

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 22, 2013
Town Hall – Meeting Room #1 7:00pm

Present: Chairman Michael O'Donnell Selectmen Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Vice-Chairman Jack Franey, Interim Town Administrator James Purcell and Elaine Weston
Absent: Richard Ward

O'Donnell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the announcements.

Entertainment License Application: Cornerstones

Motion by Marrone to approve the Entertainment License, second by Franey. Vote 4-0

Chris Belbin Update on Wade Street Project:

Troop 48 Eagle Scout project-Chris went to the Wade St. residents door to door and took a poll regarding putting up a gate on the property and where it should go. The reply he received most was that they didn't mind either way, and if there was, they would like it to be set back away from the road, enough to keep the bikers out. He has a gate on hold ready for donation from Tractor Supply. He has unloaded a dumpster full of trash from the property. He is looking for direction if he should or should not do it and he would need that in writing. The Fire Department would have a key for access. Motion by Franey to grant permission to move forward with installing the gate with permission from the Fire Chief, second by Hewins. Vote 4-0.

Town Building Study Committee – Update on Collins Center:

Monica Lamboy from the Collins Center with Dan Ryan and Steve Pratt were present. Two other team members were not present: Tony, the financial coordinator and Henry who has the background in the school facilities. Marrone questioned where the Collins Center was at for progress. Monica stated the team members will be giving individual assessments of the proposal. She stated they plan to have a presentation and written report. She was under the understanding that she was hearing from the Selectmen. The written report should be available the week before the Special Town Meeting.

Franey questioned the debt schedule that was distributed. Purcell stated that more information is being developed and it relates to the Town Meeting Article.

Pratt explained that Clark Rowell from UniBank would be putting together debt schedules pertaining to the Fire Station and that is what these are.

Discussion and possible vote to deactivate the Website Committee:

Franey stated that the website can run six months on its own and would like the new Town Administrator to be able to make decisions on how the website is to move forward. Motion by Franey to deactivate the Website Committee, second by Marrone. Marrone stated that they were explained through the chairman of the Website Committee that the website can run for six months on its own and would like the new Town Administrator to make the decision on how the website should run.

Purcell is concerned about the immediate consequences of dissolving the committee. He would like to see a specific date set so there is time to put a plan in place. Vote 3-1.

Fire Department MIIA Grant and Gift Fund

Motion to approve by Franey, second by Hewins. Vote 4-0.

Plymouth County Legislation: Deeds Excise Bill, Stabilization Fund Bill & Pension Obligation Bill. Motion by Franey to approve the Deeds Excise Bill and the Stabilization Fund Bill and to put the Pension Obligation Bill on hold. He would like to get more information on the pension obligation bill. Second by Marrone. Hewins feels that the Pension Obligation was explained very well, but is not against tabling it. Franey stated he would like to see the pros and cons. Vote 4-0.

Review and Recommendation of Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Purcell reviewed and explained each article.

Article #2: Franey read bullet points of the main financial issues in regards to the North Carver Water District from the Town Accountant.

Article #10: Selectmen all agreed to add the additional PILOT article which would become Article #11.

Article #12: It is recommended that a Chapter 30B RFP be done on this to make it transparent.

Article #13: Franey recommended waiting for the Annual Town Meeting to vote on this as he is not comfortable with all the debt the town is facing. Hewins feels she would rely on the experts at Unibank and feels there is no reason not to move forward. Marrone clarified that the approval is just to vote at the Special Town Meeting and it won't impact the Town negatively by voting on it and she is comfortable with that. Purcell clarified if the resources aren't sufficient, you don't issue the debt. Motion by Franey to table this article until the Annual Town Meeting. No second on the motion, the article will remain part of the final warrant.

5 minute break

Hewins left the meeting

United Nations Proclamation

Motion by Franey to table until next meeting. Purcell noted that United Nations Day is October 24. Second by Marrone. Vote 3-0.

Sherborn Board of Selectmen Operating Procedures

Motion by Franey to table until the next meeting, second by Marrone. Vote 3-0.

Approval of minutes of October 8, 2013

Motion by Franey to table until the next meeting, second my Marrone. Vote 3-0.

November Meeting Schedule

Motion by Franey to table until next meeting which will be next Tuesday, October 29. Second by Marrone. Vote 3-0.

Citizens Participation

Town Clerk Lynn Doyle expressed her concerns about the Town running without a website in order to be in compliance with the Open Meeting Law as the town is certified with the Attorney General's office.

Alan Dunham stated there will be a benefit performance on Friday, November 1 by the Drama Club at the Middle High School at 7pm to benefit the Drama Club with \$7 admission.

Steve Dewhurst spoke on behalf of the Website Committee and questioned why it was necessary to get rid of the Website Committee.

Selectmen Notes

Marrone: Read announcement for the Council on Aging Food Drive at the Frosty Dog November 10th 1-4pm. She announced the death of a Carver teenager Keith O'Connor and asked everyone to keep his family in your prayers. Office hours begin Nov. 2 at Cornerstones at Noon.

Franey: Gave an update on the Town Administrator Screening Committee stating that there are some great candidates and is looking forward to bringing them before the Selectmen. He spoke about the Town of Granby.

O'Donnell: Announced the Jingle Bell Fair at Our Lady of Lourdes. November 10 is the 250th anniversary of the Marine Corp. Reminded everyone of Veteran's Day coming up. God Bless the citizens of Carver, Servicemen and Woman serving around the world.

Motion to table Executive Session by Franey, second by Marrone. Vote 3-0

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 by Marrone, second by Franey. Vote 3-0.