

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

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Rob Garrity opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and announced that the meeting will be audio and video taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

At 7:01 p.m., Jim Lehan moved to go into executive session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Scott Bugbee **aye**; Jim Lehan **aye**; and Rob Garrity, **aye**. The Board will return to open session.

At 7:28 p.m., the Board convened open session.

EDC – C6 SOUTHWOOD PROPERTY

Bob Nicodemus and Lori Scholl, EDC members were present.

Bob said they are looking for input from the Board, especially with respect to the Southwood property. Bob handed out a plan of the property. He wanted to know if they should be going forward in reaching out to the Hoboken folks, and they are focused on this to promote the C6 district. In making a marketing package, they should identify all the available properties. He said there needs to be remediation of the landfill.

Jim said C1 district absolutely. Not quite as gun-ho on the Southwood property. We do not know what is going on there. We keep hearing he is ready to go, but the P&S is not signed. Not sure whether it serves our best interest to promote that independently at this time when we know there is a potential buyer there.

Bob said they are getting the promotional documents ready, and they are not sure should they go forward or not. Jim says his gut says hold off on Southwood. Scott agreed, and said we should see what happens with the P&S. Bob refreshed the Board's memory about what he did in 2010. He can limit the promotional package to just the C1, or promote it for its commercial capability as well.

Jim said we have a party engaged in the Southwood property, and maybe we should let this run its course. Jack agreed that they are engaged with Mr. Valone, even though there isn't a signed P&S yet. He is committed to using some of his own money for the clean up, so he is serious.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Jack asked the Board to consider supporting the Community Innovation Challenge Grant proposal through SERSG. This is with respect to stormwater. Jack would like to talk with Bill in Mansfield and get back to the Board on the 22nd. We are way ahead of the rest of these people, so Jack will get more information on what they are thinking. It won't cost us anything, other than time participating.

Please consider approving the joint salt bid with the Town of Medfield. We discussed this last week, but couldn't vote as it wasn't on the agenda. Jim Lehan moved to award the Joint Salt Bid with the

Town of Medfield to Eastern Minerals, Inc. – CC delivered at \$47.20 a ton. Alternate supplier to International Salt Co. – CC delivered at \$47.78 a ton. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack asked the Board to consider appointing a Republican member to the Board of Registrars, as well as re-appointing Mary Ellen Horgan-Currier.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Girard L. St.Amand, Republican, to the Board of Registrars, term to expire June 30, 2015. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**. Rob recused himself from voting.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Mary Ellen Horgan-Currier, to the Board of Registrars, term to expire June 30, 2016. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack asked the Board to consider the status of the fall town meeting; whether or not to hold it. Jim and Scott agree that it is not pressing, and not in favor of spending \$4000 on a fall town meeting. If we don't get more than 100 people there, it's not effective anyway. Rob disagreed and discussed the school needs and other capital needs that were deemed as urgent when we put them on the list. Jim said if these are urgent, he would think we have the town meeting. But he doesn't feel that they can't wait until spring. Rob is concerned about a pool of money sitting around and it ends up in the budgets. Rob would like to put away the obscene amount of free cash we have right now. Jim disagrees. We have to see what other needs are out there that aren't on the list.

The Board discussed going forward with fall town meeting for the water heater for the School and defer other needs to the spring. Jack would like the department heads and the Capital Outlay Committee to review the same list. The only new items to the list are DPW equipment if they take over the lawn care.

Rob thinks we need to get some things done. Jim said there are some needs for the school. He said we cannot let something wait assuming the Town will vote the deficit. The school is being very responsible in the way they are approaching it.

All agreed to continue with the fall town meeting. Jack tried to point out that there is another solution to solve their financial issue without a town meeting. There is a whole lot of work that goes into a town meeting. Jim thinks we need to give the voters a chance to fix it. This would be a transfer. Jim will talk about school needs and put all the other capital items to be worked on for the spring. The school needs is a critical operational issue.

Jack was told to come back with "cannot wait until spring" not to exceed \$200K. We are not spending a dime of free cash for capital in November. It is too early in the year to consider budget problems. We are having a fall town meeting.

Jack told the Board they need to name "Gumps Park". Jim said he would like to see parks and space in Norfolk named "Norfolk Community Park at ...whatever fits", but each sign to start with Norfolk Community Park at.... For this parcel, Jim suggested either Rockwood Road or Gumps. The Board decided they like Rockwood Road.

Jim Lehan moved to name "Gumps" property ***Norfolk Community Park at Rockwood Road***. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack said we still need to appoint an associate member to the Planning Board. The Board agreed they will vote once the Planning Board conducts their interviews and cast their vote.

The Town Administrator's Year End Review – Rob will meet with Jack and have his results in so it can be ready for our next meeting.

At 9:00 p.m., being no further business, Rob Garrity moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Bugbee seconded and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 8, 2013.

James C. Lehan, Clerk