

**Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of March 24, 2015**  
**Town Hall – Selectmen’s Meeting Room #1, Second Floor 6:30pm**

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

Absent: Chairman Richard Ward

Ronald Clarke serving as Chair in Ward’s absence, opened meeting.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Dunham 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 Marrone. Roll Call-Affirmative: Dunham, Clarke & Marrone.

Hewins recused herself and left the room.

Reconvene in open session at 7:20-Roll Call-Affirmative: Dunham, Clarke & Marrone.

Hewins returned to the room.

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

**Public Comment Period:** None

**Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Update:** Bob Bentley stated that the articles for Town Meeting will include the Cole Property Bond Payment and Forest Street Recreation Field. Marrone questioned if the amounts for the field quote were in writing. TA stated that the CPC has refused projects that do not provide documentation. The Carver Fire Department Historical Display, Elements of the Carver Master Plan & the Route 58 ‘Pocket Park’ will also be requesting funding under CPC. Each category has funding: Open Space, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Community Housing. There are minimum percentages that need to be set aside each year for each category. TA stated that the return on the money helps reduce the Town’s borrowing.

**Capital Outlay:** Clarke stated Angley was unable attend tonight. Clarke reviewed the items that Capital Outlay is bringing to Town Meeting for approval. They include: Well upgrade, Dump Truck, Master Plan, Cooler/Freezer, Fire Station supplemental funding, Cruiser replacement, Replace gymnasium floor, Technology & text books, School Bus replacement, Elementary School Schematic Design as well as items supplemented by other funds: Forest Street Field, Fire Engines, Elementary School Title V, School Mechanical System & replacement of windows and seals and replacement of track and football field. Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Dunham. Marrone stated that she is not in favor of technology and text books and would like to wait & see what the numbers are for the Forest St. Field. Dunham

stated that the money for the Forest St. Field has already been set aside and feels this should be allowed to go forward. He stated on the technology & text books-that the school needs to be modernized and should not be held back and does not feel money should be held back for textbooks. Clarke stated that it may be many years before any new material would be printed in the textbooks so there will not be any 'new' textbooks to be purchased next year. Motion to approve all items not including the textbooks, by Dunham, second by Hewins vote 5-0. Motion to approve the textbooks in the capital items, second by Hewins. Vote 3-1 (Marrone opposed).

**Plymouth County OPEB Trust (Other Post Employment Benefits):** Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien present. Hewins recused herself and left the table. TA stated we can invest in the state PERAC program which would be costly. The Plymouth County Retirement System is hoping to outdo the state. He is looking for a vote for the town to join Plymouth County Retirement OPEB trust. O'Brien spoke on the benefits of long-term investing and presented an opportunity to meet the needs of the town. He feels retaining the services of professionals (PARS & US Bank) were receptive to the idea of local control and flexibility. The investment rate is higher than 7.25 and there is no set number to fund. Back up support is provided at no additional cost, liability is kept separate from other members and feels a 'one-stop' shop would fit the town. A forum was held to discuss the program and Wareham has already joined. It has opened up to Bristol, Norfolk & Plymouth counties. OPEB liability needs to be reported and this can be reduced. If the town is unable to fund one year, there is no penalty to that.

Dunham questioned if needs to be a Town Meeting vote to authorize \$25,000 to be transferred to the fund. TA stated it takes the Board of Selectmen to vote for the authority, not a dollar amount.

Dunham also questioned the protection against losing value. O'Brien stated it is the same risk as any other investment-there is no guarantee and to look at it over the long-term and the bank in charge is good at what they do. Dunham feels we may be limited on our diversity in investments as opposed to the wide options that would be available with US Bank. O'Brien stated that the investment sub-committee would be formed with a representative from the County, Wareham and Carver if we join to form PCOT (Plymouth, County OPEB Trust), but when elections take place (annually, with staggered terms), that can change.

Clarke questioned if there would be administrative costs to the investments. O'Brien stated that the costs are at the lowest 'basis points' possible. Monthly reports are available and PCOT would help with reporting. The cost is split between the towns so the return would be greater.

Dunham feels the situation will get worse if we don't move forward with this plan.

Marrone questioned what the downside is. O'Brien stated if you kept OPEB within your community you would have the individual ability to request your investment strategy, in the County, you don't have an individual voice, but the rate of return to the town will be less.

Dunham feels that larger cities tend to have these type of advantages and would not like to see the Town pass this opportunity up.

Motion by Dunham for Carver to join the Plymouth County OPEB Trust, second by Marrone. Vote 3-0.

Hewins returned to the table.

**FY 16 Ten Year Budget Forecast:** Motion to approve the FY 16 ten year budget by Marrone, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

**Town Department Budgets:** Clarke questioned how we will be addressing the snow & ice deficit. TA stated he will be looking at doing transfers within the budget and will address that at the next meeting.

**Review of Draft Warrant:** Draft will be emailed on Friday. TA Reviewed the Articles that will be on the Warrant.

**Campaign Finance Update:** Town Clerk has arranged for a Campaign Finance Seminar to be held Thursday, April 2 at 6pm in the Town Hall as the Campaign Finance Laws have changed which will effect local election officials.

**Discussion & Revote for Power Purchase Agreement:** This was signed years ago and amended last year. There are several technical flaws that Kopelman & Paige has been working thru. The Town is negotiating better incentives for the Town. TA is asking for the Board to authorize the Chair to negotiate net metering credits to better benefit the Town and sign a revised agreement. Motion by Marrone to authorize the Chair to sign and negotiate an agreement to revise the existing agreement, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

**Snow & Ice Update:** Town is currently at approximately \$400,000 over budget.

**School Building Update:** The Committee voted on their top 2 options out of 5 options. Option C1 requires the relocation of the well to the east side of the site resulting in a two story building with three academic wings on each floor. Second option is a three story building on the East Side of the site. The Add/Reno component which is the existing site option. The scenarios are depicted as the "all in" cost which is the construction, design, furniture, construction contingencies, etc. The committee unanimously voted option C1 as their 1<sup>st</sup> choice, option E2 as their second choice and Option A as their third choice.

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

Dunham: Alan Slavin, a Selectmen in Wareham is asking local officials to discuss problems together with the Lt. Governor on April 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wareham Town Hall.

Hewins: YPAC reopens Fri 3/27. YPACINC.org-forms can be downloaded. Thanked Officers Melo & Rizzuto for their support and Juniors Police Explorers program that they offer.

Marrone: Kane Strong golf outing on April 25 to support the Kane Family. Tickets can be purchased at Rooney's Barber Shop or the Carver Fire Station. There will be a Common Core

Forum on April 10 at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. She would like RSVP's due to the building code capacity requirements. She also asked for continued prayers for the Grimes family.

Clarke: Town Meeting will be held on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Solair America Consent to Assignment Agreement and Amendment:** Jack Hunter stated that he is changing the name on the agreement so he can get financing for the expansion.

Marrone questioned how the town has benefited. Hunter stated that the North Carver Water District is saving from \$350-\$500 per month.

Motion by Hewins to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the Board's behalf, second by Marrone.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of March 14 by Dunham, second by Marrone. Vote 4-0. Motion to approve minutes of March 16 by Marrone, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

Next meeting scheduled for March 30 at 6:00pm.

**Public Comment Period:** Robert Belbin stated a height restriction was addressed at the Planning Board that could affect the School Building. He also stated that his smart phone could not read the Planning Board agenda.

9:30pm -Motion to adjourn into executive session (Exemption #2,3, 6) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions (Clerical, DPA, Dispatchers, PEC/IAC-Health Care, Police) and for non-union negotiations (Town Administrator Performance Evaluation) and with all non-union personnel not under contract, and strategy for litigation, and for purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session, and to reconvene in open session for purpose of adjournment by Dunham, second by Marrone. Roll Call-Affirmative: Dunham, Hewins, Clarke & Marrone.

Reconvene into open session at 10:45pm. Roll Call-Affirmative: Dunham, Hewins, Clarke, Marrone.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45pm by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 4-0.