

Board of Selectmen Meeting: January 19, 2015
Present: Murphy, Freiman, Gibbs, Searle, Morgan
Also Present: Larsen, Jop
Minutes Approved: February 22, 2016

Warrants Approved: #2016-028 in the amount of \$6,103,071.92

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

1. Citizen Speak

None

2. Executive Directors Report

Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015, December 21, 2015, January 12, 2016 and the January 14, 2016 Board of Selectmen Meetings.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2016 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

MMA Resolutions

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) to support the two proposed resolutions to be considered at the MMA Annual Business Meeting on January 22, 2016.

Crossing Guard Appointment

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Kexin "Cindy" Yu as a school crossing guard.

Reconfiguration of Route 9 & Kingsbury Street

Mr. Larsen noted tomorrow they will meet with Walter Heller to discuss the potential agreement between town and MASSDOT as it relates to the reconfiguration of intersection at Route 9 and Kingsbury Street. He will report back next week on specific steps of Phase I.

Eagle Scout Proclamations

Mr. Larsen briefly reviewed the Eagle Scout Proclamations for James Casalli, Samuel Levins and Stewart Bemis Hull. The Board signed the proclamations.

3. Debt Refinancing – Treasurer

Marc Waldman, Town Treasurer joined the Board. Mr. Waldman asked the Board to authorize him to continue ahead with the process of a debt refinancing. He noted that it will require a final vote from the

Board once they have the sale details. He said this would not go forward if it is not financially viable. He noted that there is an anticipated million dollars in savings that will go back to the taxpayers. Mr. Larsen noted that there is a state law that precludes towns from doing this unless it is going to save the town money. He further noted that he will be back at some point in the fiscal year with a sale of some kind of new debt based on what comes out of Town Meeting plus various other projects. The Board agreed to the authorization.

Mr. Waldman briefly updated the Board on the final outcome of the West Suburban Health Group (WSHG) Bylaw change. Mr. Waldman noted that at a previous meeting he had asked the Selectmen to endorse some changes being made to the WSHG Joint Purchase Agreement. These provisions were adopted at their last meeting. He noted that there is another community who is considering a withdrawal from the consortium. He noted that the Board would be receiving a copy of the WSHG's audit soon.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) that, in order to save interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c. 44, Section 21A, to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium and interest on the Town's General Obligation Bonds dated June 15, 2008 and June 15, 2009 and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement; provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by the Board.

STM Bylaw Amendment Discussion

Ms. Freiman updated the Board on a meeting with Mr. Murphy, the Advisory Committee and several town meeting members in which they reviewed redlined copies of Motions 2A, 2B, 2C & 2D, redlined against the way the motions were at the conclusion of the December, Special Town Meeting. She also noted they had put together a list of comments. They will go through proposed changes remaining after Saturday. The Board reviewed the documents and suggested changes. Thomas Frisardi, Advisory Committee Chair joined the Board. Mr. Frisardi clarified a language change in the document regarding a written document for an oral presentation. Heather Sawitsky joined the Board to make comments regarding her suggestion to hold a Public Hearing on the Town Wide Financial Plan.

Mr. Larsen noted that there has been one change to the budget since it was last presented. The funding for the Veterans benefits has been eliminated in FY17 as they have sufficient funding on deposit with the West Suburban Veterans District. The budget has been reduced by \$37,000. At this time the budget is \$80,000 over guideline. He noted that the School Department will present their budget on February 4 and the following Monday he will present a balanced budget to the Board.

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was adjourned at 7pm.