

February 6, 2018

### **Board of Selectmen Meeting**

Present is: Jeff Palumbo, Scott Bugbee, Jim Lehan, Bob Bullock, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator, David Deluca and Susan Jacobson.

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Scott Bugbee opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Scott announced that the meeting was audio and video taped. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack Hathaway read the agenda.

At 6:30 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to go into executive session to discuss the court's ruling with regard to Run and Gun Ranch, if in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the decision, and the chair so declares. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Scott Bugbee, **aye**; and Jim Lehan; **aye**, Jeff Palumbo; **aye**.

At 7:25 the Board convened to open session Bob McGhee agreed to have Bob Bullock go forward with permit fees.

#### **Permit Fees/Bob Bullock:**

Bob wanted to discuss permit fees and the upcoming software change that will incorporate all of the departments to one program. He wanted to review fees and to look at each one and re-evaluate them. The international code council they put the codes together and the state adopts those codes.

Bob said we are still using the same numbers that were used as of 2001 and having to figure those out with each set of plans and running the numbers is time consuming. With the implementation of the new program you enter the square footage and it figures it out automatically. These fees would be embedded in the software.

Jeff is looking for the costs to cover expenses but not much more. He said we could implement these numbers and if they don't work make changes. Bob said that since 2001 the permits have doubled. That does not include plumbing and electrical inspections.

Jim wants our fees to be reasonable to other communities and felt that more data was need before they could make a decision to raise fees.

The Board agreed to have Bob try and get some additional data from the towns of Wrentham, Medfield and Millis. Jack said to look at the numbers for a 2,000 square foot house in Norfolk and in Wrentham.

Bob will return to the Board after gathering additional data.

### **Bob McGhee Water Rate Hearing:**

Bob said they are not recommending an increase in water rates, they have not been raised them since 2011. Each year they manage to give back a significant amount of money to the town.

### **Solid Waste Fee:**

Bob said they are not recommending an increase in solid waste either.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the Water Rate and Solid Waste fees for Fiscal Year 2019. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was so voted.

Jim Lehan moved to close the Water Rate/Solid Waste Hearing. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

### **Well Update:**

There is a new well site they are proposing on Holbrook Street. Bob said everything is going well. The Town will now have three wells to work with. Jack said that DEP said that Charles River will comment but it should go through smoothly. Jack said we will be requesting additional funds from the water fund.

### **Lawrence Street Bridge:**

Rich McCarthy said they have an update from Mass Works Project on the Lawrence Street Bridge. The sidewalk will stay on the North side without going into the pond if they had to move onto the south side they would have to go into the pond and it is not an option.

Rich discussed some of the particulars of the bridge and deck, particularly the railings to prevent someone from step off the deck and into the road. The sidewalk will be 5.5 feet wide. Road will be widened to 24 feet. Wooden guardrail will be used it will give more of a country look. It is re-enforced to prevent a vehicle from going through it.

Rich said the notice of intent was filed with Conservation the hearing is being held on Valentine's Day and they have 50 % of the design plans in there. They do need to make updates to the plans. Rich said they have met with the engineering company and they need to go through permitting, estimating, price out he railing type we are looking for. They are also looking at removing the utilities from overhead they are discussing accomplishing that. They have discussed have them go through a trench on the road way.

Jim said they are going underground with utilities. Jim said that Bob McGhee had a great idea he has suggested that the trucks exit Lawrence Street to the right through an older opening.

Dave Mastro 26 Lawrence Street:

He is happy that it has been widened but most people take a left out of Park Street. If widening the street one both sides of the street it will make it easier.

Rich said the road will be closed to do the construction and to replace the bridge (to remove it and replace it) and the retaining wall has to be put in. Then it will be open to travel back and forth. There are options available to reduce the amount of time the bridge is closed and they are discussing those things now. They are estimating 60 days to do this work.

They are trying to target to get the project started in the summer. The kids will be out of school and some will be away for vacation and when the kids return to school the bus company can eliminate bus route changes. Hopefully these items will minimize issues.

Jeff asked if the Chiefs had provided any input. Rich said that the Chiefs will be coming into a meeting but that he did sit in a meeting with them they understand that the road has to close and that the town has mutual aid agreement Wrentham and Franklin and there would be coverage when the bridge was closed.

Dave Mastro said the biggest concern is that they need a pump truck. We will let Chief Bushnell provide the answers at the meeting he attends.

Sandro Jo Myette asked about the placement of the water line. Bob McGhee said that the waterline will be a 12 inch water main that will hang over/under the deck of the bridge. It will be under asphalt.

Sue Raynor Bush Pond Road: her concern is that the rail is not high enough. Rich reviewed the dimension of the rail and indicated that it would be high enough. He will have the engineers provide a better slide showing the railing.

Peg Bedard asked if people fishing will be allowed to cast off the bridge because the rest will be private property. Scott said it is private property now and will remain private property. She asked if it would be governed by the people who own it. Jim said that it's private property. Scott said we can't answer the question we have no way of knowing. Jack said there are no sidewalks now people are just casting from the roadway. She is concerned about the pedestrians not the fisherman.

Dave maestro asked if the town would be responsible to provide snow clean up the sidewalk and deck. Bob McGhee said that they will clear it with a snow blower. Peg Bedard asked if the land that is touching Lawrence Street would be undeveloped and going to be left alone. Scott said he does not know the answer to that question. Jack said we have had discussion with GATRA to have a bus stop there but that is a future discussion.

#### **Action Items:**

Jim Lehan moved to accept the Warrants. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jeff Palumbo moved to approve Medora Champagne as an Associate Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jim Lehan seconded and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to allow the new sub-division off Medway Street to be named Norway Farms Drive this has been approved by Chief Stone. It was seconded, by Jeff Palumbo and **so voted**.

The Board read and thanked the Energy Committee for submitting the Norfolk Energy Statement/Charter Mission.

Jim Lehan made a motion to approve the Norfolk Farmers Market request to open on Saturdays from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 6, 2018. It was seconded, by Jeff Palumbo and so voted.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the Lions Club request to hold their annual Field of Flags from May 20 - June 2, 2018 on Town Hill. It was seconded, by Jeff Palumbo and **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to authorize Superintendent Allardi to submit to the MSBA the State of Interest Form dated February 6, 2018 for the H. Olive Day School, located at 232 Main Street, Norfolk, MA, which describes and explains the following deficiencies in the prior category (s) for which the application may be submitted to the MSBA in the future . Hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the State of Interest Form the MSBA in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the MSBA, or commits the city/town/regional school district to filing an application for funding with the MSBA. It was seconded, by Jeff Palumbo and **so voted**.

#### **Social Services:**

Jim said we had a situation where folks have been homeless in the community and he hoped to put together a plan on how to help them. This plan would involve the police, Housing Authority and local groups that could provide some direction. There is a group gathering to try and help folks out.

Jim said that there was someone who showed up at a Church and they had no one and nowhere to send her to.

#### **Public Safety:** Next meeting Public Safety Meeting 2/13/2018

Jack said there was a site meeting today. He said this is the most frustrating project that we have to date. However, they are making progress they have poured the second floor and the stairway is in. He said we still have a challenge from the contractor with the roof. The GC and the Architect disagree.

They are trying to work on a solution to continue to move forward. We have put them both on notice. If they cannot come to a resolution we are interested in a mediation process.

Jack said that Matt Haffner and Bob Bullock have been spending tremendous amounts of time keeping this project moving.

#### **KP Superintendent Search:**

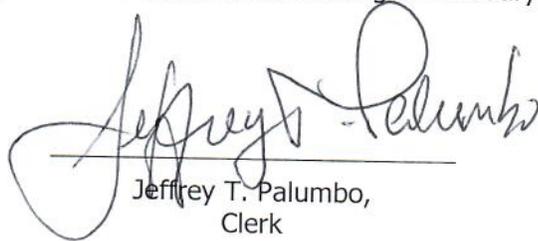
Jack met with one of the candidates and they have narrowed it down to three. He does not believe they have been interviewed by the School Committee they invited the Town Administrators to

come meet the candidates. Jack felt that the candidate he met with would work well and he will be meeting the other two as well.

There was discussion about a group that is looking into a Superintendents Union. Jim asked Jack to have Town Counsel provide some guidance on this. Jim felt that this could be potentially helpful.

At 8:59 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 February 6, 2018



Jeffrey T. Palumbo,  
Clerk