

February 17, 2015

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

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Scott Bugbee opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

The Board remembered Jack McFeeley. Jack McFeeley, a long time Selectman and Town Administrator in Wrentham passed away February 5th.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Jim Lehan moved to grant permission to the Friends of the Norfolk Library to install a banner on Town Hill advertising their annual Book and Bake Sale. Banner will be hung from April 18-25, 2015. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

SCOTT BRAGDON, HUMAN RESOURCES

Scott Bragdon reviewed a Civil Service process, which will help with the insurance. This is a civil service retirement and pensions – MGL Chapter 32B, Section 21 to 23. Scott explained what this would be for. The Board has to adopt these three sections. He said they could adopt them and not use them. It is up to them. If the Board thinks it is something they want to do, he would notify the unions involved, and then the Board can vote next week.

Jim agreed that there is no real reason not to adopt this. We should always try to make changes that help. The unions always try to help us keep costs down. Scott Bragdon said prescription drugs are going up and skyrocketing. He said our rates would increase, same as they did last year.

Once they adopt this, they can go to a higher level without union approval. Scott said the SJC said that unions couldn't negotiate retiree rates.

Jack told the Board that we have two good candidates for Chief Assessor. They are working now as Assistant Assessors, for good towns, comparable towns, and they will be looked at by the Assessors and then the person chosen will come before this Board.

Jack discussed the dog restraining order. On February 12th Hilary Cohen, ACO, issued a temporary restraining order on Buddy, a dog owned by Gary Sheehan of 48 Noon Hill Avenue. Before February 26th, it will expire so the Board needs to vote to continue the temporary order or vote to delegate the authority to Jack

and a Board member to make it a permanent order, or do nothing and have them before the Board at a meeting, and have Hilary state her case. Jack said a permanent just makes it a leash on property, and leash and muzzle off property.

Jim Lehan moved to issue a permanent restraining order on Buddy. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack read memo from Ray Goff, Town Planner regarding projects and ideas to consider. This memo was updating the Board on the status of matters he is working on.

Jack discussed his list of open items with the Board. He said we need to think about Capital, and what we want to do. The Board is looking for members for the Capital Outlay Committee, if any residents are interested.

Jim would like an article added stating that if there is a consultant contract for a year or longer, it must be subject to the Selectmen's approval.

Jeff asked about the snow and what it is costing, etc. Jack said the DPW is doing an outstanding job. They have removed snow in the evenings with front-end loaders. There has been no major structural damage in Town that we know of.

At 8:13 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. This was with respect to open litigation to review with the Board. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jim Lehan, **aye**; Scott Bugbee, **aye**; and Jeff Palumbo, **aye**. The Board will only return to open session to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:07 p.m., Jeff Palumbo moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of February 17, 2015.

Jeffrey Palumbo, Clerk

