

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: April 1, 2016**  
**Present: Murphy, Freiman, Gibbs, Searle, Morgan**  
**Also Present: Larsen, Jop, Harrington**  
**Minutes Approved: April 11, 2016**

**Meeting called to order at 8:00 am.**

**1. Citizen Speak**

None.

**2. Collective Bargaining Agreements**

Mr. Larsen reviewed the Collective Bargaining Agreements for the three proposed union settlements including the Superior Officers, Patrolmen, and Library. Mr. Larsen reviewed the new in- car video recording for the police department and discussed the wage increases. The Superior Officers are proposed to receive a 2.5% wage increase and a 1% increase on the EMT stipend. The Patrolmen are proposed to receive a 2.5% wage increase and a 1% technology stipend for the use of in-car video. The Library is proposed to receive a 2.5% increase.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs, and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the three agreements and to authorize Mr. Larsen to sign said agreements.**

**3. Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs, and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016.**

**4. Crossing Guard**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs, and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Bruce H. Erne as a school crossing guard until June 30, 2016.**

**5. Article 36- Historical Commission**

Mr. Harrington, Town Counsel, and Michael Grant, Inspector of Buildings, joined the Board to continue discussing Article 36. The Board asked Mr. Grant to discuss the current review of historical properties in relation to the building code and stretch energy code. Mr. Grant noted at present only properties listed on the National Register, State Register, and within the Cottage Street Local District or Single Building Historic District currently receive exemptions. Mr. Grant explained that very few property owners, including those with historic designations are seeking relief from aspects of the building code. Mr. Grant described how the existing code allows for historic homes to do the best they can without altering the property substantially to try and meet codes, particularly energy codes. Mr. Grant described the process for which a homeowner can seek a variance from the State Building Code and noted there have only been two properties in the last 10 years who have sought variances for windows. Mr. Grant did not see the need for the modification in the Historical Commission's authority.

Ms. Freiman noted the Historical Commission should consider specific criteria for the potential designation and should bring forward those properties to the Board of Selectmen. The Board in general failed to see the need for the provision.

The Board asked Mr. Grant for an update on staffing. Mr. Grant noted he is currently interviewing for an open inspector's position, and will be making the current half time inspector full time as of July 1, 2016. Mr. Grant also reviewed the proposed office renovations that will commence construction shortly to improve the internal configuration of the office.

**4. Route / Kingsbury**

Mr. Murphy updated the Board on the two public forums held with the neighbors on the proposed Route 9 and Kingsbury intersection improvements. Mr. Murphy discussed the concerns raised by the Donizetti and Calvin residents. Mr. Larsen noted a meeting is scheduled with MassDOT next week to discuss design improvements and resident concerns. The Board discussed the need to separate concerns over the larger project and neighborhood concerns that can be handled separately. Mr. Larsen noted after the meeting with MassDOT a letter could be sent to abutters within the area to describe the menu of possibilities the Town can use to resolve concerns on the local roads including Donizetti, Calvin, and Audubon.

**5. HHU Charge**

Mr. Morgan noted the Board will have a joint meeting with the School Committee on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to approve the HHU Committee. Mr. Morgan noted the prospective members of the Committee are currently being vetted. He further noted that a second Selectman will need to be selected. Ms. Gibbs volunteered for the Committee. The Board discussed whether the motion for the HHUf should be split or modified, but after a brief discussion determined the motion should move forward as currently written.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan, and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the charge of the HHU Master Plan Committee.

**6. Preparation for Annual Town Meeting**

The Board discussed the order of articles for Monday, April 4 Town Meeting. The Tolles Parsons article would be scheduled for Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board noted a formal request for the Tolles Parsons article must be submitted to the Moderator.

**7. Other Business**

Mr. Murphy noted that a discussion should begin on the land use management department to try and empower staff to make efficiencies between the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Building Department. Mr. Murphy noted he has spoken the Planning Board Chair and the ZBA Chair, who both were supportive of moving forward in studying the unification of departments.

**The Board of Selectmen's meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.**