

**Selectboard
April 10, 2017
Town Offices
6:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on April 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm by the Chair, Paul Newlin. Present was Selectboard members Frederick Orloski and Jonathan Edwards, Town Administrator Brian Domina and Administrative Assistant, Maryellen Cranston. Minutes from the March 27 meeting was approved. Vendor and Payroll Warrants were previously signed

Old Business

FY18 Budget – The Board approved the budget as presented.

Sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant – The Board reviewed the annual town meeting warrant. Discussion occurred regarding giving the authority to the Selectboard to negotiate a PILOT agreement if the impending solar arrays are approved. Discussion occurred regarding the petition articles on election changes and climate change. Brian reviewed the required changes in how Revolving Funds are voted. After extensive discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to draft a separate warrant article placing \$10,000 in a Vehicle Stabilization Fund rather than specifically for a police cruiser. They do not recommend Article 15. The Board unanimously signed the signature page of the annual town meeting warrant subject to changes discussed.

Elementary School Trees – Brian will ensure the insurance will cover the cost of replacing the trees.

New Business

Regional Dispatch Center Feasibility Study – A feasibility study is being requested to combine the regional dispatch centers in Franklin County. Paul signed the letter of support for the study.

Egypt Road – Order of Taking – The property owners want to relinquish the property. Brian needs the parties to sign paperwork. The Order of Taking will be done at the next meeting.

Standard Mass DEP Recycling Grant Program – Five Year State Contract – Paul signed the contract.

Town Hall Use – Grange– The Board unanimously agreed the Grange could use Town Hall on Memorial Day.

June Meeting Schedule– The Board agreed to keep the June 12th meeting date.

Town Administrator Updates – The Town will not be doing street sweeping this year. Since no sand has been used this winter, there is no need to sweep. If residents bring stuff to the side of the road, it is their responsibility to clean up. Street sweeping is now considered hazardous material.

Liberty tree project – The Board approved the request to provide space to plant trees in honor of soldiers who died.

Chapter 90 funding will be \$144,878.

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.

Chapter 90 paper work was signed for crack sealing at 4 locations totaling \$20,000.

Brian will check with Jim Sevigne regarding the plan for the third police cruiser. It will be on the agenda for a future meeting.

Justin Davis introduced himself as a candidate for Selectboard.

Brian is working on selling the old dump truck. Because Keith feels the truck is worth more than \$5000, the process is more elaborate.

Next Meeting dates

April 25 @ 6 pm

May 8 @ 6 pm

May 30 @ 6 pm

June 12 @ 6 pm?

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Domina, Town Administrator

Document List

Vendor and Payroll Warrants #17-21

Summary of Projected Expenses, Non-Property Tax Revenue and Property Tax Revenue

Final Omnibus Budget FY18

Whately Capital Improvement Plan FY2018

Statement of Account Balances #3

4/10/17 letter to Frank Pozniak regarding Regional Dispatch Feasibility Study

3/8/17 letter to Frank Pozniak regarding Franklin County RECC Proposal

3/31/17 letter from Mass DOT regarding Chapter 90 funding

3/16/17 letter from FROG regarding Traffic Counting

Final ATM warrant