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

Jim Tomaszewski called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents. Jim T. announced that the meeting would be audio and video recorded. The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall.

### **ROBERT MCGHEE, DPW BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Bob gave a brief summary of this year's budget. Bob mentioned Hurricane Irene and reimbursement from FEMA of \$65,889.42. Bob stated that right after the hurricane, we had the October snowstorm which did as much damage, if not more than Hurricane Irene. Because Norfolk County was not eligible for funding, we were not able to receive reimbursement for that storm.

Bob presented paperwork regarding salaries, vehicle maintenance and DPW facility.

Bob discussed FY'13 budget. He reviewed salaries. Bob then reviewed the expenses. Bob put in \$10,000 and suggested it be for perpetual care of the downtown maintenance. Right now it is under the daily maintenance account.

Bob suggested repairing the bricks in the roundabouts, because the quality of the bricks was inferior, and they need replacing. Bob wants to be sure to use a superior quality material so that he isn't coming back in 5 years asking to do this again.

Jack said that \$80,000 is in the Reserve Fund. Although we may need some here for DPW, Jack reported that Bob Bullock in the Building Dept. may need some of these funds as well. Free Cash is around \$200,000. There was much discussion about vehicle maintenance and the older fleet of vehicles that we have, because we have not been able to replace any. The Board considered bumping up the maintenance account.

The Board discussed the solid waste budget, and snow and ice budget.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

#### **Action Items**

Rob Garrity moved to allow the Norfolk Federated Church to hold their Easter sunrise service at the Town Cemetery on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 a.m. Jim Lehan recused himself. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted** by Jim Tomaszewski and Rob Garrity.

Jim Lehan moved to approve Connor's Fun Run on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. beginning at the H. Olive Day School. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve a request from Fore Kicks, 10 Pine Street, for three (3) directional signs to help direct the public to their facility. Rob seconded, and the Board questioned the size of the sign. They felt it was large. The Board reviewed the Directional Sign Policy, and Rob Garrity then moved to allow Fore Kicks to have three (3) directional signs; one sign at the Pine Street interchange, and two at !A north and south at the Rt. 115 intersection, both directions, signs not to exceed 2.25 square feet. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Sandra Smith to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Committee, term to expire June 30, 2015. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

### **Budget Proposals for FY'13**

Jack reviewed with the Board, proposals received by all the Boards and Committees with respect to the budget for FY'13. He reviewed the employee benefits as well. This was done with a handout.

Right now, there is a \$1.2 million problem, but Jack figured 18% for KP.

The Board discussed having another joint meeting with the Selectmen and Finance Committees in Wrentham, Plainville and Norfolk. Our Board would like to host the meeting here.

### **Town Meeting Warrant Review**

Old Town Hall. Jim Lehan feels that the Old Town Hall is unsafe and should not continue being used. He is concerned about the safety of children. He said the building is falling apart. It was agreed to have the Building Commissioner inspect it and give us his recommendation.

The Board would like Ann Proto to come in and give us a report of what programs are done in what buildings, during school and summer. How many are in schools, old town hall, etc.

Discussed the proposed hunting bylaw, and getting something together that includes firearms and bow/arrow.

Both Rob and Jim Lehan presented information in response to conversations going back and forth on Norfolk Net regarding Gumps property, new roundabouts, the bridge and affordable housing.

Jack mentioned a petition received from residents on Turner St., etc. They don't want a connection from Turner/Mass Ave. Jack will respond to Mrs. Hurley and speak with the Planning Board.

Jim L. complimented Jack, Cheryl and Julie for Standard & Poors reaffirming our rate.

At 9:47 p.m., Jim Lehan moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, and the chair so declares. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jim Lehan, **aye**; Jim Tomaszewski, **aye**; and Rob Garrity, **aye**. The Board will only return to open session to adjourn the meeting.

At 10:32 p.m., being no further business, Rob Garrity moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of March 19, 2012.

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Robert J. Garrity, Clerk