

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 beginning at 7:00 pm in the Library Conference Room. Mr. Gallivan was absent, the following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
Michael Berry, Vice Chairman
Christopher Timson
Nancy Mackenzie

Also present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those injured and those that died during the Boston Marathon attack. Mr. Boynton mentioned the incident in Texas at the fertilizer plant and the town is thinking of those that lost their lives and were injured .

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4-23 Proclamation, Arbor Day

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to endorse the Proclamation for Arbor Day, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 4-0-0

Employees of the Month: Vince Hobson, Carol Fellini and Jodi Cuneo. They have done a great job.

SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

Audit Presentation

Mr. Roselli spoke of this year being a transitional phase. The new Town Accountant Jodi Cuneo was thrown into the fire and helped with the audit. Wants to remind everyone what an audit is. They perform a financial based audit. If you receive over 50 million in grant funding from federal government. In accordance with GAGAS they review internal control over major transactions. In the end, they either give a clean opinion or a qualified opinion. Walpole does have a clean opinion. The CPA firm does not go in and look for fraud. He reviewed the economic trends last year, and noted the un-assigned fund balance was going down, to the point there was concern. The trend for 2012 is very positive. Instead of low end metric, you are at the high end metric. The magic number is 10%. Walpole is at 8.6%.

Why were their increases from 2011 to 2012? Intergovernmental revenues were about \$1million over forecasted; this was due to unexpected prison mitigation, FEMA, and Medicaid reimbursements not forecasted.

Excise taxes were almost \$300 thousand over forecast as both meals and motor vehicle exceeded their estimates; auto sales were more robust. Building permits were well above forecast. The public works expenditures were very favorable and the unseasonably warm, dry winter of 2012 enabled the town to save \$500,000.

Funds that were transferred back, one thing we do not budget for is capital improvements. It is an understanding free cash is a tool to fund capital improvements.

Talked about OPEB and the town did set this up, an additional \$100,000 transferred from FTM. The town plans to put in \$225,000 at STM and also and utilize Medicare Part B reimbursements. The town has established a permanent OPEB. Mr. Roselli explained in order to maintain Aa2 Moody likes to here about the plan for OPEB. That satisfied the S&P. Is the community aware of their long term responsibilities? This is very important.

Maintained 1.4 million in receipts reserved for appropriations; these are technically not reserves, but serve as annual budgetary funding sources. He would like to see enhance risk assessment and fraud prevention measures. He would like to see rotating audit of all departments. Process of going in and doing a mini audit. He will work with Jodi to set up. The board agrees it makes sense.

He reviewed their findings. He suggested the town reevaluate Munis as they currently use the same account system. Munis should be updated. Mr. Timson was not aware the system was antiquated. He wanted to know what the cost benefit to the town is by going with a new system. Mr. Roselli is only recommending making the accounts more modern.

Town Account, Jodi Cuneo explained they had already reviewed systems and Munis is one of the best systems. She explained the chart of accounts need restructuring. Trying to print up a report for one department is difficult. The goal to restructure the chart of accounts and have a better reporting function.

Mr. Berry noted the system was updated in the last 2 years. Jodi explained we have not grown with the system. Mr. Boynton explained the town needs to make sure that our Munis is up to date. We have Jodi starting to update the Chart of accounts. It is going to take some time to be updated.

Social Security numbers are on some payroll reports. These are in house reports. Not public record. They are working with Munis to resolve.

School lunch fund deficit, \$138,000 had to be charged to the general fund in FY12. The issue was labor costs, the School dept tried to have the work done at the High School. Time will be the judge. Mr. Boynton explained there was a complete restructuring of the school lunch program. They have cleared the deficit.

Student activities-two invoice \$3,500 no support. They do not issue sales tax on store sales.

Mr. Timson talked about trying to utilize cash back credit card. For some things we buy. Mr. Roselli does not have any community that is using that cash back credit card. He would still recommend an invoice and limiting who can use it.

4-27 NSTAR, Pole Relocation

Joint pole location at Washington Street, the town has no objection. Subject the requirements set by T. Engineer. The pole was being relocated and then changed again by the homeowner.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the relocation of pole 33/143 as requested by NSTAR for 1148 Washington St. seconded by Mr. Timson, Voted 4-0-0

OPEN FORUM- No One present.

4-28 Electronic Message Board

At the previous meeting, Jack Mee had discussed with the Board a fee for the electronic message boards. He provided the members with updated information for their review and noted it is consistent with surrounding towns. Mr. Timson was pleased with the information from Mr. Mee.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the fee for electronic message centers at \$15.00 per thousand of cost and 1 ½% of the electrical cost, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 4-0-0

4-29 Updated List of Private Ways

This discussion arose from residents living on Deerfield Drive whom asked their road be a public way. At the time this roadway was constructed, the developer walked away without completing the necessary work and there was not enough funding left in the bond to complete. The road needs to have some work done and the town can not do it unless it is a public way.

Mr. Boynton noted this is not a new conversation, there are folks that live on private roads in town and bring issues forward. Some of them have little traffic on them and some are non- paved, some are dirt, some are condo associations. Once in a while there are roads that fall outside private way, the reason they were private, or they are cut through. Before you tonight, the Agenda is private ways; he is not suggesting we make all private ways public. Not an appropriate process. A couple of roads that fall into certain conditions.

Looking at long term solution for Hartshorn. Deerfield is a road that fell under subdivision control. It was suppose to be built with the standards of the town, the

developer walked away from the street. It needs work and long term repairs, never accepted, we do not make repairs because of that, given the unique circumstances. Look at acceptance and long term plan.

Mr. Kraus does not feel you can not have a blanket policy. He beleives it would be helpful to learn the reasoning as to why they were private first. Mr. Boynton does not expect you to have a solution for this tonight. We will spend time to come up with a plan. Roadways that are unlike what we are going to talk about tonight. You have the cost to bring the roads up to today's standards.

Mr. Timson thinks there are scenarios to make one of these roads a public way, we have to be careful , a lot of different competing aspects, we do not reward developers that leave roadways. There are a lot of competing aspects to this. Any group of citizens can ask us to take it as a public way; the burden is on the homeowners on that street, to provide the uniqueness of that. I think we should set a high standard for this.

Paul Falavey was alerted to this by Mr. Burke and B. Foley, to do a lot of the leg work. This is one of those files that is so messy. We hope we can make it a public way. I hope the town has closed the barn door on this issue. The bond should not be released until these issues have been addressed. There was a punch list. This is an issue that will not repeat itself. Mr. Timson noted the Selectmen are trying to be rigorous on this matter when a bond comes before them.

Mrs. Mackenzie noted it is terrible that the developer walked away from your street, the streets go through the process, they get waivers, the street gets developed. The situation is addressed. For you the developer walked away before finalizing. The starlight, there was money left in the bond. The town knew there was money there. It is going to be important to bring the road up to the standards. The Planning Board over the years, changed the way bonds were released. You seem to be one of the only ones left. You bought on there knowing that was going to be a public way. Your road is different; I would think we have a commitment to you.

Mr. Boynton will have the Town Engineer, M. Walker come up with an estimate. The catch it is a chicken and an egg situation. You have to accept it first to do the work. We have to understand the legal cost of taking that. Where does it fit with the overall maintenance to the town? Mr. Kraus would like to know the cost to repair it. Mr. Timson wants something in writing from the residents on the street they want this. He noted sometimes in a subdivision the developer gets the street.

Mr. Boynton brought up Hartshorn Road and to move forward with Street acceptance. Mr. Timson wanted to know the legal issues and costs associated with this. Mrs. Mackenzie feels on this road we need to have a signature from the residents.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Sunday Entertainment license for Walpole Footlighters, seconded by Mr. Berry VOTED 4-0-0

4-32 Gift Acceptance

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the gift from Bird Middle School to the Council on Aging with thanks seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 4-0-0

4-33 Gift Acceptance

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gift from AFSCME Local to Veteran Services gift fund, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

4-34 Gift Acceptance

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gift from Michael Curtin and Benny Giannangelo to Recreation Department seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

4-35 Gift Acceptance

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gift from Mary Kulbok for Veteran Services gift fund, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

Town Meeting Articles

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article 6, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to recommend Favorable Action on Article 7, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved Mr. Berry by to recommend Favorable Action on Article 8, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to recommend Favorable Action on Article 13, for \$184,500 seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve borrowing under Article #13, \$3,756,000, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to recommend Favorable Action on Article 14, seconded by Mr. Timson

Mr. Timson noted with regards to the vehicle, usually we get information, pictures and why. One hot wire items in town is the vehicles, it is our interest to show those and provide the information.

VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article 15, seconded by Mr. Kraus 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article 16, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article 23, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

The board briefly discussed the decision of the Attorney General in that you can not out right ban a medical marijuana facility in town.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article 32, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article 33, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article 35, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

4-44 Use of Adams Farm

MOTION Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the use of A. Farm for a Wedding reception subject to the approval of the A. Farm Committee and all other permits necessary are acquired, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

4-45 Use of Adams Farm

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the use of A. Farm for Girl Scout Daisy Troop Meeting subject to approval of A. Farm Committee seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 4-0-0

4-46 Use of A. Farm, Artist Plein Air paint out

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the use of A. Farm for Artist Plein Air Out subject to approval of A. Farm Committee, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

4-47 Use of A. Farm, Friends of A. Farm

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the use of A. Farm for a member appreciation gathering , seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

*(Yvette is working on the application for a one day wine and malt license)
Will bring that back to Board for approval once received.*

4-48 Use of A. Farm, Friends of A. Farm

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the use of A. Farm for a milkweed plant give away, subject to approval of the A. Farm Committee, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

4-49 Junk Dealer/Junk Collector

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to renew the Junk Dealers/Junk Collectors for those establishments listed in the memo dated April 11, subject to the approval of the Building Department, seconded by Mr. Timson

Allied Recycling Center	1901 Main St	Junk Dealer/Junk Collector
Game Stop	108 Providence Hwy	Junk Dealer
Keystone Jewelers	90 Providence Hwy	Junk Dealer
Re-Plays	955 East St	Junk Dealer
Second Glance	961 Main St	Junk Dealer
Westside Stamp & Coin	921 East St	Junk Dealer

Mr. Boynton had received a call from Mr. Sciaba and they are working with the town. He would like to talk to us about a vision of their site and Goldies. We do get ongoing complaints.

VOTED 4-0-0

4-50 Letter to Representatives

Mr. Boynton reported that the town owns Allen Dam and there are not many towns that own dams. We find no value owning this. Asking the Board to authorize the draft letter to amend legislation to have the state take back ownership.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve and send letter to Representatives regarding Allen Dam, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 4-0-0

4-51 PILOT Program

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to form a PILOT Committee for the proposed Solar Plant on Industrial Road consisting of a Representative from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, EDC , The Town Appraiser, Town Administrator, Building Commissioner (ex officio) and Community & Economic Development Officer (ex officio) seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to nominate Mark Gallivan, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 4-0-0

Mr. Berry talked about the proposed Solar plant on Industrial Rd. Mr. Boynton noted if you are putting a pure value of this, by not doing a PILOT , you may have a highest value in year 1 but not later. Protect the town's interest, taking a look at potential value of site income.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to add the Conservation Agent to the PILOT program, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

Town Administrator's Report

Common Street Bridge Abandonment: Mrs. Mackenzie stated it is crumbling. It has to go, if you notice the plan they are talking about starting in 2014.

Chapter 90 & DOT-the legislators approved and it could be an additional \$400,000 that we could put towards roads. It is an allowable expenditure, we are going to need to do the design.

State budget- good news increase overall state aid projection to the town, the bad news they threw their projection for charter school reimbursement is higher. The only way that should be spiking is through an enrollment increase.

Facilities study progress update- Wetlands flagging for Washington Street, for possible DPW/Senior center. The configuration will be in accordance with wetlands layout.

New Business

Mr. Timson noted the Town was in Globe South. The meetings for Awareness for Drug and alcohol use is poorly attended unless you tell parents they must in order for the children attending the prom, Mr. Imbush was not supportive of that. He had his reasons, I disagree, I think we should move towards this.

Mrs. Mackenzie believes the prom is fully funded by the students. I agree that we should require, but to me, but some pay for their own prom. No financial support for it, they might not be giving them emotional support to go. I understand, maybe

part of freshman orientation. Mr. Timson would rather take those on a case by case.

Mr. Berry feels this should come from the S. Committee. I would suggest, following up with the S. Committee, I would be uncomfortable with that.

Neponset Valley Breakfast-Richard Davey, most important he was asked about commuter rail in Fox, he did not say he was against it, he could see it happening. We should maintain our diligence on this issue. Talking about massive increase in taxes. I do not like the idea to increase taxes to do that. I understand repairing but they are talking about improvements, new lines etc. Not supportive of going into a massive spending spree.

M. Berry on one hand you have a huge tax increase, we see reports of waste and fraud. Chapter 90 has increased, when you see money being wasted, what that money could do, that could have tangible benefits. We are caught between what is going on at the state. I agree with Mr. Timson Important to remain vigilant does not think it has a chance.

Mr. Berry noted we never did get our non binding question ballot. Another election past I would like to see us to come back to that. It is a tool we can use.

Mr. Berry would like to talk about Town owned parcels some time soon.

M. Berry recognized that Mr. Kraus is not seeking re election and thanked him for his commitment to the community. We have had a lot of productivity and fun. I am going to miss his wisdom and company, thank you for serving with us.

RT1A subcommittee met to discuss extending the sewer line, one possibility to extend the sewer near Raffael's, the subcommittee felt it would be important to include the residents in that area. There is a significant cost component. The may want to consider. I wanted to initiate this to get the S&W guidance. We will need their support, have a neighborhood meeting. Cost for them. Mention option that does not include that, extend industrial way, production way. Two different options. Seek their opinions.

Mr. Kraus would like an update from Longview Farm within the next month

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn at 9:55, seconded by Mr. Timson
VOTED 4-0-0

