

March 10, 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.

VERIZON/NSTAR JOINT POLE HEARING – 18 MEDWAY BRANCH

Present from Verizon is Kelly-Ann Condon.

Scott Bugbee welcomed Kelly-Ann and said that this is a hearing for a new pole on Medway Branch, #18. There were no abutters present.

This is a public hearing on a joint petition from Verizon New England, Inc. and NSTAR Electric to grant permission to erect and maintain poles and their respective wires and cables to be placed thereon, together with anchors, guys and other sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary in the public way or ways as requested in petition:

MEDWAY BRANCH: On the southwesterly sideline, place New JO Pole No. T.8/E.8, approximately 320 feet southeasterly from the center line of Tucker Road. 1 JO Pole to be placed.

Jim asked Kelly-Ann about underground going into the property. Jim was told Verizon said it couldn't be done. Kelly will inquire of her engineer and get back to us.

Jim Lehan moved to approve a new JO Pole No. T.8/E.8, at 18 Medway Branch, approximately 320 feet southeasterly from the center line of Tucker Road. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

SCOTT BRAGDON, HUMAN RESOURCES

Scott Bragdon reviewed the Civil Service process that he discussed last meeting. He is looking for the Board to vote this.

Holli Merritt, Leland Road and for Norfolk Teachers Association. Hoped that they will get the employee insurance committee together after a vote is taken. Needs protection of employees because we still are only at 63%. Not only is school losing potential employees, but police and fire are as well. We need to be able to offer good benefits in order to hire skilled employees.

Scott Bragdon said that he would always notify the Unions of any information that he receives. He does not plan to go to GIC and said that he does not plan to use this Benchmark in the near future.

Jim Lehan moved to accept Chapter 32B, Sections 21 to 23. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Discussion Items

The Board discussed the warrant for the annual town meeting.

Jack reviewed with the Board a revision of the zoning bylaw article on the solar photovoltaic system. The bold section is the revision. This will be for accessory use only; not primary use.

Jack reviewed the articles. The first seven articles are the generic articles that always appear on the annual warrant. The Board asked questions about the wastewater plant.

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Action Items

Jim Lehan moved to approve the contract for Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve Norfolk Community League's Annual Community Day Run on June 6, 2015 at 9 a.m., usual route. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jeff Palumbo moved to allow Dick Fotland of Franklin to serve wine at an Art Exhibit at the Norfolk Library on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 3-5 p.m. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the annual Norfolk Baseball Opening Day parade on Saturday, April 18, 2015, beginning at 12 noon from the H. Olive Day School, with the usual route. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Budget

Jack said he hoped to have budget information tonight, but wasn't able to put it all together. He gave a quick summary of the snow and ice budget and where we are at this point.

Patrick Touhey - Ballot Question

Patrick gave the Board a local ballot question on Common Core that he would like to have on the election ballot. He would like this as a non-binding referendum question. He read the Board a summary of how the Common Core came to be.

Patrick is asking that the residents vote to reverse the 2010 decision and adopt the Massachusetts State Standards on Common Core.

Rep. Shawn Dooley present. He is opposed to Common Core. Opposed to a National Standard. Would like our town to have a say in how we do testing, etc. He feels our teachers have to teach toward this, instead of teaching our children to learn. What is good for Mississippi doesn't mean it is good for Massachusetts. He thinks having it on the ballot will stir up some discussion, and send the State a message. Shawn feels it should be a Massachusetts system.

Jennifer Dyer made a passionate plea that the Board allow this to be on the ballot for the townspeople to decide. Jennifer said that Common Core is all on IPAD's, and she can't even read her children's books or homework because it is all electronic.

Holli Merritt, Teachers Union said that some of this is from the Mass Frameworks which they always used and made Massachusetts a perfect state for education. The writer of the Common Core used only a small part of the Mass Frameworks. She said they are not happy about using Common Core, but they are forced to use it.

Paula Costa, Willow Place – feels putting it on the ballot will bring it to the fore front and people will be informed. Many parents are busy and don't understand what's going on.

Scott said he is not prepared to vote tonight, and would like to reach out to the KP and Norfolk School Committees to hear what they have to say. Scott promised Patrick that we would vote before the 35 day window expires. This will be on our March 25th agenda for 8 p.m.

Jack told the Board that he met with the owner of 106-108 Main Street and informed the Board of what was being proposed. There are two to three bedroom condos and some have finished basements, some have a first floor master bedroom and two bedrooms up, and some are two bedrooms up. He plans to put bike racks in, with bikes for availability to residents. Jack said that he hopes to attract the commuter folks, and has done his homework and feels he can sell them for approximately \$600,000.

Jim told the Board that he is interested in working with the DPW to get the Community Garden at Gumps Farm going. It's been a couple years, and he has been going over this and has some ideas. The Board told him to continue working on this.

Acceptance of Minutes

Jeff Palumbo moved to accept the minutes of February 3, 2015, regular and executive session; and February 17, 2015, regular and executive session. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 9:17 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 March 10, 2015.

Jeffrey Palumbo, Clerk