I. OPEN MEETING

A. Opening Ceremonies
Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call
Selectmen present: Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr, Jane Conroy, Gail D’Agostino, Scott Taylor, and Ernie Thomas. Late: Stephen Grammont. Absent: Chairman Elwood Edgerly. Also present: Town Manager, Jack Clukey.

II. CONSENT AGENDA
Treasurer Warrants
1. Payroll Warrant #47
2. Administrative Warrant #48
3. Wastewater Warrant #49

Resolution #154-022618
MOTION: Thomas, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – February 12, 2018
Resolution #155-022618
MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of February 12, 2018. Motion passed.

IV. QUITCLAIM DEEDS

V. BOARD OF ASSESSORS/MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

VI. OPEN SESSION

A. Public Hearings
B. Open Session – Public
C. Open Session – Board of Selectmen
Selectman Conroy said that she had received positive feedback regarding the municipal ice skating rink.

Selectman Thomas said that the information regarding the minimum wage increase that he received from the Town Manager was informative and asked if the information could be forwarded to the other members of the Board of Selectmen.

1. Presentation – Rick Pembroke
Town Manager, Jack Clukey presented a plaque to Deputy Fire Chief, Rick Pembroke in appreciation of 50 years of fire fighting service. Mr. Pembroke thanked the town for their support of the fire department.

2. Presentation – Police Department Patch Contest
Police Chief Ryan Reardon talked about the Police Department Patch Contest, a project that he had presented to the town and school officials in the fall. He said that there were more than 50 submissions with over 800 public votes at Center Theatre. Chief Reardon said that five finalists were chosen and the winner, when selected, would work with a graphic artist to design their winning patch. Chief Reardon also said that the graphic artist would design the patch for a discounted cost of $20. The five finalists, Maranda Poulin, Grade 9, Foxcroft Academy, Grace Carlson, Grade 8 SeDoMoCha, Justice Batchelder, Grade 7, SeDoMoCha, Ruby Rideout, Grade 8, SeDoMoCha, and Halle Page, Grade 6, SeDoMoCha each gave a presentation on how their design was determined, significance for the town, and historical information, with a question and answer period after their presentations. Board members expressed that the presentations and patch designs were impressive and congratulated the finalists on their work. Chief Reardon said that a committee of the Selectmen would choose a winner at an upcoming meeting of the protection committee.

D. Adjustments to the Agenda

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS
A. Whoopie Pie Festival 2018 Update – Patrick Meyers
Patrick Meyers, Whoopie Pie Festival Coordinator, referred to a traffic pattern map for the Whoopie Pie Festival. Changes from last year’s traffic pattern were noted as a detour on Grove Street and some changes to the times that road closures and openings will occur. Patrick Meyers said that Police Chief Reardon will facilitate traffic control training to those attending the blockades to avoid issues such as vehicles needing to enter High Street. Board members asked if there were concerns with businesses in the area. Patrick Meyers said that there are no known concerns.
B. Piscataquis County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2017 Update
The Board discussed the 2017 update of the Piscataquis County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Selectman Conroy asked if FEMA funds would be available to the Town after adopting the plan. The Town Manager explained that FEMA funds are usually designated after a specific classification of weather damage has occurred and whether the town is eligible to receive such funds. He said that there are circumstances when grant funds can be applied for. Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr said that when describing our region, there should always be mention of Native Americans because they were the first settlers, but this information was not included in the plan. Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr also asked for an explanation of the high hazard classification of the dams. The Town Manager reviewed and explained the table describing the dams. He said that classifications may not always remain as they are in this update. Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr said that the list of top employers in the update appears inaccurate with no mention of Mayo Regional Hospital and the schools.

Resolution #156-022618
MOTION: Conroy, seconded: Taylor, and voted unanimously (6-0) to sign the Resolution to adopt the Piscataquis County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2017 Update. Motion passed.

Town Manager, Jack Clukey said that he can file a letter with the County so that information concerning the Native American settlers will be included in the next update and errors can be corrected regarding top employers and dam classifications.

C. Town Manager’s Report
Town Manager, Jack Clukey reported as follows:

He recently attended a workshop put on by the Maine Government Finance Officers Association covering topics including streetlights, data security, and a legislative update by MMA.

He said that in terms of our own streetlight project, we are arranging to have three demo lights put up with the decorative fixture we selected, a preview of how the decorative lights will look in the downtown.

He attended a meeting of the Age Friendly working group and that they plan to have a public event in April to present and discuss the survey results.

The first meeting of the budget advisory committee will be this Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 PM at which time the remainder of the schedule will be determined. He said that the budgets that will be reviewed at the first meeting are protection, fire, hydrants, general government, contingency and abatement, debt service, and welfare. He said that the last two meetings will be a joint meeting with the budget committee and Board of Selectmen and a public hearing.

X. CORRESPONDENCE
- RSU No. 68 School Calendar 2018-2019
- RSU No. 68 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 020618
XI. CLOSING REMARKS  (Open Session if necessary and time permitting.)
Selectman D’Agostino requested to set the date for the next protection committee meeting. The meeting was set for Tuesday, March 6th, 5:15 PM, in the meeting room.

Selectman Taylor said that there will be a two-day fishing derby at the marina at Greeleys Landing.

Selectman Conroy said that there was a good article on The Mill in the Maine Town and City publication (formerly The Maine Townsman).

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. Economic Development
Resolutions
Resolution #157-022618
MOTION: Conroy, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA §405(6)(d) to discuss economic development. Motion passed.

Resolution #158-022618
MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (6-0) to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

B. Economic Development
Resolutions
Resolution #159-022618
MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA §405(6)(d) to discuss economic development. Motion passed.

Resolution #160-022618
MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to come out of Executive Session.

XIII. ADJOURN
Resolutions
Resolution #161-022618
MOTION: Conroy, seconded: D’Agostino, and voted unanimously (6-0) to adjourn. Motion passed.