

**Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of April 2, 2015**  
**Town Hall – Selectmen’s Meeting Room #1, Second Floor 7:30pm**

Present: Chairman Richard Ward, Vice-Chairman Ronald Clarke, Alan Dunham, Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski (TA) & Elaine Weston.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Clarke to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions (Clerical, DPA, Dispatchers, PEC/IAC-Health Care, Police) and for non-union negotiations and with all non-union personnel not under contract, and strategy for litigation, that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session and to reconvene in open session, second by Dunham. Roll Call-Affirmative: Dunham, Clarke & Marrone.

Ward & Hewins recused themselves and left.

Motion by Dunham to Reconvene in open session at 8:00, second by Clarke-Roll Call-Affirmative: Dunham, Clarke & Marrone.

Chairman Ward & Hewins present.

Pledge of Allegiance, Community Prayer & Review of agenda were done.

Chairman advised the second Executive Session will not be needed.

**Public Comment Period:** None

**Governance Committee:** Stephen Gray, Jim Grimes & John Cotter present. Stephen gave an overview of the Governance Committee: to review operational and financial sustainability of the Town. The topics of discussion have been broad, the members are independent of anyone in the Town Hall. The final 6 recommendations to the Board are:

1. Town needs to be looking at ways to be reducing contributions Health Insurance.
2. Town Departments need to have a balance budget prepared no later than 75 days before the Annual Town Meeting, and to be approved by the Board of Selectmen no later than 30 days before Annual Town Meeting.
3. There are currently 38 residents that serve on more than 1 Board or Committee and 15 openings on Boards and Committees. If the citizen petition article submitted were to pass, 53 seats would be vacated. This would create quorum issues and many are currently struggling to meet with a quorum. This would also deprive the town experienced people who have the time to volunteer.
4. Feels stipends to be implemented/increased on various boards and committees based on proportionality and fairness. Twenty surrounding communities were polled. By far,

the Board of Selectmen in Carver were underpaid. They are proposing the each member be paid \$1,700 and \$1,900 for the Chair.

Requesting the dissolution of the combined police fire station building committee and the pond by law committee. They are also requesting the combining of the following committees due to the crossover memberships and the fact that they meet at the same time together: Historical Commission, Historical District Commission, Lakenham Green Committee and the Marcus Atwood Trustees.

5. Recommending that the Building Commissioner who is part-time, be able to have an Assistant Building Commissioner in order to properly serve the Town.
6. Recommends that the current position of Elected Constable be abolished at the end of their current terms.

Clarke questioned if there needs to be a vote to extend the penance of the Governance Committee. Ward stated to put that topic on the next agenda.

Clarke questioned how item #2 comes in to play in reference to the Proposed Budget Process that is currently in place in the town. TA stated that #2 is in line with the policies.

Clarke stated that he would like to see the Warrant kept to that same timetable.

Grimes stated that the stipends speak to the work that is done by the Selectmen and it represents what they give back to the town.

Marrone left the meeting at 9:05pm due to illness.

**Discussion & Vote on Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant:** TA stated that although the approval of the Warrant is for it to be printed and publicized, he would like it to be known that clerical changes may be made, but on changes to the content. TA went thru each article in the draft warrant.

Motion to approve the warrant by Clarke, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

#### **Board of Selectmen Comment Period:**

Dunham: Wished everyone a Happy Easter. Addressed MGL Ch. 150E in regards to the results of the School collective bargaining results. Clarke would like to work with the School Committee and discuss the issue that the Board of Selectmen can have a representative present and have a vote.

Hewins: Reminded everyone of ATM Mon. 4/13 at 6:30pm

Clarke: Common Core discussion will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes

Ward: Wished all a Happy Holiday Weekend

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of March 24 by Clarke, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

Motion to approve Request to use Shurtleff Park for the Relay for Life Fundraiser and waive the fee on 5/24/15 by Dunham, second by Clarke. Vote 4-0.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50pm by Clarke, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.