Approved: January 28, 2019

Board of Selectmen Meeting: January 10, 2019
Present: Gibbs, Freiman, Sullivan Woods, Ulfelder, Morgan
Also Present: Robinson

Meeting Documents:
   1. Agenda
   2. FY19 Work Plan

1. Call to Order and Announcements

Mr. Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:17 pm.

2. Citizen Speak

None.

3. Discuss Status of the FY19 Work Plan

Mr. Morgan began the discussion by noting that he would like the Board to focus the discussion on their priorities for items that can be accomplished through June. The Board then proceeded to review the various projects.

Hardy, Hunnewell, Upham (HHU) – Mr. Ulfelder provided an update on the status of the selection process for a Hunnewell School design and the search for swing space. Various options for swing space are still being discussed including the use of field space at Sprague School.

Wellesley Office Park – Ms. Robinson provided an update noting that this item would be on the agenda for the January 28th meeting to re-open the public hearing after which the Board could decide whether or not they were ready to submit an application to DHCD to enter into the 40R program.

North40 – Ms. Robinson gave an update on the submission of the Phase II Environmental report, and staff’s plans to utilize some remaining funds to conduct testing in a small area of the landfill. Hopefully with that information the Phase III report on how the remediation can be accomplished and the Phase IV actual remediation could be accomplished with the $75,000 being requested at the Annual Town Meeting. She noted that we need to continue to work with Environmental Partners, the Town’s LSP to get consensus on this approach. Funds for a Master Plan process after that have been carried in the FY21 capital budget projection.

Town Hall Visioning Group – Ms. Freiman stated that the group is wrapping up the final report and plans to make a presentation to the Board at the January 22nd meeting.

Budget & Capital Planning – Mr. Morgan noted that he was pleased that despite consensus on a capital policy this year, that the capital requests had come in below expectations this year. The Board briefly discussed this item and agreed to wait until FY20 to discuss it further.

900 Worcester – Ms. Robinson gave an update on the concerns raised by the developer regarding the old foundation materials found during construction and the lack of natural gas service due to the National Grid shutdown. She noted she is in contact with Town Counsel to address the first item. Mr. Ulfelder
asked about the status of the traffic light and whether there had been any concerns raised by abutters. Ms. Robinson will check on the traffic signal, and said the office had received no complaints about the project.

40B Affordable Housing Projects – The Board noted that they will be taking up a response to MassHousing regarding 3 Burke Lane. Mr. Morgan noted that he was working with Mr. Zehner to see if the Delanson Circle and 148 Weston Road projects would be ready to bring back to either the annual or a special town meeting for a zoning change to allow the lower density projects to be approved.

Housing Authority – Barton Road – Ms. Gibbs noted that this project has not progressed, mostly due to the staffing and other issues being addressed by the WHA.

SPED Stabilization – Mr. Morgan provided the Board with an update on discussions on this topic, but that no decisions had been reached with the School Committee at this point.

4. Executive Session under M.G.L. c 30A, §21A, Purpose #7

Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. c 30A, §21A, Purpose #7 to review minutes of previous executive sessions and that Blythe Robinson be invited to participate in the meeting. Further, to close the executive session for the purpose of entering into a second executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.