

May 1, 2014

Present was Robert J. Garrity, Scott Bugbee, James C. 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.

POLE HEARING – Boardman Street

Present was Thomas Blicharz, contractor for USC Synergetic, for Verizon.

At 7 p.m., Rob Garrity opened the public hearing on a joint petition from Verizon New England, Inc. and NSTAR Electric to grant permission to erect and maintain poles and their respective wires and cables to be placed thereon, together with anchors, guys and other sustaining and protective fixtures as said companies may deem necessary in the public way:

Boardman Street – on the northerly sideline, place new JO Pole No. 22 approximately 800 feet northeasterly from the center line of Rockwood Road. 1 JO Pole to be placed.

There were no abutters present.

Mr. Blicharz told the Board that the reason for this petition is they will place a stub pole. A stub pole is a support pole for a pole. They will place an anchor on the stub pole for support and take tree guides out of the tree to stop the rotting.

Jim asked when the work will be done. Tom said some work is done. As soon as they have approval, they will do the work.

Tom asked if there is anything else that he can help them with. Jack told him about the pole at Transit Seeding. We have already approved it, but the work has never been done. Tom is familiar with it, and will look into it.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the petition to place a new JO Pole No. 22 on Boardman Street. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Review of Warrant Articles

Present was Patrick Snead, Chair of the Advisory Committee, and Susan Jacobson, Administrative Assistant – Advisory Committee.

Jack reviewed the transfers for the Advisory Committee. There were three of them that the Board of Selectmen approved and passed to Pat Snead.

Article 37 –

Jack reviewed the article for a building for the Metacomet Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) and Public Safety. He said that they would be meeting with the Public Safety Building Committee (PSBC) on Monday to review this.

Jack said that the police station in that location is perfect, and is next to the water tower, so we will have excellent radio communication. He said the Police do not have to be located in the center, where the Fire do. Police patrol the streets.

Maguire Group, an architectural and engineering group who has worked with us on other projects will meet with us to discuss engineering and design and retrofitting the garage space for the Fire Department. Jack said that Metacomet will probably get ahead of us and occupy their space within the year before we are done. We will hire a project manager, go out for bid for architectural and engineering services, design a building, go out to bid this upcoming winter or spring, and have it ready for spring town meeting. We will ask for the purchase price of construction funds and go for a Proposition 2.5 override for a debt exclusion. A future request after having the conversation was buildout of Police at \$300 per sq. ft. would be \$3.5 million. Another \$1.6 million for the rest of it. We will talk about that with the PSBC. \$5.2 million current, with \$1.8 for a total of \$7 million. Jack said prior would have been \$14 million.

Jack said we need to consider a reasonable amount for Metacomet for rent. We have to consider that we are giving them a shell of a building, as opposed to a build-out.

Jim said a good chunk of money is coming off the debt in the next few years. We can inform town meeting of this.

Pat said he is all for it. Jim asked if \$1.8M could be done in the budget over 5 years. Jack said you can do 20, and get legislation to do up to 30 years. Jack tries to do it as short term as he can.

Pat said none of this can be done without an override. Metacomet has the ability to secure debt on their own. They could purchase this from us in the future if we wanted them to, but Jack said we don't want them to. We will need a public safety building. Jack said it doesn't get us a fire station, but we can make the current building work.

At this point in the meeting, the Board of Selectmen presented Rob Garrity with a plaque commemorating his six years on the Board of Selectmen. This is Rob's last meeting as he did not seek re-election to the Board.

Budget Review

Jack reviewed the budget with the Board. Total budget is \$34,641,463.

Jack reviewed the Transfers that he has given to the Advisory Board, as explained on the attached Draft dated 5/1/14.

There is a balance of \$90,000 from underground utilities, which has been left over about 10 years. This is town money; Bond proceeds. We borrowed money and came in under budget. Butch Vito had thought we had other things to do, but there wasn't. We can do the Fiber Optic Loop project for \$90,000. There is about \$39,000 left for a future project.

Jack reviewed the budget. He said we do have a balanced budget. Regarding KP, there is a \$50,000 gap between what we agreed to and what KP thinks we agreed to. Plainville and Wrentham haven't balanced their budget to get to the 4% figure that we are at. Jack suggests leaving this for now, and see what happens.

The Elementary School is at 4.2% now. They want to be at a 4.8% level. Jack told Dr. Allardi that he can't get there right now. Dr. Allardi said they can make cuts if they need to, but don't want to. Jack agreed to work with her. They have a \$34.6 million dollar budget.

Jack reviewed the Capital items.

Action Items

Jack Hathaway asked the Board to vote to accept as a public way Essex Street, from Station 10 + 83.67 to Station 23 + 58.31, as shown on the acceptance plan dated February 2014 drawn by Landmark Engineers of New England, Inc. of Norfolk, Massachusetts and as further described in documents entitled, "Acceptance Plans of Essex Street Station 10 + 83.67 to Station 23 + 58.31" on file with the Town Clerk, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee to or easements in said Essex Street and any drainage, access, utility, and other easements related thereto; and further to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for such acquisition, including damages, fees, and related expenses.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the layout of Essex Street as described by Jack Hathaway and per the Memorandum to the Planning Board from Professional Services Corporation PC. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack Hathaway asked the Board to vote to accept as a public way Parcels A and B as shown on a plan recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 607, Pages 77 and 78, and on a plan entitled "Plan of Land on Toils End Road by United Consultants, Inc., dated March 30, 2011," on file with the Town Clerk, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, which Parcels A and B are an extension of the way known as Toils End Road, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by

purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee to or easements in said Parcels A and B and any drainage, access, utility, and other easements related thereto.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the layout of Essex Street as described by Jack Hathaway. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to declare three chairs and one bulletin board from the Norfolk Public Library as surplus property. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack Hathaway asked the Board to accept a \$1,500 grant from the Norfolk Community League for the Summer Playground Program. Jim Lehan said that we have never done this before, that town meeting votes an article so that the Board can accept any grant money during the year. After discussion, Jim Lehan moved to accept the grant of \$1,500 from NCL for the Summer Playground Program through the Recreation Department. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack Hathaway read a notice from Attorney Ted Cannon, Doherty, Ciechanowski, Dugan & Cannon, PC of Franklin regarding Jane and Paul's Farm at 33 Fruit Street. There is 2.25 acres that is listed under Chapter 61A property. We need to take a vote at our next meeting not to take action so that they can proceed with the process.

Rob relayed the information we recently received that Jane and Paul Newton, owners of Jane and Paul's Farm have had a change of heart and are not selling the property. Therefore, this article will be indefinitely postponed at town meeting.

Rob Garrity thanked all town departments, officials, employees and everyone who has assisted him during his six year tenure as a Selectman. He included Butch Vito. He has enjoyed his position, and hopes to return to public service in the near future.

Rob reminded everyone that the Annual Town Election is Tuesday, May 6, 2014 and to get out and vote.

At 8:03 p.m., 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 May 1, 2014.

James C. Lehan, Clerk