

Board of Selectmen Meeting: February 22, 2016
Present: Murphy (Absent), Freiman, Gibbs, Searle, Morgan
Also Present: Larsen, Jop
Minutes Approved: February 27, 2016

Warrants Approved: 2016-032 in the amount of \$3,798,858.08 2016-033 in the amount of \$4,095,243.33.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. Citizen Speak

None

2. Executive Directors Update

Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle the Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016, January 9, 2016, January 19, 2016, January 29, 2016, and February 1, 2016 Board of Selectmen meetings.

Sign Presidential Primary Ballot

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle the Board voted (4-0) to approve the Presidential Primary Ballot for March 1, 2016.

Supplemental Snow and Ice

Mr. Larsen reviewed the request from the DPW for supplemental snow and ice in the amount of \$250,000. Mr. Morgan stated that if the town's traditional budgeting system requires supplemental appropriations year after year the town may need to look at budgeting a reasonable amount for snow and ice each year rather than budgeting below what is needed.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle the Board voted (4-0) to approve a supplemental snow and ice request from the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$250,000.

One Day License

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle the Board voted (4-0) to approve the issuance of a one day special license to Babson College for the Death and the Maiden Post-Show Reception on April 25, 2016 to be held in the Carling-Sorenson Theater and the Sandra L. Sorenson Studio.

Appointment of Crossing Guard

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle the Board voted (4-0) to appoint Timothy Schofield to the position of School Crossing Guard.

3. MWRA Loan Approval

Marc Waldman, Treasurer joined the Board. Mr. Waldman noted that this is the first of 3 debt approvals that will be requested over the next 4 months. Mr. Waldman briefly reviewed the sewer project responsible for this debt. He noted this is a 0 interest loan.

Moody's has reaffirmed the Towns Aaa Bond rating.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle the Board voted (4-0) that the sale of the \$279,078.80 Sewer Bond of the Town dated February 29, 2016, to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") is hereby approved and the Treasurer or other appropriate town official is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on February 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

Year	Installment
2017	\$55815.76
2018	\$55815.76
2019	\$55815.76
2020	\$55815.76
2021	\$55815.76

that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk, the Director of Public Works and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

4. Energy Update

Joe McDonough, Facilities Director and Alan Hebert, Operations Manager joined the Board. Mr. McDonough briefly discussed a High School custodial video that is currently up on the website. He also discussed Mr. Hebert's new role of Operations Manager. Mr. Hebert reviewed quick facts on the FMD Buildings, followed by electricity and natural gas prices for FY17. He also reviewed metered and normalized energy use for FY15; ECM's completed pending and planned as well as the Preventative Maintenance Program. He answered questions by the Board.

5. HHU Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Morgan noted that they have decided not to go forward to Annual Town Meeting (ATM) to ask for a feasibility study on the option that was recommended by the School Facilities Committee (SFC). It's been decided that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee would jointly form a Hardy Hunnewell Upham (HHU) advisory committee to perform research on additional demographics, enrollment studies and traffic studies and to consider alternatives and funding cost estimates. They will ask for funding at ATM which is reflected in the current budget. This committee will conduct studies, review scenarios and ultimately come back to Town Meeting with a recommendation. He noted they will be more focused on transparency and communication. They will try to televise as many meetings as possible and check in with other Boards and Committees more frequently. Mr. Morgan noted they still need to discuss how they will form the committee, size, expertise, the amount of neighborhood representatives, etc. Ms. Freiman invited up public comment.

Amy McCaren, 2 Lawrence Road approached the Board. Ms. McCaren expressed that she would like this next committee to research a 3 school scenario as well as a 2 school scenario. She would like things to be done to accommodate a multitude of plans.

Marian Guila, Worcester Street, asked that they look at the impact on property values, school size, traffic impacts, neighborhood character and enrollment to make sure they get the numbers right. She also said she would like them to look at ways to improve traffic around town. She noted the California Department of Education has some very good guidelines on this sort of research.

6. Preparations for Annual Town Meeting and FY17 Budget Update

Mr. Larsen noted that the assignments as it relates to the different ATM articles have been completed. Mr. Connolly and Ms. Jop are putting together consolidated draft of all the motions. A draft of the Town Wide Financial Plan (TWFP) will come out tomorrow. The budget is now balanced. Free cash use of reserves is slightly under 3 million. He noted that the town will generate some reserves due to health insurance this year. He briefly discussed the status of contracts and noted that a number of them may remain unsettled. Next week he will ask the Board for the final sign off authorize Mr. Murphy to sign the TWFP.

7. Old business/New business

Ms. Searle noted that the bid packages were out for both the Police Station repairs and the Tolles Parsons Center. Tolles Parsons bids are due on March 17 and Police station bids are due on March 18. Mr. Larsen noted that Track and Field bids are due March 1, Highway Department roof bids are due Feb 29 and the Hunnewell School restroom bids are due March 10.

Ms. Freiman noted that the working group on the unified plan have presented to 19 boards and committees and have three presentations next week and 1 left to schedule. All of the meetings have provided positive feedback.

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

Documents Presented:

FMD Energy Update 2/22/16