

**TOWN OF SWANTON  
SELECTBOARD EMERGENCY MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Swanton Town Office Building  
1 Academy Street, Swanton, VT 05488  
Monday, January 28, 2019 @ 11:15 a.m.**

Present: James Guilmette, Chair; Daniel Billado, Vice Chair; Gary Centabar, Joel Clark, Members; David Jescavage, Town Administrator; Elisabeth Nance, Administrative Assistant

- A. Call to Order – Chair Guilmette called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.
- B. Meeting Topics:
  - 1. 2019 General Budget Appropriations Discussion

Because there was disagreement on what had been decided at the January 22, 2019 Selectboard meeting, the board discussed whether to list each appropriation as a separate line item as it did in 2018 or to have one line item as it had for several years prior.

Mr. Billado thought the board had decided in 2018 to have voters approve each appropriation separately for the next two to three years and then, if they were consistently approved, combine them into one line item. Mr. Clark remembers the discussion in 2018 ending with an agreement to have the voters approve each appropriation separately for 2018 and then return to one line item for three or four years before breaking them out again. Chair Guilmette concurred with Mr. Clark.

Mr. Billado suggested voters be able to vote on each appropriation separately this year and then vote at the first meeting after Town Meeting Day on how to handle appropriations going forward. Mr. Centabar would like the appropriations to remain separate but, if the board had previously agreed to do that for 2018 before having one line item, he was okay with having one line item this year.

Mr. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Centabar, to approve having the appropriations voted on as one line item. Motion carried with Mr. Billado dissenting.

- 2. 2019 Annual Meeting Warning Approval

Mr. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Centabar to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting Warning as written. Motion carried with Mr. Billado dissenting.

- C. Adjournment – Mr. Billado made a motion at 11:37 a.m., seconded by Mr. Centabar, to adjourn. Motion carried.