

March 27, 2012

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

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jim Tomaszewski announced that this meeting will be audio and video taped.

Jim Tomaszewski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

Jim Tomaszewski, this being his last meeting, asked for a few words. Jim chose not to seek re-election due to health issues. Jim thanked his fellow Board members Jim and Rob, Jack Hathaway and Marian Harrington for all the help he received during his tenure. He also thanked various board and committee members.

Jack Hathaway and the Board presented Jim with a plaque commemorating his years on the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee.

### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC) – GUMPS FARM**

Present was Cyndi Andrade, Chair of CPC; and Kyle Zick, Landscape Architect.

Also present were Ann Proto, Recreation Director and CPC members Andrea Langhauser, and Paul Terrio.

Cyndi said that they decided to reduce significantly the design contingency percentage and took the boardwalk out of the plan because of its large cost. They are going to work with Kyle after this meeting because he was on vacation last week.

Kyle passed out several handouts; two photos and one which is a landscape maintenance plan. Kyle explained what he does during the seasons; i.e., gets the property ready for winter, maintains it in the winter, rototills the property, and turns the water on in the spring/summer. Some of this will be maintained by the DPW, but things like rototilling will have to be done by someone else.

Ann Proto said that as far as caring for Kids Place, she and DPW work together. However, DPW does the maintenance of the mulch which needs to be raked every week. She said with the new Kids Place, there won't have to be so much raking. She said some power washing will be done about every 18 months.

Kyle showed them some views of Kids Place. The Board commended Ann on the choice of Kids Place, depicting Norfolk with a black fire truck, Norfolk Grange, etc.

Jim T. said we need to consider Kids Place in the budget. Ann said that not much is salvageable from the old Kids Place. Jack said he received a phone call from someone who will lobby that Kids Place become a dog park, or parking lot for commuter parking.

Jim L. said this is a wonderful project and a win/win for the Town. Rob said this illustrates that without CPC we couldn't have done this naturally. Also, it shows how fast the CPC money can go.

## **ROAD LAYOUTS**

The Board considered a portion of Toils End Road, a portion of Liberty Lane and a segment of Meeting House Lane, and Surrey Lane in its entirety to be laid out for acceptance at the annual town meeting. These were Articles 29, 30 and 31 in the May 8, 2012 town meeting warrant, copy attached.

Jim Lehan moved to layout Parcels A and B known as Toils End Road and refer the layout to the Planning Board. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to layout a portion of Liberty Lane, and a segment of Meeting House Lane, and refer the layout to the Planning Board. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to layout Surrey Lane in its entirety, and refer the layout to the Planning Board. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted** by Jim Lehan and Jim Tomaszewski. Rob Garrity abstained from voting.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Jack said he spoke at length with George Valone who talked about the Hoboken project and multi-generational housing – inlaw style homes. He would consider assisted living, medical and retail offices also to be constructed. It would require a zoning change because of the housing component. He would be interested in having this be considered. He has built in New Jersey. Jack said the church is interested in selling the property, and has lowered the price. They would not have any contingencies on the property, and would like to close quickly.

We will meet on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m. to discuss this with Mr. Valone.

Jack told the Board that GATRA will meet with us on Monday. Jim T. will attend and asked that Harriet Fisher and Norma Shruhan be notified as well.

Jack said the Myrtle/Miller intersection issue will be taken care of at our next meeting.

Jack handed out the budget information. He discussed the water budget and King Philip budget.

Jim L. explained the KP budget. One soft item, health care, is budgeted at 17%. They admitted that this would realistically be around 7 or 8%. 6.5% increase for us, 8.8% for Wrentham and 1.9% for Plainville. The out care and health care is where they were over budgeted. They have horrible per pupil spending, but a high classroom ratio. The Board is supportive of KP. They do not feel it is out of line. It is about a 4% increase to the Towns which is the same as elementary.

Jim Lehan moved to increase KP to 6.5% for an allocation of \$6,543,365. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack met with Julie today and said we may be able to fill some of our shortages without going to the Advisory Board, and may be able to take care of Snow & Ice too with funds. Jack said we can cover the other transfers. The budget is now closed.

## **HISTORICAL ITEMS**

Buddy Bowden, Norfolk and Chip Faulkner, Wrentham were present. Also present was Gerry

Tasker, Marcia Johnston, Thelma Ravinski and Betsey Whitney of the Historical Commission.

Buddy told the Board that he wanted to give to the Historical Commission items that he has had in his possession since 1958. This was the first baseball league in Norfolk. He gave Little League movies to the Historical Commission. They were taken by Paul Kozak. They also had slides and photos that they gave to Thelma Ravinski. These slides and movies will be converted to DVD's.

### **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

David LaPointe, and John Buchholz were present. John told the Board that he was resigning as he is moving to Providence, RI. The Board accepted John's resignation and recognized his 15 years on the Design Review Board. The Board complimented him on his accomplishments.

David is interested in filling the vacancy created by John. He was a 5 year member of the Planning Board, and also on the CPC. John said that most members of the DRB are architects, as is David. John said that he felt that the roundtables were a real asset for the town.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint David LaPointe to the Design Review Board, replacing John Buchholz. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

### **ACTION ITEM**

Jack relayed that Sandra Paquette would like to hold a 5K race in memory of her son James on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 9 a.m. at Eagle Brook Saloon.

Rob Garrity moved to allow Sandra Paquette to hold a 5K race in memory of her son James on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 9 a.m. at Eagle Brook Saloon. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**. Chief Stone will work out the route and details with Ms. Paquette.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Jack said that the town meeting warrant is posted and on the website. Tomorrow he will post the budget and Advisory Board recommendations online.

The Board needs to walk the trails at Paddocks and Corrals and will schedule a date to do so.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Rob Garrity moved to accept the minutes as follows: October 18, 2011; October 24, 2011; Nov. 1, 2011; November 15, 2011 – regular and executive session; November 30, 2011 – special meeting; December 13, 2011 – special meeting; December 20, 2011 – regular and executive session; January 3, 2012; January 9, 2012 – special meeting; January 17, 2012 - regular and executive session; February 7, 2012; March 6, 2012; March 19, 2012 - regular and executive session; March 27, 2012 – special meeting; April 3, 2012; and April 12, 2012 – special meeting. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack stated that he did create a Town of Norfolk, MA Facebook page and suggested people check it out. He said it is slowly growing.

Rob announced the town election on Tuesday and reminded residents to vote.

Jim announced the CPC presentation at the Library tomorrow night on Gumps Farm.

At 8:07 p.m., 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 April 25, 2012.

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Robert J. Garrity, Clerk