presented, subject to local and state regulations. So unanimously voted.

(Reference is made to the stenographer's transcript for verbatim record.)

Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to schedule a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 8:00 PM on a petition for the transfer of a Class B Victualling Limited license from **Michael Maxon d/b/a Bed & Bistro Inc., 83 Narragansett Avenue, Plat C, Lot 344B, Narragansett, RI to Calaveras LLC d/b/a Calaveras, 83 Narragansett Avenue, Plat C, Lot 344B, Narragansett RI.** So unanimously voted.

Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to open the second public hearing on the proposed **FY2020 Budget** at 8:21 PM. So unanimously voted.

Finance Director Christine Spagnoli presented a PowerPoint presentation on the operating and capital improvements budget. She said the proposed budget would increase the residential tax rate from \$9.95 per thousand dollars of assessed value to \$10.29, and the commercial rate from \$13.93 to \$14.40. It represents a 3.6% increase in the tax levy. The fund balance would remain at 12% in accordance with town policy. Capital projects were reviewed and defined.

Councilor Pugh reviewed the budget process. He said the library has not had its allotment increased in four years, but this year was cut by more than half. By cutting \$441,000 from the library allotment, \$266,000 was transferred to Parks and Recreation and to a couple other departments, and \$94,000 was put back in the fund balance. This cut was saving the average homeowner \$.75/month. He referred to the library's fund reserve in the town's audit and noted, although The Towers had \$399,000 in its fund reserve as of June 30, 2018, that was not brought up during the budget work sessions. He further noted Councilors Mannix and Lema are liaisons to The Towers. He said only the library and school fund balances were discussed. Council President Mannix replied The Towers is an enterprise fund, not an allocation from taxpayers, and that the library had a \$686,000 surplus from taxpayer allocation. Councilors Pugh and Mannix commented on the development of the schedule for the work sessions and the public process. Councilor Lawler said The Towers uses its fund for repairs and the library was asked why they had not used their funds for repairs. She said the library has a surplus of taxpayer dollars, not an enterprise fund. Councilor Pugh said the fund went down by \$22,000 last year because the previous Council took pensions away from two library employees, and it will go down more this year for the same reason. Councilor Murray commended the library for building a war chest for moving to the Belmont property, and said they were saving taxpayers money. Councilor Lema said the library has a \$1,028,597 budget with \$885,000 in expenditures and \$686,443 in a fund balance. He said only \$342,154 would be needed to meet their budget if the fund balance was used, instead of the requested \$841,000. He said Council's proposal was to give them \$400,000. He said repairs are needed and the library is responsible for that.

Library Director Patti Arkwright said the money was being put aside for a new library. She said they budgeted for pensions for positions that were filled since, although pensions had always been given in the past, they were not being allowed for new employees. She said the state designates the library as a separate

entity that receives funds from the town. The library's Board of Trustees determines how that money is spent. She said it was a responsible budget and asked the Council to reestablish full funding.

Councilor Lema said the \$400,000 allotment would give them a total of \$1,086,443, which is more than last year's \$1,028,597.

David Ruele asked if the Council was prepared to lose \$180,000 in library state aid next year, because that would be the result of reducing the allotment. He said it was prudently responsible to have a reserve in anticipation of the building project.

Albert Alba said the existing building was not adequate, but it would be a waste to spend the reserve funds on it. Instead, it should be used for the new building. He said the library's greatest benefit is to the needy, and that far outweighs the increase in cost.

Nancy LaPosta Frazier said no thought was given to the collateral damage caused by the cuts. She said Narragansett library cards would only be valid in Narragansett and not recognized by other RI libraries. She said she would not accept the pennies the Council wanted her to keep. [Ms. Frazier submitted a bag of coins to Clerk Donovan.]

Rachel Wiesz Smith Konior said the library was a safe place for a lot of people and was the cornerstone of a healthy community.

Robert Ireland said this was one of the busiest libraries in the state and asked why the Council would jeopardize and destroy that. Council President Mannix said nothing was being jeopardized.

Malcolm Goldenberg said if the reserve was used to refurbish the existing building, it would be gone. He said architects should be allowed to examine the Belmont building.

Director Arkwright said state funding is paid out quarterly and that OSL's policy states services would be lost from them if the library could not meet its minimum standards.

Jessica Wilson said she was a librarian in another town and that shared resources were important, and she urged reestablishment of funding.

Paulette Chambers said it seemed like the Council did not support the library and she was ashamed of Narragansett.

Ms. Celeberto said the whole budget has ballooned and specifically cited increases in the school budget.

Stanley Wojciechowski said he attended the budget work sessions and was impressed by the department heads' presentations. He suggested asking every department cut their budget by 2%, and to reduce the fund reserve balance to 10%.

Margaret Rogers said this was punitive and preordained, as Councilor Lema had met with OLIS and asked them what would happen if the library budget was cut.

Michael Silvia said Narragansett has one of the best libraries in the state and it would be short sighted to cut their budget.

Maryann Chronley said not only will the library lose state support, it will also lose the services associated with that support.

Mary Nadeau asked what other departments were cut.

Councilor Lema said all department heads meet with the Town Manager and he makes adjustments to their budgets before presenting it to the Council. He said Public Works was \$2.4 million behind in its road budget, and their equipment is stored outside because the school busses are garaged since consolidation. He said in the last four to six years, millions of dollars had been cut from departments' budgets, and the library could help by putting its reserve money into the building without asking the taxpayers for more.

Council President Mannix said the library was a political issue during the 2018 election and opinions have shifted.

Reference Librarian Samuel Judd said, during a forum held at the library in January, Councilor Lema said no one present voted for him so he did not have to listen to them.

Steven Bellis said the town still has not presented an RFP, and the residents want a new library and it is time to build it.

Carlene Towne said the vocal majority comes to all the meetings and the Council should listen to them.

Matthew Delillo, noting Park and Recreation's budget increase, asked that the town invest more in handicap access to the beach. Director Steven Wright said there are access carpets at both the north and south pavilions and they also have wheeled access at both pavilions, resulting in fully compliant ADA access.

Thomas Hynes inquired about how many beach cabanas the town has. Council President Mannix said there are almost 90, but these are supported by an enterprise fund, not taxpayer funds.

Councilor Murray explained a library funding chart he displayed. He proposed drawing down \$100,000 annually from the library's reserve balance, and the town reducing the maintenance of effort allotment by that much to \$741,000 annually, so state funding and services could be maintained.

Councilor Lawler asked if the Trustees would be willing to transfer the reserve fund to the town's general fund, earmarked for the build out of the current library, if the town fully funded the \$841,000 requested allotment.

Director Arkwright referenced RIGL 29-42-23, stating the funds were subject to the exclusive control of the Library Board of Trustees. The board already stated part of the fund balance needs to be used for other purposes. Councilor Lawler said they had not used the money for what was needed. Director Arkwright said they started planning for a new building in 2014, and the \$50,000 allotted several years ago could have been used for the existing roof or a consultant. They chose the consultant and the Council allowed it.

Councilor Murray suggested a compromise wherein \$25,000 would be used annually toward maintenance of the building. Councilor Lema said he wanted the best library Narragansett's taxpayers could afford.

Councilor Pugh said other members of the Council do not care what the majority of the people here wanted and said they should prepare for 2020.

There being no one else wishing to testify on the proposed budget, motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to close the public hearing at 10:04 PM. So unanimously voted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented (20 items). So unanimously voted. The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. A MOTION TO APPROVE the request from the Maury Loontjens Memorial Library for their 4th annual **Family Costume Walk/Parade** to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 1:00 PM, subject to state and local regulations.
2. A MOTION TO APPROVE the request from St. Thomas More Parish for a **prayer service at Gazebo Park** on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, subject to state and local regulations.
3. A MOTION TO APPROVE the purchase of **White Resin Folding Chairs** for the North Beach Clubhouse from the lowest quoted vendor, Douglas Equipment, in the amount of \$2,585.00.
4. A MOTION TO APPROVE, RATIFY AND CONFIRM the emergency removal, purchase and **replacement of the existing telephone pole** at Domenic Christofaro Park, completed by E.W. Audet and Sons, Inc., utilizing the General Electrical Services contract, in the amount of \$4,426.20.
5. A MOTION TO AWARD the bid for **Food Concession at Christofaro Park** for the Parks & Recreation Department to the highest bidder, Narragansett Youth Sports at their annual quoted payments of \$1,400.00 for 2019, \$1,500.00 for 2020, and \$1,600.00 for 2021.
6. A MOTION TO APPROVE the purchase and installation of one (1) new **ductless air conditioning system** for the Community Center from JMB Mechanical Inc., in the amount of \$6,355.95.
7. A MOTION TO APPROVE a **Victualling License** application for Julio Mendoza dba Calaveras LLC at 83 Narragansett Avenue, Narragansett, RI, subject to local and state regulations
8. A MOTION TO APPROVE a **Holiday License** application for Elizabeth A. DiBiasio dba Frills of Galilee LLC at 270 Great Island Road, Narragansett, RI, subject to local and state regulations.
9. A MOTION TO APPROVE a **Holiday License** application for Jaime Dowdell dba Gansett Goods, 142 Boon Street, Narragansett, RI, subject to local and state regulations.
10. A MOTION TO GRANT permission to Kenneth A. Hayes of N. J. & J. Builders LLC to transport a modular home through Narragansett to Bayberry Hill Road, **Plat R, Lot 262**, between the second or third week of May 2019, subject to local and state regulations.
11. A MOTION TO GRANT permission to Kevin Barrett of 0 Delray LLC to transport a modular home through Narragansett to 10 Delray Drive, **Plat Y-3, Lot 201**, on or about June 27, 2019, subject to local and state regulations.

12. A MOTION TO APPROVE the use of the State of Rhode Island Master Price Agreement #425 for the purchase of **Road Materials** from five (5) possible vendors for the period ending June 30, 2020.
13. A MOTION TO APPROVE the use of the State of Rhode Island Master Price Agreement #433 for **Welding Services** from five (5) vendors for the period ending November 30, 2020.
14. A MOTION TO APPROVE the service contract for **Shop Key Plus vehicle and equipment maintenance software** from Mitchell 1, in the amount of \$4,362.00.
15. A MOTION TO APPROVE a one-year service contract for the Police Department's **digital logging recording system** with Business Electronics, in the amount of \$1,800.00 and authorizes the Town Manager to sign the contract after review by the Town Solicitor.
16. A MOTION TO APPROVE the **Fast Rescue Craft, Narragansett Fire Dept. specific training program** funded by a reimbursable grant from FEMA, to be completed by Ocean Rescue Systems, in the amount of \$4,500.00.
17. A MOTION TO APPROVE the annual **Backup System Support Renewal** from Zones, Inc., in the amount of \$3,963.57.
18. A MOTION TO APPROVE the contract amendment with Encore Fire Protection to add the **Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Testing Services for the Pier Marketplace Building**, in the amount of \$2,720.00 and authorizes the Acting Town Manager to sign the contract, after review by the Town Solicitor.
19. A MOTION to DISBURSE \$1,200.00 from the Galilee Landing Fund to purchase twelve (12) **sidewalk planters**.
20. A MOTION to DISBURSE no more than \$2,000.00 from the Galilee Landing Fund to purchase twenty-four (24) **hanging baskets**.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

21. Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to authorize the Acting Town Manager to sign the **Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement** with the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation for a two (2)-year period (Fiscal Years 2020-2021), subject to review and approval by the Town Solicitor. Director DiCicco gave a brief overview. The rate will increase from \$32.50/ton to \$47/ton in each of the two years. Motion so unanimously voted.

TOWN COUNCIL

22. Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to receive and place on file the **2019 – 2022 Towers Management & Operation Plan**. Towers Committee Chair David Ousterhout

said key changes from the last plan were a formalized partnership with the Narragansett Historical Society, creation of a part-time Assistant Coordinator position to be filled in the second half of FY2020, operating surpluses to be used to fund capital improvements and major repairs, committee member terms to be changed from two to five years, and refocusing capital funding from restoration to major maintenance and improvements.

Mr. Wojciechowski said the Towers Committee should be commended for declining the \$50,000 budget allotment in consideration of their \$400,000 reserve fund.

Motion so unanimously voted.

23. Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve a Resolution authorizing the **Towers Committee** to carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the 2019 – 2022 Towers management and Operation Plan. So unanimously voted.
24. Motion by Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Pugh to approve providing immediate access of the **Belmont Market Space** to the Library Board of Trustees.

Councilor Murray said the library put out an RFP a couple months ago, but access to the building by architects was denied, and this motion would allow such access. Councilor Pugh said he did not know of any other instance where a department was locked out of a building. Council President Mannix said the library did not own building, and that the Trustees set out the RFP, not the Town. He added most departments do not go out for RFP without authority, as it is outside protocol.

Library Board of Trustees Chair Laurie Kelly said an RFP did not go out for the rebuild of the beach cabanas and it was odd that, although there was no vote to redo the cabanas, it went forward. She said singling the library out was unfair.

Ms. Celeberto asked if the Council had seen the RFP or met the architect. She said she was opposed to allowing access.

Ms. Rogers said the prior Council purchased the building for the people of Narragansett, and that the taxpayers own it because it was purchased with taxpayer money. She asked the Council to give access to the building through the Trustees.

Richard Vangermeersch suggested opening the doors to the public to the second floor over the liquor store to let them see how useless that structure is.

Mary Wiesz Smith said the library was a safe environment with internet access to support education.

Karen Shabshelowitz said the Trustees were in charge of making plans for the library per state law so as not to be affected by politics.

Mary VanCougghen said the library was her happy place where she expanded her knowledge and learned about morals, and she was angry that the library may not be here for future patrons in search of knowledge.

Mr. Goldenberg said he was in favor of the library, but we owe it to both sides to see what we have physically in that building.

[The discussion was interrupted at this point for the scheduled public hearings at 8:00 PM; discussion resumed at 10:05 PM.]

Gloria Roman said the Belmont building is a town building and anyone should have access and asked how will we know what the cost will be if architects are not allowed to enter and evaluate.

Daniel Barry said the new Tiverton library cost over \$10 million, and serves a community similar in size and demographics. He said RFPs are typically done by library boards, with the purpose to determine costs. It does not obligate anyone, but assists in the decision making.

Ms. Celeberto said Tiverton is getting \$1 million annually from the casino, and it was a disingenuous comparison. She suggested the Solicitor, as a neutral party, should determine if the Trustees get access.

A discussion followed between Councilors Murray and Mannix. Motion failed with two in favor, Councilors Mannix, Lawler and Lema opposed.

25. Motion by Councilor Pugh, seconded by Councilor Murray to fully fund the **Maury Loontjens Library Maintenance of Effort** for approximately \$841,000.00 per year as done in the previous years. Solicitor Davis opined that a separate discussion was not warranted, as it could not be handled outside of the budget. Motion failed with two in favor, Councilors Mannix, Lawler and Lema opposed.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

26. Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the **sponsorship agreement** with Citizens Bank for the 2019 RI Philharmonic Concert. So unanimously voted.
27. Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to approve the purchase and installation of new **black vinyl coated chain link fencing** at Domenic Christofaro Park from Cosco Inc., in the amount of \$52,909.00, utilizing the State of RI Master Price Agreement. So unanimously voted.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

28. Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to read, pass and adopt as a second reading, an ordinance in amendment of Chapter 731 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island, entitled "Zoning", at Section 3.2 Official Zoning Map, rezoning two (2) properties to comply with designations assigned in the 2017 Narragansett Comprehensive Plan / Land Use Map, said properties **being Plat N-K, Lot 3-15 (101 Riverdell Drive) and Plat H, Lot 37 (155 Rodman Street)**. So unanimously voted.
29. Motion by Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Pugh to read, pass and accept as a first reading an ordinance in amendment of Chapter 731 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island, entitled "Zoning", specifically a new subsection; Section 4.8.4 - **Boon Street Special District**, as introduced on March 18, 2019.

Councilor Lawler said she wanted more research done. Councilor Murray said if someone was working on their property, they needed to control any resulting drainage issues, and that this proposed zoning change was inconsequential to the existing nearby water problems.

Susan Rogers asked if any consideration of the existing water problems would be given in regard to this proposal. Manager Corrigan said the water issue on Rodman Street and the failed drainage pipe from Gladstone Spring were separate issues from the Boon Street proposal. Council President Mannix noted the public hearing had been closed and Council members were given opportunity to visit the site and did so. Ms. Rogers said she was assured the town review process would protect the property owners, but a water issue exists that did not before. Director DeLuca said he was not sure of the water problem origin but, if an ordinance has been violated, the town should take action. Otherwise, it is a civil issue between private property owners. Councilor Pugh said the water issue is bad, but not related to the Boon Street proposal.

Karen Kivisto said she owns property that is subject to flooding from the Gladstone Spring. She asked the Council to direct the Engineering Department to install a tank to collect and meter the water coming from the spring, adding no one has the right to cast off excess water from their property onto that of others.

[An intermission was called at this point; back in session at 10:44 PM.]

Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to continue the first reading. Councilor Murray said there was no reason to continue. Councilor Pugh said he would agree to continue if there was a clear reason to do so.

Ms. Rogers urged the Council not to continue.

Jeannine Marsh asked where the water would go when there are more buildings and parking lots.

Motion to continue to May 20, 2019 approved by four in favor, Councilor Pugh opposed.

30. Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to introduce, read, pass and accept as a First Reading, "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 731 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island, entitled "Zoning", specifically text revisions to Section 6.4 (Dimensional Regulations), as pertains to the **height of Accessory Structures**. So unanimously voted. Second reading scheduled for May 20, 2019.

TOWN CLERK

31. Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to appoint Jeffrey R. Berry to the **Harbor Management Commission** as an alternate member, term expiring June 30, 2019. So unanimously voted.

OPEN FORUM:

Steven Fabrizio said that last year a bus pulled up in front of his house, accompanied by a police officer, and 40 people disembarked at 2 AM. He wanted to make sure that he is not disturbed again this year in that way. He said he wanted to be assured that the Town did not partner with a promotional business that engages in pub crawls.

Mary Ann Grintchenko read a letter from the Chair of the RI Library Association announcing that Laurie Kelly had been nominated for the Library Trustee of the Year award. She said Ms. Kelly would be formally recognized on May 22 and she then presented flowers to Ms. Kelly.

Trustees Chair Kelly said the library does charitable works, the use of rooms and services are free. She said the purpose of the Town is to collect taxes and pay for services that benefit all residents. When the Town cuts the library budget, it cuts state aid. If the Council declines to support the operating budget, it will disallow building assistance. She said the actions of the Council were dismantling the public library.

Naomi MacDonald said level funding was the same as a decrease in budget, and that not accepting \$181,000 from the state would be fiscally irresponsible.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Lawler, seconded by Councilor Lema to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 PM. So unanimously voted.

ATTEST:

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS
PRESENTED: May 20, 2019



Theresa C. Donovan, CMC
Council Clerk



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A digital format is made a part of the record for a complete account of the Council meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= euFRgyveRw>