

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

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jim Lehan opened the meeting at 7 p.m. He announced that the meeting was both audio and video taped and read the agenda contents as Jack Hathaway is attending another meeting and will be present at the conclusion of that meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hunting Bylaw

Rob discussed the Hunting Bylaw. Rob said he used the Walpole Bylaw and stripped it down and made it simple. He had reviewed the previous version with Chief Stone, and Chief Stone did not want to have everything at his discretion, so Rob took that part out. You need written permission to hunt on someone's property.

Jim said we are shifting the obligation to the hunter. In the past, the homeowner would have to say no you can't hunt on my property. Now the hunter has to get permission from the homeowner.

Rob said in talking with Chief Stone, he seems comfortable with what is written.

The Board will sponsor this article on the warrant.

Bridge

Jim explained that since 2004 we have been trying to obtain funding to build a bridge. He explained on a plan "Town Center Overview – June 21, 2012". He said we have worked with the MBTA to do this.

Jim explained that the storefronts are vacant because of the owners, not because of demand. The rents they want are too expensive. We have had many businesses question other capacity available for storefronts. Jim said there is a need. He showed on the plan the availability if we build out. There is already sewer there.

Jim said we can apply for a grant. We will have engineering costs soon. Options are a \$1million grant to the Town, or \$2 million would be a loan that would be paid back in 2018 at 0 % interest. If we are awarded the grant and the bond, we aren't sure if we can get both. We are looking into it. We are not committed to it, and have a lot of unanswered questions.

The grant application was submitted yesterday. Grants are usually awarded the first week of November.

Prison Mitigation

With Jack not present, the Board wasn't sure of the status of prison mitigation funds. Nothing has been released yet, and we haven't received a final figure.

Rob will check with Rep. Winslow on Friday, and let us know.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Rob Garrity moved to allow the residents of Day Street to block from #6 to #2 Day Street on Saturday, September 15, 2012 for a Block Party. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At this point in the meeting, Jack Hathaway attended our meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob said we need to appoint an Old Town Hall Committee. Chief Bushnell indicated an interest. Rob will try to put that together. Jim suggested trying to get it going and perhaps get something on town meeting in the spring.

Rob said he thought we talked about another RFP for solar by town meeting.

Jim relayed that the Gumps house is now being framed. He hopes to move pretty quickly.

Jim mentioned that the CPC laws changed and Jim asked Scott if Recreation has considered going for a building. Scott said yes, there is a diagram and location. Jim asked if they have CPC putting an article on for fall town meeting.

Jack had just returned from a meeting of the School Building Committee regarding the access road. Jack said the Committee took a vote for DPW to construct the road for \$260,000. The Committee will pave the road based on feedback to the School Committee and Board of Selectmen for safety concerns. It was a unanimous vote that the road is for emergency access and it needs to be paved. The Selectmen and School Committee can decide if it should become a permanent road. Jack feels it should be permanent. It's voted, and we're going forward.

Jim said the School Committee wants the Board to decide on the "nice to have" list that will be coming. We need to say no and return the contingency funds to the residents. Jim said this is the first time a major project opened on time and on budget and we have funds left in the contingency fund.

When they were proposing the placement of the playground, the Board said we need to look at all the considerations and not have it be a risk to the school.

Jack said the removal of the Freeman-Centennial School is part of Phase 3 which goes through December 1st. Jim asked if it would need some of the contingency fund to finish. Jack said no, because they get fined if they are not done by December 1. So they would be paying us.

Discussed voting at the new school in November. Jack said he wouldn't do it now with the condition of the driveways and parking. It will be here before we know it, so we need to decide where to have it. We will have the Town Clerk in at our next meeting to discuss the election and where to hold it.

Jack reported that RECC is moving forward. The Town Administrator's are meeting tomorrow with the project manager to put together an RFP for the architect. Rep. Winslow and Sen. Ross are going to file legislation. Jack said that Dispatch moving early probably won't happen, because it may make a difference on the grant for transitional funding. We could lose \$900,000 in funds, so that isn't going to happen.

At 8:10 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 (Police Contract). Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Scott Bugbee, **aye**; Jim Lehan, **aye**; and Rob Garrity, **aye**. The Board will only return to open session to adjourn the meeting. No votes will be taken.

At 8:23 p.m., being no further business, Scott Bugbee moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of September 11, 2012.

Scott Bugbee, Clerk