October 20, 2015

Present was James C. Lehan, Scott Bugbee, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator, and Susan Jacobson. Jeff Palumbo arrived at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jim Lehan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jim announced that the meeting was video and audio taped. Jack read the agenda contents.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
Fall Town Meeting Warrant
Scott Bugbee moved to open the warrant. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim said that they planned on bringing the Southwood article forward at Town Meeting, but because there were some issues that remained open and would not be resolved by Town Meeting, they have decided to not go forward at this time. They do hope to move forward with the project. We need to make sure that the town is protected and that the agreements that are in place stay in place.

Jim said we can IP the article and that would give us the opportunity to discuss it further at Town Meeting.

Scott Bugbee moved to remove Article 9 "Southwood Overlay" from the Warrant. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

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

Action Items
Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Jennifer West as an Associate Planning Board member. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**. The appointment will expire June 30, 2016.

Scott Bugbee moved to appoint Girard St.Amand as a member of the Board of Registrars. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**. His appointment will expire June 30, 2018.

Jim said he went to 86 Boardman Street and walked the property to see if we could add a couple of ball fields. It is not practical as it is heavily wooded.

Scott Bugbee moved to forego the Town's Right of First Refusal under MGL Chapter 61A regarding 86 Boardman Street. Jack wanted to set a time limit on

the Right of First Refusal in case the owner decides to hold onto the property. Jack said we are trying to remove our involvement with this property owner, but if a future property owner wishes to sell it we would be able to exercise our Right of First Refusal at that point.

Jack does not want this to be an open time period. Jim felt we should date the time frame through June 30, 2016. Jack felt we should date the Right of First Refusal through December 31, 2016. At that point, the owner would have to reapply to have the Right removed.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the 86 Boardman Street Right of First Refusal. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

With respect to health insurance, the ballpark rate increase next year is about 15%. Jim said he had some discussions about plan make ups. Jim said we have one of the richest plans they offer and that is good news for our employees. Jim said a lot can change between now and 2019, and if we keep our plan design, it will cost us $400,000 in penalties. Jim said we are going to have to work it out.

Department of Public Works Update
Present were Bob McGhee, Director and Al Phinney, Water Foreman.

Bob said the salt bid is just an acknowledgement that the Town of Medfield has awarded a couple of bids to Eastern Minerals and Mid-American. Eastern is the primary and Mid-American is the alternate. Jim does not want to pick and choose neighborhoods to salt. He feels the most important thing to do with salting is to keep the roads passable and to keep the residents safe.

Scott Bugbee moved to accept the bid results for the Joint Salt Bid for 2015/2016, attached. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Bob requested to increase the Snow and Contract Drivers labor rates. Jim said that it was not much of an increase. Jim and Scott said they were fine with the increases. Bob said they are advertising for contractors. Bob said we give an hour travel time, and that is a huge selling point.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the Snow Contract Drivers and Labor rates. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim asked if there was anything still going to be paved. Bob said a week from this Saturday they are going to pave King Street. Bob said he may add another street in town to make it a full day. Bob said at some pint he would like to pave some neighborhood roads that really need paving. Jim asked about Union

Street. Bob said it needs to be totally reconstructed. He is going to keep it together for this winter, but it is starting to come apart.

There was a request to consider hunting on Town property. Town Pond is Conservation land and any hunting on Conservation land has to be approved. Jack said both boards have to approve that. Jim said he did not have an issue with it. Jack said that the deer population continues to grow and the Department of Wildlife just announced specific dates for hunting. Jim said that with this specific request, the Board of Selectmen said no, but it does have a Conservation approval as well.

Jack said the Police and Fire would like to formally open their contract negotiations that expire in June. Jim said he has been working with the Police Union, and he was going to suggest that Scott work with the Fire Union.

Al Phinney joined the meeting. Jim asked if he knew how the water testing cells were going. The three sites failed. He heard they may go back to Lawrence Street. Grove Street was shut down. Jim said for town owned land, we are running out of spots. If a well could be located that can produce 150 gallons a minute, it would help the Town tremendously. Jack said that discussions continue and that they are going to look at Lawrence Street.

At 9:05 p.m., Scott Bugbee 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 October 20, 2015.

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Scott Bugbee, Clerk