

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Room 112 of the Town Hall. Mr. Timson was absent. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
Michael Berry, Vice Chairman
Mark Gallivan, Clerk
Nancy Mackenzie

Also, present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Sponsored Agenda Items

Mr. Boynton updated the members on the snow and ice account. There is \$461,410.56 remaining. We will stock the salt shed. A snowplow will be purchased. He had proposed to the Finance Committee at the last meeting to put \$100,000 into stabilization. That would leave a balance of \$170,130 in free cash. The typical cost of a snowstorm is \$100,000.

Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles #26, 25, 23 and 30

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to reopen the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Article #26, Boyden School Parking

The Board is in receipt of a letter from the Petitioner of Article #26 regarding the Boyden School Parking lot to remove it from the Warrant.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to remove Article #26 from the Spring Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Article #25, PSRC zones for Schools

Mr. Boynton spoke on article #25 that based on the feedback from the Planning Board it should have more study it is recommended the Board vote to remove the article from the warrant.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to remove Article #25 from the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Article #23, Demolition of Common St. Library

Mr. Boynton spoke to the recent inquiry from a resident to purchase the Common Street Library. He met with an appraiser to get the real value of the property.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to remove article #23 for the demolition of the library , seconded by Mr. Gallivan

Discussion ensued:

Mr. Boynton explained there is one resident who is interested in using the facility for residential purposes and another who would like to use it for commercial use. There are a number of ideas of the value of the site.

Mrs. Mackenzie thanked Kevin Uniacke who put in a lot of time at no cost to the town at what the existing library may be used for.

It was noted if this proposal of reuse does not move forward, the Board may place an article on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant 2012 to demolish the building. Mr. Berry wants to be sure one of the conditions of the buyer is the property may not be flipped.

MOTION voted 4-0-0

Boyden School Parking

Many residents from Jason's Path abutting the Boyden School were present. It was explained the article to move forward with parking for stadium events at Boyden School has been removed from the warrant. It is off the table for a while. The residents are concerned the school could move forward with such a proposal charging a fee similar to that of High School Student parking.

Mr. Kraus explained the Boyden School PAC proposed this. This could come up again and it would have to go through a variety of channels. If there are changes to any operation in schools, it would to go to them.

If anything like that is proposed they would have to come to the Board of Selectmen and would be told to meet with the neighbors.

Mrs. Mackenzie had spoken to the PAC and they are aware there are issues and are not sure what they are going to do.

Mr. Timson had wanted to do parking back in 2007. They would want to be sure the town wants to do anything with Boyden School parking.

Mr. Kraus explained it is the first time they have discussed this issue. The Board discusses ideas that might generate revenue for the town.

If anyone wanted to do this for one day, they would need permission from the Board of Selectmen.

Mrs. Mackenzie explained the public hearing held by the Planning Board was relative only to the zoning regulations. The PAC had good intentions in doing this the right way. At the Planning Board hearing, they wanted to hear neighbors concerns. The PAC wanted to hear what the Planning Board said. This was only one-step in the process. The PAC would be required to request a license from this Board. The PAC thought they were doing something that would benefit the school.

The neighbors had wished the PAC had reached out to them. They do not want anything down there. They are the only ones that must deal with the traffic during the stadium events.

Article #30, Sunnyrock Farm

Mr. Boynton explained he met with Darci Schofield, John Wiley, and Mark Gallivan yesterday. The proposal is different from what is on the warrant. Darci did send a draft.

Mr. Wiley suggested that based on recent events and how the purchase would advance; the article should be withdrawn as presented.

Mr. Gallivan agrees with Mr. Wiley. They do not want to have an article on the warrant. The Sunnyrock fundraising is going on. He does not think the article represents what will happen. If the way the fundraiser is different, can that land still be donated to the town? Yes, it can be donated to the conservation commission. He explained the Trust for Public Land is working very hard to get big donors. In this economy, it is hard to get people to commit to funds.

Mr. Wiley suggested it would be a benefit to have the Board of Selectmen show support.

The Board will have a resolution of support for the purchase of Sunnyrock for the next meeting.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to remove Article #30 from the Spring Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to close the Spring Town Meeting warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

