

March 14, 2018

Present is: Jeff Palumbo, Scott Bugbee, Jim Lehan, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator, Susan Jacobson and Bill Hawkins.

The meeting was held in Room G04, Town Hall. Scott Bugbee opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Scott announced that the meeting was audio and video taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Bill Hawkins Opioid Crisis Discussion: Jim suggested he come to our meeting to discuss the opioid crisis with the board.

Jack said that the Lawrence Street discussions that were going to take place with the Chief's and Engineers have been cancelled. He wanted the members in the audience to be aware of this change so they could head home if they wanted to.

Bill said the Lions are helping with many different areas and they are happy to report that 30% of the membership is now female members and many young people are joining the organization as well.

Bill said about 10 months ago they were deciding on how to disperse some of the money they had from fundraising. They realized that they did not understand the opioid crisis and they decided to do some research. They established a committee to raise funds specifically for the opioid crisis. They met with the SAFE Coalition they are out of Franklin, Learn to Cope, Michelle Palladini and Barbara Gilmeister of Gilly's House.

They are holding a fundraiser at Rafael's in Walpole on Friday, March 23, 2108 from 7-11 "Dance the Night Away". Bill hoped to be able to count on the support of the Board. He said this crisis is hitting every family in some way. They are hoping to be able to contribute and work with these groups to battle this epidemic.

Report of Warrants

- **02/27/18 - #35V18 - \$489,212.80; #35V18 - \$489,212.80**
- **03/06/18 - #36VS18 - \$97,235.82; #36V18 - \$208,631.10**
- **03/13/18 - #37V18 - \$1,120,533.21**

Jim Lehan moved to approve the warrants as printed above. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**. All were in favor.

Action Items

Closing of the Warrant

Jack said we have 26 articles on the Annual Warrant. He believes we need a vote to close the Warrant. Jim Lehan moved to close the Warrant. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it **was so voted**. All were in favor

Jack said we have a change request from the Lions Club. Originally they requested a beer and wine license for the annual St. Patrick's Day Square Dance. It was granted and then they realized that they

meant to ask for an Alcohol license. After discussion the board realized this was already voted. No vote taken.

Lau Maugner on behalf of the Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts would like to request a permit to hold a Cactus and Succulent Plant Sale on Town Hill from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Saturday, September 15, 2018. Jack said they will have to work out where they set up with the Farm Stand.

Jeff Palumbo moved to approve the request to hold the Cactus and Succulent Plant sale on Saturday, September 15, 2018. It was seconded, by Jim Lehan and **so voted**. All were in favor.

Jack said he still needs time to tweak the Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief contracts and they will bring them forward at another date. Jim will work with Jack to get them completed.

The Police Lieutenant Employment Agreement contract is ready to vote. The contract is only for one month. He is retiring on July 31, 2018. Jim Lehan moved to approve the Police Lieutenant contract for 31 days. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**. All were in favor.

Discussion Items:

Budget Update:

Jack and Todd have been working with the Department Heads on budgets. Todd is being very conservative with revenues. He is not using any free cash yet. They will have to decide if they want to repeat that trend. Todd and Jack will be meeting again on budgets tomorrow. Jack feels that they will be able to get it down to a \$500,000 gap and they will provide periodic updates. Jeff asked if the state will be helping out with the snow because the area has been hit so hard. Jack said we may be reimbursed for about 70% of the costs. Jack said he thought that the DPW did a great job and Jim said better than great. Jim said the police and fire all have been exceptional. It was terrific to see everyone helping each other.

Jack said that with each of the 3 storms we discussed having to have a shelter. The first shelter would be the Senior Center. Jack said we would certainly open a shelter if needed. Jim said that these have been tough storms. Jeff said the damage to our roads has been significant he feels like the trees will be an ongoing issue and that they may continue to come down during the spring and summer.

Jim said he has a couple of questions on the budget. The Norfolk county retirement has a 10% increase. Jack said this is our third year in a row and they told us it would be a big increase. Jim said we did get a revision from KP but it was not much of one. This is a \$638,000 increase for Norfolk for KP we are being hit the hardest this year.

Public Safety Update:

We are making progress on the construction. Jack said he could set up a tour of the facility for the BOS. Jack said it is starting to look like a real building. We are still dealing with construction pains and issues between the architect and the builder. We are in mediation and have signed confidential agreements not to discuss it.

Jim said we have moved forward with the formal drawings of the Fire Station. They have done some blasting. Jack said there have been some complaints but we have sent the contractor and Matt Haffner the Facilities Director to check homes and they have filmed any issues that have come up.

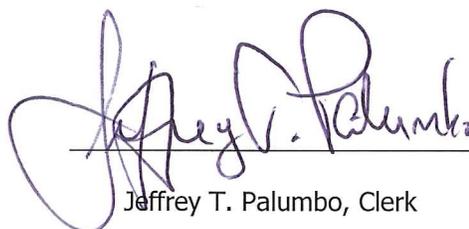
Jim said that he was asked to attend a meeting to discuss the bridge project. Jim said that he is not going to bring it up tonight because it will be discussed at the Con Com meeting and that we may have to put this on hold for a while. When the issues arise they will work through them.

Jack said that Con Com will do some follow up on the UAL and they have been in touch with DEP and we will wait to see what determinations are made.

Jim asked Jack to let the Chiefs and all involved know what a great job they did during the storms.

Jim Lehan made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**. All were in favor.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of March 13, 2018


Jeffrey T. Palumbo, Clerk