

March 18, 2014

Present was Rob Garrity, Scott Bugbee, James Lehan, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Susan Jacobson. Marian Harrington was not in attendance.

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.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Scott Bugbee moved to re-open the warrant. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Zoning Bylaw Study Committee members Walter Byron and Bob Nicodemus were attending the meeting to discuss their concerns about the medical marijuana district. They would like the Selectmen to reconsider placing the article back on the warrant, because the moratorium is ending in June of this year. Walter said it would cover us and that the town is somewhat vulnerable until we act on the article. Jim said that he agreed it would be detrimental to have it somewhere we don't want it. Scott said it would be good to put it back on just in case we need the protection. Jim was a bit concerned because we did not want it on to begin with. He is concerned that if we don't get this right and would like to wait until the Planner is on board to make sure it is done correctly. Jim is willing to put it back on because philosophically he understands that it could be problematic if it is not put forward now. Jim spent some time discussing this article with Bob Bullock. Jim is reluctant as he had hoped we could wait until fall but if it is absolutely necessary he would be ok with it going back onto the warrant.

Scott Bugbee moved to put this article back on the warrant. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Bob Nicodemus said they also had issue with the article concerning the zoning of a methadone clinic. Rob said that he would like them to continue to sharpen their pencils on this one. Jim said he spoke with Bob Bullock and it is less confusing. He felt we should wait until fall. Jim said he does not want to revisit this. Rob, Scott and Jim all felt they would have a good article to bring forward to the Fall Town Meeting.

King Philip had three articles sent late. Two of them they informed Jack about.

The Turf Field Warrant Article: They are looking for one million in total to pay for turf fields at King Philip \$167,200 from the Town of Norfolk. Jack said that he felt we would have to borrow. Jim said that we have the prison mitigation money. Jack said that they want us to wait until next fiscal year. We can spend the money before it comes in. Rob said we don't need to find the \$167,000 tonight; only if it goes on the

Warrant. Jack said the language may need to be tweaked. It needs to be a 2/3rds vote.

Sanitary/Water Improvement Warrant Article:

They are having a water problem and are looking for \$50,160 which would be our portion. Scott said that he thought they were going to E&D funds for this. Jack said he knew they were thinking of using the E&D Funds. Scott thought they had \$460,000 in E&D Funds available.

Lighting Upgrades Warrant Article:

Lighting upgrade in the amount of \$80,701. This is Norfolk's share of the upgrade. They did offer a warrant to combine the articles. Jack felt that it was better to keep it separate. Rob wondered if they are borrowing, why do they need our money.

Rob does not want to get into much discussion on each individual article right now. He would like to concentrate on putting these on the Warrant. Jack does not understand why they do not borrow. Jim said he is not asking us to borrow; he is asking us to pay. They are going get the benefit and we are going to get the expense.

Jack believes Capital requires all three towns' support. Jack said he would argue yes because it says pay the town's share. Rob said we need to decide if we would like it put back on. Rob asked if they can issue notes and bonds without us. Rob said you may be able to do this under the 2 1/2 cap. Let the voters decide it. It would be one King Philip joint capital article. Jack said we have more success when we put things together in an article.

Scott Bugbee moved to combine them and keep them on the warrant. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Action Items:

Scott Bugbee moved that the Garden Club hold their annual perennial and bake sale on Town Hill and Bandstand on Saturday, May 17th. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to allow the Community Day Run for Saturday, June 7. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim wanted to consider the re-appointments of the Zoning Bylaw Study Committee. Mr. Byron and Mr. Nicodemus are both up for re-appointment. Jim said with a Planner coming on board, he would like to see someone from the BOS and Jack as the two appointees and Jack's position being replaced by the Planner. Jim said only keep them on for a short period of time perhaps through Fall Town meeting to give the Planner time to get his bearings. The Planner would be Jack's replacement. Rob said the Planner should be ex-officio. Rob is going to sit this vote out because he is not going to be on the board past May.

Scott thinks it is a good idea and would be agreeable to get involved.

Rob Garrity moved to appoint Scott Bugbee and the Town Planner to fill the expired terms. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Historical Commission would like to name the roundabout "Ware Circle" and the second roundabout "Avery Circle". Jim Lehan moved to approve these names. Scott Bugbee seconded. Rob asked if the Selectmen can vote this, or does it have to go before the Town to vote it. It was determined that the Board of Selectmen can make this vote. It was **so voted**.

Jack said that Bob McGhee would like the Selectmen to consider an increase in Solid Waste. Jack read the memo from Robert McGhee (attached). Jim would like a simple fee for all televisions. Jack said we cannot account for every situation. Scott wondered if we were losing money or breaking even. There was discussion about the costs. A motion was made by Rob Garrity to increase the fees. It was seconded by Scott Bugbee, but Jim did not agree with it. The prices are skewed. Post the fee schedule. Jim does not think the fees are fair to the public. We are going to wait and table this item. No action was taken.

Discussion Items:

Budget review: We received the KP budget today. Jack said the other towns are putting together their budgets, but are not anywhere near complete. Jack is reviewing the last few years of total revenues and percentages and where it has been spent. We have spent more than our new revenue. Currently the budget is about \$900,000 in the hole. They have increased the aid by \$23,000 for us. There was continued discussion around the budget. Jack will continue working on the budget and will attend the Advisory Board meeting when KP is coming in.

Jim Lehan moved to close the warrant. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

There was discussion regarding the sale of the Southwood property. The purchase and sale is now imminent and he has two years to close on the property. They have until February of 2015 to address any zoning challenges that they may have. He will have to go the legislature because there is a restriction that it has to be used as a hospital. He was hoping to come to the May town meeting and present to the voters.

Jim said it was a listening meeting. He was looking for guidance for ways to communicate with the Town. Jim said if the Town doesn't want to move forward with the project, then the potential buyer needs to know that. He will not lose any funding or money until February of 2015. He discussed an assisted living facility. This was a brainstorming session; nothing is carved in stone. The buyer would like to come to town meeting. His presentation is on the Town Administrator's page of the town website. They discussed the water issue. He knows that Walpole has sewer, so he wondered if they could do some type of deal with Walpole for water.

Rob thought having him in the lobby with information sheets would be good. Jim suggested giving him 5 minutes to speak at Town Meeting. It would be the largest project the Town has ever done. The Selectmen could sponsor him speaking.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Jim Lehan to accept the minutes of February 25, 2014 and March 3, 2014 – regular and executive session. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Elementary School would like the School Building Committee to meet and discuss eight things they would like to see purchased; room darkening shades for the cafeteria. The wall of glass makes it very difficult to see the presentations; a mounted screen in the gym for presentations; shade covers; picnic tables for the courtyard; 100 bulletin boards installed in the classrooms; a fixed mount projector for the cafeteria. The cost for all of these items is somewhere from \$150,000-\$200,000.

Jim said the Committee could weigh through this issue and come back with an action item. He suggested considering only the absolute necessities. Jack said the Project Manager is pushing them to close out this project. He will inform the School Building Committee and let them make the decision.

At 8:50 p.m, Rob Garrity 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. The Board will return to open session. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Scott Bugbee, **aye**; Rob Garrity, **aye**; and Jim Lehan, **aye**.

At 9:10 p.m., the Board was back in open session. Bob McGhee joined the meeting to discuss the fees he was recommending. Jim said who is going to measure and if it's not by pound. Rob said there was a concern about the fee schedule that it cannot be based on weight. Jim discussed his concerns with the fee schedule.

Bob will go get some additional answers and information and return to the Selectmen with his findings.

The Board agreed to change the April 8th meeting to April 2nd .

At 9:25 p.m., being no further business, Jim Lehan 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 March 18, 2014.

James C. Lehan, Clerk