

October 31, 2016

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

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jeff Palumbo opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Jeff announced that the meeting was audio and video taped. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack read the agenda contents.

REPRESENTATIVE SHAWN DOOLEY

Representative Shawn Dooley was present and gave an update on what they have been working on in the House.

They are working on the health insurance. Trying to keep up with the rates is very difficult. They are trying to fight the cuts, which isn't easy. He is worried about the Governor's 9C cuts. Shawn said prison mitigation is a concern of ours. There are no guarantees because it is one of the larger costs.

Shawn said the roof repair for HODay is still on there. He said increases for the schools – almost \$50 per student, regional transportation is fully funded, and the circuit breaker is still there. On a social standpoint, opiates is still there. Norfolk County is averaging 3 deaths per week. They created a partnership at Wrentham District Court to educate students and parents in the schools – this is a PILOT program. There is outreach to the community and drop boxes at Police and Fire Departments.

With respect to the Municipal Bill, they are revamping all the municipal laws. Much of it was streamlined and passed. The Open Meeting Law put more onto their plates, but trying to work and tweak old regulations that were on the books and can't help run a Town by jumping through hoops. They are cleaning up things that don't need to be so cumbersome and get rid of 200 year old laws that have no use any longer.

Early voting is up and running. It has been a huge success and they should get a higher turnout.

District Attorney Morrissey and Wrentham Court is addressing this. All Chief's in area communities are on board. Jim wondered if the State could take over this program and we would just implement it. We don't have the resources to do it ourselves. Shawn said costs are outrageous and we are working on this. The

insurance costs are skyrocketing, and that is a program. It is only a six week program and the number is astronomical so we don't have the money to fully fund it.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board discussed the DPW Contract Change. Scott Bragdon was present. Scott told the Board that it was agreed to give up what we wanted in the contract, and go back to the wording that was in the prior Agreement. It will be resolved in a year and a half in their new contract.

Jim Lehan moved to accept a change to reflect prior language in the old contract. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack Hathaway asked the Board to make a decision on the Intervenor status with respect to the SPECTRA project.

Jim Lehan moved to take on the Intervenor status for the Town of Norfolk. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**

Jack said that with the Southwood project, there was discussion with Town Counsel and the attorney who worked on the University Avenue complex in Westwood. They spent most of the time working on the warrant article, as opposed to the Developer Agreement. They are changing the language that said apartments to multi-family housing. This would be a problem in the AG's office. This could be two-family homes, condos, and we can still have just apartments and not just condos. We can work with that down the road.

Jim said all that is before us now is the article on the warrant which could be IP'd at town meeting. The warrant needs to go to print tomorrow, so we ran out of time. We won't know for another week whether or not we will go forward or IP the article.

George has 6-8 million dollars before him to remove the hospital building, the nurses house and other buildings. We are concerned about getting the affordable component of this.

Jack said we should get together with the Zoning Working Committee one more time before town meeting.

They discussed the Special Permit for the Overlay District. All the rules change when it is a Special Permit and the Planning Board can do whatever they want. It is arbitrary. Except for what's by right, which is what our current zoning allows. Overlay is not. Special Permit – Planning Board was always informed by their engineer that they had that latitude. They tried to be reasonable when

approaching these projects. Vote of town meeting isn't to discuss number of units, traffic, or any details of what the Planning Board process will be. All this says is what the maximum can be done on the property.

The Board will meet next week with the Zoning Working Committee and recommend Indefinitely Postponing (IP) this article.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT REVIEW

The Board reviewed and approved articles 1-7. Jack reviewed articles 8-17.

Jack added an Article 18 which he asks that the Board approve and explained why we are adding it at this late date. We will need Town Meeting vote for every PILOT down the road. Jack doesn't think there will be that many.

We will wrap this up on Monday night when we meet.

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

Jim Lehan moved to add Article 18 to the Warrant referencing Pilots for 42 Pine Street and 33 Medway Branch, and authority for Jack to add the amount of the purchase price on Article 5. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

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

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the Santa Parade for the Norfolk Lions Club to be held on Saturday, December 4th beginning at 2:45 p.m. at Hillcrest Village, and at Town Hill at 3:30 p.m. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve the Snow Rates and Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Plowing Equipment Rates for the 2016-2017 winter season per the DPW Director's memo of October 20, 2016, attached. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve a Common Victualler license for Mr. Shune Yet Lee, DSC Express, Inc., d/b/a DS Express Asian Cuisine at 17 Pine Street.

RICHARD ROSS, STATE SENATOR

Senator Richard Ross attended the meeting, and reviewed what he had been working on.

Richard told the Board that he is working on the HO Day School and the Metacomet Emergency Communications Center (MECC).

Capital projects he has been working on are the Main Street Bridge and Lawrence Street Bridge. Any encouragement to the Governor will be helpful. Richard said he hears a lot about the SPECTRA pipeline, but doesn't have a lot on this. He supports legislation that will keep the public from paying fees. He is concerned about Kingsbury Pond; it was 26 acres, now is 9 acres. Said the drought affected this. Franklin has a well that is lowering Kingsbury Pond, but it is pumping less than its minimal capacity. He has heard from many residents regarding this.

Richard has a whole list of things he was able to get approved through the legislature. He asked the Board if there was anything that we were interested in. He will leave the list at the office, however, it is in his newsletter as well.

Not sure how local aid and Chapter 70 will fare in the coming years.

He touched on MBTA reform and the Public Records Laws. Early voting needs to be considered. Staffing for all this is paramount.

Richard mentioned on the marijuana laws. He and several other Senators went to Colorado and talked with the legislators there to see what they came across and problems in working theirs. He suggested this is going to be a product that is 90-99% strong. This is a potent drug, not the pot that we were used to in the 60's and 70's. He learned that there is no such thing as medical marijuana. Cultivate it strong, lethal, whatever. There are no studies done on this.

Richard said it was frightening. Every open land had greenhouses on them, and it uses a lot of energy to grow the marijuana. He suggests nothing was said that would make him convinced this is the way to go. He would spread the word not to vote for it.

They discussed coming back assuming that it may pass and how would we implement it if it passed. NONE of them came back wanting to implement it in Massachusetts, and we have no laws or ways to control this. They are going to try to hook the next generation by making them think it was candy or something not bad.

Towns will have the ability to opt out of this by taking a town vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jim Lehan moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2016, regular session and October 18, 2016, regular session. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 7:20 p.m., Scott Bugbee 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 October 31, 2016.

James Lehan, Clerk