

Present was James C. Lehan, Scott Bugbee, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant. Scott Bragdon, Human Resource Director was also present. Absent was Robert J. Garrity.

Jim Lehan called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He announced that the meeting would be audio and video taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Patrolman's Contract

Scott Bragdon said that they finalized the Patrolman's Contract. It has been signed by the Police and the Board will sign tonight. He explained a few changes and why they were made.

DPW Contract

Scott said that the DPW Contract is final and has been ratified by the DPW. It is currently being reworked as there was no soft copy available, and we have had to recreate the contract. It is now with Jack and Bob McGhee, and will be available for the Board next week.

Scott Bugbee moved to ratify the Police Contract. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

There were no significant changes as Town Counsel is currently reviewing it as to legal wording of articles.

Capital Funding

Jack handed out a sheet of capital requests. Jim said that we have prison mitigation funds and free cash and they will have about \$300,000 to spend. We also are reducing the debt, and may have some of that available.

Jack then produced a large spreadsheet and explained what monies would be used and what type of purchases we could make. Jack said the Capital Outlay Committee met last week but did not have a quorum, so they reviewed some of this with Jack.

Jim said we are looking out 10 years, but interest rates won't be the same. There will be a drop in debt in 2015, 2016 and 2017. We could take some of the large items off the list. Bob and Chuck have talked about talking with an HVAC person to discuss building needs at the public safety building.

Jim said we will borrow and use \$75,000 of free cash.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Town Planner

Jim explained the need for a Town Planner. He said that he does not feel volunteer boards should be doing zoning. We may start the advertising and interviewing process, and have any type of hire be pending on town meeting approval. He considered this for the fall, but feels it is a spring town meeting item. He would envision that person taking on zoning enforcement.

Budget – 82 Main Street

Jim said that the Board of Selectmen has to approve the budget for this project, which is \$130,000. Jack said that Random Smile from Franklin is the non-profit organization building the home.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the operating budget of \$130,000 for the 82 Main Street affordable home. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (Cont)

Jack announced that he was part of fire interviews today with The Avon Chief, and Mansfield Chief, and that Kevin Brady was selected. Kevin has been doing dispatch for Norfolk, and is a call firefighter. We lose him as a dispatch, but this is a really good hire. Jack said the other candidates were very impressive as well.

Scott announced the Road Safety Committee. He said he rode around in the truck with Mike Lavin, DPW Director from Wrentham to review the possible no-truck exclusion route.

Jim said that there is a possible issue with the playground at Gumps. Jack said they must go before the Planning Board for a special permit. It shouldn't be a problem. Jim said Bob McGhee prefers paved to gravel as it is easier to maintain especially in winter and plowing.

Jim announced that there are 4 homes under construction for the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust. There will be an open house on December 15 and 16 to go through the house.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 8:10 p.m. being no further business, Scott Bugbee 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 October 23, 2012.

Scott Bugbee, Clerk