

April 25, 2011 BO

Present were Robert J. Garrity, James M. Tomaszewski, James C. Lehan, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was held in Room 124 of the Town Hall.

Rob Garrity opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. He announced that the meeting was video and audio taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

INTERIM DPW DIRECTOR – SOLID WASTE RATES

Bob McGhee, Interim DPW Director present.

Bob presented a breakdown of his FY12 Solid Waste budget proposal.

Rob questioned the fuel. Bob said they cannot determine how the fuel is going to go, so they want to do it this way for now. He said a month ago, fuel wasn't this bad. Hopefully, they will be able to get by with what they are asking for.

Rob asked about the compactor. Bob said we never got it. It could be something we can look at this year. He said recycles are up there right now., so it might be worth looking at.

Jim T. said you are going to end up with a deficit this year. The idea isn't to make money. We want to break even.

Jim L. doesn't want to raise the price. He said he knows it is only \$5, but the economy is not picking up and he thinks if we can find it any where else, we should.

Jim T. would like to see how this year will end up. That will help them. Bob said that Paul Vito has worked pretty hard to bring things to light. Bob said they are becoming more and more self supporting because Paul has worked materials that they used to buy somewhere else.

Rob would like Bob back in to our next meeting with some historical figures, how many stickers, how many vehicles, etc.

Jim T. told Bob and Paul about compliments he received, and how helpful and pleasant staff is.

Jim T. said indirect costs. For as many people are using it, there are that many that aren't. And they are paying for it.

DAN WINSLOW, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Dan said he is the first Norfolk resident of the General Court to be a State Representative.

Dan said there are many challenges. He is working on proposals to create jobs, and tax revenue and get money back into the town.

Dan said money for snow and ice will automatically go into the Chapter 90. Snow and ice can include snow from school roofs. Many towns removed snow from roofs as a safety issue. They will try to get some money back through the supplemental budget.

Jim L. asked about prison mitigation funds. Dan said stormy, at best. He said there is nothing there yet.

He talked about expanding the prison. We allocated land years ago to expand in the future. The State doesn't have funding to build another prison. Federal may. We could create construction jobs in the area, plus social workers, correction workers, administrative, etc. Build prison mitigation funds into it that are paid by the federal government. Dan, through the Board, would like to invite public input and see what the residents want. Even put a question on the ballot in the spring. Jobs, potential revenue for the town, and benefits for the town to expand beyond the state DOC.

Jim T. asked about closing some prisons with so much overcrowding. Dan said that there are some prisons that are old and no longer cost effective. The Governor said that in order to help the budget, he proposed closing two prisons. But Dan said that is not a way to work the budget.

Jim L. said he wouldn't close the door to anything that could be potential revenue. He agreed with a nonbinding referendum question on the ballot. He said that in talking with people, he hasn't had positive feedback.

Rob said there won't be a lot of financial service jobs, and that's what our residents need. He is also worried about traffic. Is there enough room for a prison? Dan said 200 acres of upland, 200 acres of wetland, and 200 acres of upland. Dan said our demographics are more diverse than just financial services. Many people are in the trades.

Dan said states compete for prisons. So you have to really, really want it. It is highly unlikely to happen. These prisons are built more in the south.

If people don't like an idea Dan comes up with, then they can give him a better idea.

Dan would like to increase teachers pay, and decrease parking lot attendants pay.

Jack will look at the logistics of putting a question on the May ballot, and said the only issue he's heard is the traffic.

Dan said Joanne Muti is his legislative aid.

Jack asked about any word on health care. Dan said that he is looking into that.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Old Business

Jack said they closed on Gumps Farm on Thursday. The property is now owned by the Board, and its uses are now determined by the Board of Selectmen. Purchased with CPC funds, we now can utilize the resources – Recreation, etc. Jim L. feels that this property is at the gateway of our town and is a great option. We need to partner in this and come up with a plan that benefits the town. The Municipal Affordable Housing Trust purchased the home at the same time.

Jim L. said they bought the home next to St. Judes. Jim said they are going to tear the house down, and replace it with a brand new home. They will improve the site.

Jim T. talked about NorfolkNet having the wrong idea about the water leaks. He wondered if we could clarify it by putting a statement online, or is that more confusing. Jim L. agreed there is a horrendous amount of misinformation out there.

Jack suggested that Cable re-run our shows because we had all the experts there, etc., and if people watch that again, maybe the misinformation will be taken care of.

Jack announced that our Veterans Agent, Tony Mastroianni, has decided to retire. Jack is meeting with other towns he worked for and they are reviewing this. Anyone interested can send a letter of interest to Jack.

Jack said tree cutting between Federated Church and Public Safety building is for an antenna microwave session.

BOB BULLOCK, ORDERS OF TAKING

Bob Bullock, Building Commissioner present.

Rob asked Bob about concerns. Bob said Berry Lane. Bob said we have 120 days or we have to go back to town meeting. He suggested that we accept the road so that we don't have to go to town meeting. Work out the easements later. Bob said the residents have ideas that aren't necessarily true. They think it's going to be a private road and it's not.

Jack said we should have a meeting with the residents and our attorney present to address all their concerns.

At 8:31 p.m., Rob Garrity moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property that would be detrimental in a public meeting. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jim Lehan, **aye**; Rob Garrity, **aye**; and Jim Tomaszewski, **aye**. The Board will not return to open session and there will be no votes taken.

At 9:27 p.m., being no further business, Jim Lehan moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of February 28, 2011.

James C. Lehan, Clerk