

**Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of May 19, 2015**  
**Town Hall – Selectmen’s Meeting Room #1, Second Floor 6:30pm**

Present: Dick Ward, Ronald Clarke, Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski (TA) & Elaine Weston. Absent: Alan Dunham

Motion to go into Executive Session by Clarke to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions (Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, PEC/IAC-Health Care, Police) and for non-union negotiations (Town Administrator) and with all non-union personnel not under contract, and strategy for litigation, Solar Pilots as authorized by Town Meeting, and for purchase, exchange, sale 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, second by Hewins. Roll Call-Affirmative: Hewins, Clarke & Marrone.

Motion by Marrone to Reconvene in open session at 7:00pm, second by Marrone-Roll Call-Affirmative: Hewins, Clarke & Marrone.

Dick Ward arrived 7:00pm

Re-Organization of the Board of Selectmen and re-voting of policies: Clarke recommends having all 5 members and would like to delay reorganization until the next meeting. Tabled until next meeting.

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

**Verizon Pole Hearing;** Barry Maffini representing Verizon relative to the Route 58 road work-a pole relocation will be happening-conduits and cables need to be moved. Motion to approve by Marrone, second by Clarke. Vote 4-0-0.

**No Public Comments**

**DPW Director Update:** Schedule on Road Repairs in Town: Resurfacing of Meadow St. will be done-Earth Removal will pay for ½ of this. Two sections of Tremont St. will be done from the Berry Guys to the Wareham Town Line and the second section is from Erickson’s to Pine Ridge Way. Looking to have all paving done by mid-June. The Winter Rapid Recovery program covers the potholes that will be repaired. Route 58 project will be from Purchase St. from South Meadow Road. The center of town will have sidewalks on both sides. Upgrades to the gas pumps will be happening soon-every employee will have their own FOB key to help with accountability. Playground Update-Dig safe came to mark ground and we will be digging for water line soon. Hewins stated that we will get a small water feature as well as upgrades to the

current playground including all new mulch which is wheelchair accessible and bug-free. It is anticipated that the playground will be closed the first week of June. Signs by Design will be donating safety signs.

**Technology Update:** Ellen Smith will be working with Rob Brunell over the next 6 weeks to upgrade the Town computer system. Upgrades and compliance will be done such as replacing workstations, server upgrades, installation of workstation management and asset tracking system. Ellen remains as on-call support to staff. Funding will be from a budget transfer request from a surplus in the gasoline account to the data processing account.

**Police Chief Update:** School Resource Officer has been working on a part-time basis in the school because they wanted to start building the relationship and a program and curriculum with the school. This summer the SRO will be taking students to the DARE camp as well as the Police Explorer program with YPAC. Two new officers in the Police Academy-late August graduation anticipated and then they will go to a three month on-road training. He feels that finding out why people turn to drugs or preventing it is an important part of getting a handle on the community and spur discussion on what is being done on our end and what can be done. On Wednesday, May 27 a Drug Education Forum at the Carver Middle High School at 7pm regarding the current drug issue. There will be a second Forum on June 24, 2015. Carver National Night Out will be on August 4<sup>th</sup> and get to meet their public safety people.

**2015 Finance Update/Budget Transfers :** Working towards closing out FY 15 and moving forward expeditiously in order to close books early. Veteran's benefits budget will be running a deficit and will be asking for a Finance Committee transfer as well as the inspections wiring and plumbing salaries.

Request for transfer:

Treasurer/Collector salary line item due to the retiring of the Assistant Treasurer/Collector benefits being paid out \$10,500 requested from the gasoline line item.

Conservation Commission salary line item due to the need of a part-time Conservation Agent being paid an additional \$3,400 also from the gasoline line item.

Information Technology work by Ellen Smith and Rob Brunell for technology upgrades to Data Processing account for \$15,000 from gasoline line item.

These are under the general government category and the BOS has the authority to vote this transfer.

Motion to approve all transfer requests by Marrone, second by Clarke, Vote 4-0-0.

**Fire Station Building Update:** Site is 98% ready, the committee members have saved the town hundreds of thousands of dollars by doing this work. Site work is a big cost variable in most contractors quotes. Design plans have been completed and is currently being reviewed by the

architect. Meeting next week to discuss how close they are to the budget. Anticipating going out to bid on June 1.

**Approval of House Notes/Bonding Discussion** Will be asking at the next meeting for authorization to seek notes for \$2 million in order to close out house note of \$350,000, purchasing three fire engines for \$1.65 million.

**Capital Project Update:** Will be putting together capital request process with the Capital Outlay chair and will have a kickoff meeting with any department which as money allocated from Capital Outlay. Purchase of Fire Engines: HGAC out of Houston which is a national based procurement system which locks in the prices of equipment for two years. There is an early payment discount incentive allowing the town to save 5-6%. As part of the contract, the engines will be built in sequence, saving money on design, each department has the same piece of equipment, benefitting in training. TA asking permission of the Board to designate the Fire Chief the signatory designee. Motion by Hewins, second by Clarke to approve the Fire Chief as the signatory authority for the HGAC contracts for the fire engines. Vote 4-0-0.

**Inter municipal request with Plymouth for Water** Potential site on South Meadow Road-TA looking for authority from the BOS to have discussion with the Plymouth Water Commissioners/BOS on a potential inter-municipal agreement. Motion to approve by Marrone, second by Clarke. Vote 4-0-0.

**Route 44 Solar Expansion** Many staff members have spent upwards of 20 hours looking at project. Staff members including conservation sees no problem with the project. According to all inspection departments, there is no issue with the project.

**Regional meeting with the Lt. Governor Polito:** Hewins stated they questioned the Chapter 70 formula which is not working any longer. The MSBA has a formula that seems to work. The commission that is looking at this doesn't look at the formula piece. Snow & Ice issue is impacting many towns. Discussion on more regionalization opportunities. OPEB and trying to be fairer in how people receive benefits and how to do a more pro-rated share. Also discussion on more transparency on school budgeting.

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

**Hewins:** Thanked voters. YPAC had a successful program with the Jr. Police Explorers last year which ran once a week from Mid-July to September. YPAC encourages that bullying is not a good behavior and appreciates the cooperation with the Police Department. Thanked the Buildings and Grounds and the DPW for their maintenance on the playground. Parade on Monday.

**Clarke:** Memorial Day Parade Monday at 9:30, Would like to start working on TA Goals & Objectives for the next meeting. Asked the Board members to reach out the Representatives regarding the Chapter 70 funding. CHAT TV : Halifax & Plympton will be joining. A new name will be selected at their meeting tomorrow.

**Marrone:** Thanked the voters. Upcoming events: Mobilizing the community meeting Wed 5/20 6:30 at Library. Saturday 5/24 7:30-11am is the Carver Sportsmen's Club breakfast scholarship breakfast-\$6 each.

**Ward:** Memorial Day Parade on Monday. Mobilizing the community meeting Wed 5/20 6:30 at Library.

**School Building Committee/MSBA Update:** Project Manager & architect went over block plans. Committee will be visiting the Christa MacAuliffe Center in New Hampshire on Thursday.

**Well Water Update:** JC Engineering working on well at school. Will know November 18 what the MSBA will be paying for. At that time we will need a Special Town Meeting in order to determine if we will have a ballot vote for a debt exclusion. TA would like to look at dates during the June meeting in order to move things forward. Actual cost on project anticipated to be known in September.

**Solar Tax Agreements & Town Retiree Health Care Policy:** Tabled until next meeting

**Request for Appointment:** Cornelius Shea to the Historic District Commission: Discussion by Chair Savery Moore that there are already 5 members & he could be an alternate. Committees have combined and waiting on Attorney General for direction. Motion to table by Clarke, Second by Hewins. Vote 4-0-0.

Next meetings: June 16, July 21 & August 18

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of April 21 by Marrone, second by Clarke. Vote 4-0-0.

No Public Comment

Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm by Clarke, second by Marrone. Vote 4-0-0.