

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

Jim announced that the meeting was both audio and video recorded. The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jim opened the meeting at 7 p.m., and read the agenda.

### **SHAWN DOOLEY, TOWN CLERK – ELECTION**

Shawn said he would like to hold the November election at the new Freeman-Kennedy School. He said there is handicapped parking and the building is handicap accessible. Shawn spoke with Chief Stone. He is fine with it, but concerned about the final paving job not being done and raised manhole covers after dark. Shawn spoke with Greg Cohen and Bob McGhee, and the paving will be all done by November 6<sup>th</sup>. It should be done well in advance of that. Shawn said he will also have the advantage of using the access road to move traffic along.

Rob Garrity moved to set the location of the November 6th election at the Freeman/Kennedy School at 70 Boardman Street. Scott Bugbee seconded and it was **so voted**.

### **BOB MCGHEE, DPW DIRECTOR**

Tim Slowey, Highway Supt., Paul Vito, Solid Waste Supt. and Al Phinney, Foreman, Water Department were also present.

Jim thanked the staff for their wonderful job.

Rob Garrity moved to open the public comment period for residents to express comments on the water and/or solid waste rates. Deadline is 120 days, or January 23, 2013. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the joint bid for salt with the Town of Medfield, to Eastern Minerals, Inc., CC delivered at \$48.20/ton, and alternate supplier American Rock Salt, CC delivered at \$48.80/ton. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Bob discussed the snow rates. He said he would raise the rates 4% with the exception of the two loaders. They would be a 7% raise. They need to reflect the COLA.

Rob Garrity moved to set the contract snow plowing as proposed by Bob McGhee. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob Garrity moved to set the driver/laborer rate to reflect 2.9% over last years rate. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Bob McGhee reviewed a list of Chapter 90 projects. Bob said he plans to do Seekonk Street because it desperately needs work.

Bob explained the drainage problem in the ball fields at the Pond Street complex on Rt. 115 because the apron isn't high enough, and in torrential rains, the fields flood. The State will fix it for us. Bob hopes to have the monies reworked and we can fix the brick work in the roundabouts.

Rob mentioned reflectivity issue with the street signs so that emergency vehicles can see the signs. Bob said he will think about it.

Bob had Al give an update on the leaks. Al said we have approximately 12-14 leaks. Once we were 54% of leaks at one time. His new count now is 12%. Leak detection will be coming in the middle of next month, and he feels confident. He feels they are going away.

Al told the Board the chlorination is going to be permanent. All area towns have been chlorinating for years. Due to the use of the water in the warm weather in the tank system, they have bacteria and the chlorination is mandated by DEP. Al said he doesn't think we are going to be released. He said usually when you are mandated with an order by the State, you usually are not released. You will find it higher in the areas that have the stations – Medway Street and Spruce Road.

Al mentioned a baffle system that will stir the wells and keep it from getting warm. It would be \$70,000 for each well to do this.

### **Solid Waste**

Bob said they have procured and ordered a couple of new compactors. Paul Vito discussed with the Board the use of the compactors. He said that right now it is a trial and error process. The primary use will be cardboard. He said he is hoping we can cut once a week to once a month. Paul said this will cut down trips and utilize the staff in house. We are going to try to attempt to compact clear plastic. He will watch markets and revenue.

Paul said that the Transfer Station hours change beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday will be 9 – 5 instead of 11-7. Saturday hours stay the same.

Bob talked about new source development for a well. He said it is serious enough that we can't wait any longer. We need to get the conversation going. Bob said subdivisions are coming online, and we need to start looking at other sources. It is a 2-5 year period to get it online. There are 2,200 water takers. Jim feels we should start this right now. Bob considered partnering with MCI. Bob started conversations last week with the State. The first step is to find money to finance this. We could start with the gravel pit on Lawrence Street.

We have three other issues – land on Pond St., water, etc. We need to talk to them and wrap this all together. We need to help Bob with this, because this is a priority.

The Board wanted to talk with Bob about Gumps. The developer has asked the Board to waive the water hookup fees for the affordable homes at Gump's. The Board discussed who will pay. Jack felt the Trust should pay. They are making a substantial amount of profit. Rob is a water taker, so he recused himself from the discussion. The Board discussed whether to waive the fees, reduce the fees, or have them pay. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to deny the request. Jim told Rob that he did not have to recuse himself from this discussion.

Scott Bugbee moved to deny the request of the developer to waive the water hookup fees for the homes at Gump's Farm. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

#### **Action Items**

Rob Garrity moved to approve a Common Victualler license for Shun Kai, d/b/a Asian Village, 17 Pine Street, Unit 1. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob Garrity moved to amend the previous vote of the Board of Selectmen by reducing the expiration date of four members of the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust terms from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2014 as corrective action by State law. (Four members being Scott Dittrich, James Lehan, William Conklin and Sandra Smith). Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob Garrity moved to appoint Mathew Noiseux to the At-Large position on the Community Preservation Commission, term to expire June 30, 2013. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob Garrity moved to recognize October 24, 2012 as United Nations Day, and to issue a Proclamation to be sent to the State House. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

### **Capital List**

Jack said that we have the funding now and should pursue some capital requests. Many departments need vehicles or equipment. Jim wants the BOS to prioritize what they think they want to go after. He told the Board that if you have to talk to Jack or the department heads, go ahead. He would like to have it for the next meeting.

Rob said we need to look at vehicles. Maintenance is costly and it would be cheaper to buy a new vehicle.

Rob suggested we talk vehicles with the Chief. Regarding cruisers, he said maybe move to all SUV's, and get rid of sedans. It would be easier to maneuver because there have been instances where a cruiser can't go over the terrain, and have to wait for the SUV to arrive.

Jack said he thought we should consider a vehicle for Recreation. He said that Ann Proto puts a lot of miles on her private vehicle. Jim thinks we should have a vehicle for Animal Control as well.

### **Financial Update**

Jack gave a brief update on the free cash balance.

Jack said that the free cash is over a million dollars. It is the highest cash reserve we have had in a long time.

Jim suggested we add an article to the Fall warrant that we transfer \$500,000 from free cash into the Stabilization Fund and put it aside. This will help us with S&P and other financial considerations. He wants to get our bond rating up. Jim said he wants to take this money off the table and put it away.

### **Fall Town Meeting Warrant**

Jack discussed the draft of the Fall Town Meeting with the Board. There was discussion about the hunting article.

Rob Garrity moved to close the warrant with amendments and additions made tonight. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

## **Discussion Items**

Rob suggested soliciting members to make recommendations to the Selectmen on the Old Town Hall for the spring meeting.

The Board agreed that our representative to the Freeman/Kennedy Playground Committee will be Rob Garrity.

Jack said that we don't need the executive session this evening. Both unions – the Police and DPW have reached in principal. We are just waiting for ratification from the two unions then we will go into executive session at our next meeting.

The Board complimented Scott Bragdon for a job well done negotiating with the Union contracts.

Jack announced that we lost Dotty Strohl this week. She was a long time employee of the Town, and will be missed by all.

At 10:12 p.m., Rob Garrity adjourned the meeting in memory of Dotty Strohl. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of September 25, 2012.

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Scott Bugbee, Clerk