

Board of Selectmen – January 7, 2013

Present: Tsagaris, Gibbs, Searle, Babson, McCauley

Also present: Larsen, Connolly, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Warrants approved: #2013-27 in the amount of \$1,669,500.45

1. Citizen Speak

Bruce Howlett – 369 Linden Street – expressed his concerns related to the Rockland Street Bridge on the steepness of the bridge connection to the sidewalk on Washington Street and the need for temporary crosswalk signage on Linden Street.

2. Executive Director's Update

Mass Municipal Association

The Chair will be voting on behalf of the Town at the MMA Annual Business Meeting

Building Department Permit Activity 2012

Mr. Larsen reviewed the building permit activity in 2012 compared with 2011.

Total number of sheet metal permits increased by 1/3.

The number of inspections increased 2%.

Electrical permits increased 17%.

Number of inspections increased 14%.

Plumbing and gas permits increased 7%.

Inspections increased 8%.

In total, permits issued increased 19% (3720 permits) and inspections increased 15% (7009 inspections).

3. On-Call Consulting Traffic Engineer Appointment

Mr. Larsen described the evaluation process. The Town received 3 responses to the RFP for on-call traffic engineer (Beta, GPI, VHB). Internal traffic committee met to evaluate responses. The committee reviewed submitted proposal, interviewed representatives & evaluated firm's performance on a homework assignment. Also reviewed hourly billing rate for different staff levels. The Committee recommended VHB, but discussed having two firms VHB & Beta.

The Board voted (5-0) to jointly approve BETA Group, Inc. and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) as On-call Traffic Engineers for a 1 year period beginning January 8, 2013.

4. Traffic Regulation Amendment – 7:30 pm Rockland Street Stop Sign

Mr. Connolly described the proposed stop sign on Rockland Street at Linden Street. This proposed stop sign is part of the MassDOT plan for the reconstruction of the Rockland Street Bridge. The Town must approve this stop sign in order for the Police Department to enforce it.

Mr. Connolly noted the office had received 4 emails in support of the proposed stop sign on Rockland Street which were forwarded to the Board.

The Board received public comments from the following residents

5. Traffic Regulation Amendment

6. 2013 Annual Town Meeting – Review Draft Warrant