

January 6, 2015

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

Scott Bugbee called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 205, Town Hall, One Liberty Lane.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Jack reported to the Board that John Neas is gone. John, Chief Assessor resigned to take a position in Hopkinton. Scott Bragdon will be advertising this position this week. Jack said they are hoping for a strong candidate.

Jack has met with DEP. They took over the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) yesterday. It is still on a draft permit, but hopefully we will take it over in thirty days if there are no issues. The pump we were concerned about, was in a back closet somewhere, and the Borrelli's gave it to us. That saved us money. We hope to begin payments this month, and receive the \$68,000 to deposit to the Enterprise Fund. Two payments will be gifts to fix up the road.

Jack discussed Phil McNulty and Al Phinney positions. There is a possibility of them being moved to do the WWTP.

Jack told the Board that the Public Safety Building Committee met last night. They appointed Maguire Group to be the Project Manager for the Public Safety/RECC building. George appointed Jack, John Wayne, and Chief Stone as a group to work with them.

Jack brought up possible problems that have come to light with PSC's work. One issue was Tom Houston's billing for inspections. He hasn't deposited the funds, and this made Ray Goff start looking deeper into the files. It appears that Tom does inspections, and then additional inspections are required. Betsy gets money to backfill their 53G account, and by law money has to be in the account before you do inspections, and Jack said that's an administrative challenge that we need to tighten up.

Jeff Palumbo said that when he was Chair, it was discussed that the money needed to be there before the work was done. Reality is that the contractor cannot do the work without the inspection.

A bigger issue is the monies charged. Ray looked at many case studies. He went back to Transit Seeding. At a minimum, in Ray's opinion, he has violated the trust of the Town. At Transit Seeding, he went back every single day and

charged them. Watching them place bales of hay and charged \$185. The client had to pay or he couldn't finish the work.

Ray Goff came in and discussed this with the Board. Jim said he has created layers of work that has constituted review to his benefit. The Board had a lengthy discussion on this subject.

At 7:20 p.m., Jim Lehan moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of January 6, 2015.

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Jeffrey Palumbo, Clerk