

June 8, 2005 BOS

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 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. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Scott Bugee **aye**; Jim Lehan **aye**; and Rob Garrity, **aye**. The Board will return to open session.

At 7:40 p.m., the Board convened to open session.

CPC WARRANT ARTICLE – MASS AUDUBON PROPERTY

Present was Charles Wyman of Mass Audubon, Doug Williams, Director of Stony Brook, and Dan Crafton, CPC member.

Charles explained that the Gray family owns 5.6 acres at the end of the sanctuary and are across from Lind Farm. They have offered it to Audubon for half of its assessed value which is \$225,000. They offered it for \$112,500. Mass Audubon has applied to Conservation Partnership Program for help. Charles said they would like to buy it and get a state grant and they would sell the conservation restriction to the town. It is guaranteed public access. They would sell it to us for \$34,000. They cannot do it without the Conservation Partnership Program, and they hope to hear in November.

Doug said they are thinking of creating parking on Marshall Street. The restriction would guarantee public access. There are no trails on the property now, but they would put trails in. Doug explained where the trails are now, and where the new ones would be put in.

Doug said the article on the warrant doesn't commit the Town if the grant is not successful.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Scott Bugbee moved to allow Robin Wessman to serve wine at his art opening sponsored by the Norfolk Cultural Council on November 8th from 5 – 8 p.m., at the Norfolk Public Library. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Board considered an easement at the Old Town Hall property.

Jim Pavlik, Outback Engineering was present representing 106-108 Main Street. He showed on a plan the property he is discussing. He said they are trying to provide an emergency access on the property in the back leading to the town pond. Mr. Pavlik explained that based on discussions with the Planning Board, they are looking to gain endorsement by the Board of Selectmen in gaining the emergency access or seeing what other options are available. He has talked with Chief Bushnell, and he is in support that the emergency vehicles could travel there.

Jim P. said he would like the Board's consideration. Rob asked the date of the plan. Jim P. said today. Rob said then the loop is new. Jim P. said the last plan was denied without prejudice by the Planning Board. Rob said it has to be approved by town meeting so you are just looking for our opinion. Jim L. said Mr. Pavlik needs to know if we are supportive, whether it is going on the town meeting or not. Jim L. said he went down there and it has a significant impact on the future use of the property by the Town. We couldn't develop it, and we couldn't use the property for anything. It's a tough one. Rob said that giving you this easement prohibits us from doing anything with that property. Jim L. said it's the last piece of property we own in the B1 district. Rob asked if we have ever given a private person an easement over town property. Jack said he is not aware of it. Town Counsel is looking into it. Scott agreed and said he doesn't know how you put an economic value on it.

Jim L. said we may have good use for this property and we don't want to ruin our use.

Jim P. said that he will probably have to pursue other alternatives. Jim L said we are all in favor of developing this area for residential. He is just concerned about developing this parcel. Jim L. is concerned about using town owned land for private development. He has not been able to find this happening in the past. And we would have to maintain that easement, and that's a problem for us.

Jim L. would not support this.

Jim L. said we could decide to sell it. And if it has an encumbrance on it, the value would be even less.

Jim Lehan moved to donate two parking spaces at the new Town Hall to the NCL Auction. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Board discussed the Town Administrator's Year End Review Jim said each of the Selectmen do an individual evaluation and a quantifiable vote and Jack got a 97.5%. Jim said that a lot more goes on that no one knows about such as School Building Committee. There is a surplus of over \$500K. He does a good job budgeting and underestimating revenues. Jim complimented the schools too, who turned in \$125K. It was a challenging and successful year.

Rob said it's tough for Jack because he's a resident. You have to say no. Particularly difficult for Jack to do that and he's done a good job. He managed to balance strict task master with genuine respect for his leader. He appreciates his tough jobs. Jim asked if they violated any policies? Jack said no. They are an independent board. They are paying for all their gas, insurance, etc. We aren't paying for anything. They are an independent board, they acted appropriately and didn't violate anything. It's their call. Jim said he's coachable.

Jack said his job is a team effort. Great organization and glad to be part of it. Scott said we are proud to have you.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The Board reviewed the warrant. Jack said we are waiting for Town Counsel to write the Sagamore Road easement article. They will have it done for the Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow. Jack mentioned the working article that he and Chief Stone wanted.

Jack said he is meeting with department heads tomorrow on capital for the \$225,000. They have to list what absolutely cannot wait until the spring. Must haves only.

Rob is upset about the Recreation vehicle. He doesn't like each department having individual vehicles. Jack said it was \$24,000. They generate \$300-350,000 a year. Two separate accounts.

A lot of capital money that goes through that when they are fixing up the fields, etc. He said this was not a discussion that happened relatively quickly. Rob asked did it have to happen quickly. It's a car. They were paying Ann 55 cents a mile to use her own car. Rob brought up insurance, gas, future maintenance, etc.

Jim asked what are you upset about? How it was done? What was purchased? Rob said yes, keep going. No public input. Is it the right vehicle? The way it was done.

The Board discussed putting money into the Stabilization Fund. Jim said he doesn't feel we should do it now – we should do it in the spring. We are a third way through the year, and we don't have a revenue forecast yet. Rob would like to put the money in now. Rob said we do capital in the fall with prison money and free cash.

Rob moved to put \$100,000 in the blank for Article 4. He said at town meeting we told the residents if we got the money, we would put it back. It was for KP. There was no second to the motion. Jim doesn't like the timing of this. Scott said we will have a good revenue year that will exceed our expectations. Jim said we should be able to put a lot more money in there in the spring. The motion was defeated.

This article will be kept on as a placeholder and to advise the Advisory Committee that there is disagreement, so it is a placeholder only.

Jim Lehan moved \$50,000 in the blank for Article 4. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Board discussed what to do about a request from the ConComm Chair John Weddleton regarding the Conservation Agent. They request to fund an additional 10 hours. Jack would like to see the Planner hired first, and then help make this decision. Jim said good point. Would this be benefits? Would this make it an employee position with the 20 they have now? He's really looking for 30 hours. They discussed if Marie retires, and they are thinking ahead. Jim said he's supportive of giving them the support they need to do their job. They will be increasing their hours, just discretion of how? Can we find some middle ground where we can transition short term until we get a Planner. Jack and Scott will discuss with the Chair and see what a middle ground is until the Planner is on board. Then we will revisit the whole position. If we transfer money from 30 hours, with 10 out of wetlands account and she'll be an employee.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Rob Garrity moved to accept the minutes of September 10, 2013, regular and executive session; September 24, 2013; October 8, 2013, regular and executive session. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Board discussed the POW/MIA chair. We will have it in place for Veterans Day.

At 9:17 p.m., Rob Garrity moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Rylee Collins, a sophomore who passed away last week. Her passing was sudden and unexpected and the Board wishes her family the best, and express our deep condolences. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**. Our next meeting will be November 5, 2013.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 22, 2013.

James C. Lehan, Clerk