

**Selectboard
February 13, 2017
Town Offices
6:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on February 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm by the Chair, Paul Newlin. Present were Selectboard member Frederick Orloski, Town Administrator Brian Domina and Administrative Assistant, Maryellen Cranston. Minutes from the January 25 and 30 and February 1 and 8 meetings were approved. Vendor and Payroll Warrants were previously signed.

Public Comment – Dan Denehy mentioned that Sunderland hired a consultant to review SCEMS. Jonathan will investigate.

Old Business

250th anniversary – Committee make-up/Funding – The Board asked the television audience for volunteers. The 250th committee will determine a plan for funding.

Police Detail Rates & Revolving Detail Account – Discussion occurred regarding increasing the police detail rate. The Board unanimously approved the increase to \$45/hour. Brian will find out more information regarding how the cruiser fee is determined. The Board discussed setting up a revolving fund for detail pay. Brian will investigate ways to encourage quicker payment.

FY18 Budget Items – The Board agreed to recommend increasing the administrative assistant position from 22 to 24 hours per week. The Board discussed possible structural deficiencies with the Center School roof. Brian will see if Thayer Street Associates will inspect the building for structural soundness.

New Business

Vote on 2017 mileage reimbursement rate – The Board unanimously voted to establish the 2017 mileage rate at .535 cents/mile.

Town Administrator Updates –

- Brian announced that Highway Superintendent Keith Bardwell has attained the status of Master Road Scholar with the Baystate Roads Program.
- Haydenville Road – Mountain Street: Both District 1 and District 2 have submitted draft scopes of work for MA DOT to review. MA DOT expects to receive a scope and fee proposal from a pre-qualified consultant for consideration by the end of February. Then MA DOT will review the scope and proposal in the context of the Capital Improvement Plan
- Deerfield is considering an application for a medical marijuana dispensary to operate on a lot in Deerfield that borders the Town of Whately – this is the red house adjacent to the Sugarloaf Shops and directly across from the Circle K gas station and convenience store. The Board discussed a letter in their packets that the Planning Board wrote to the Deerfield Planning Board expressing concern about traffic on Route 5/10 and the impact that lighting may have on residents living on Old State Road in Whately.
- Brian will advertise openings on the website for the Whately Cultural Council.
- The Board agreed to place a half page ad in the Town of Conway's 250th anniversary program

The agenda lists topics reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting. The chair of the committee reserves the right to add items to the agenda that may not be listed here; additionally, members of the committee may have unanticipated concerns not listed here that they may bring to the committee. The Board agreed to hold an informational meeting to discuss town hall financing. March 27th at 7 pm at the school is a possible date.

Paul made a motion to go into Executive Session per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), subsection 2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel and subsection 3 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. (Paul so declared). The Board will not be returning to open session. Roll call vote: Paul, yes; Fred, yes; Jonathan,; yes.

Next Meeting dates

February 27 @ 6 pm
March 13 @ 6 pm
March 27 @ 6 pm

April 10 @ 6 pm

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Domina, Town Administrator

Document List

Vendor and Payroll Warrants 17-17

October 26, 2016 memo from the Historical Commission regarding the 250th celebration

Whately Bicentennial Committees and Calendar of Events

1/30/17 Survey of Police Detail Rates

9/24/13 Detail Policy

IRS 2017 Standard Mileage Rates for Businesses

1/17/17 announcement Keith Bardwell is a Master Roads Scholar

2/3/17 letter from Patrick Paul regarding Haydenville Road/ High and Mountain Streets

2/1/17 letter from Don Sluter to Town of Deerfield Planning Board regarding the Deerfield marijuana facility

1/25/17 email from Larry Kuttner regarding Cultural Council members

Town of Conway 250th anniversary celebration program advertisement