

**Board of Selectmen
April 14, 2015
Whately Elementary School
7:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Whately was called to order on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm by the Chair, Joyce Palmer Fortune. Present were Selectman Paul Newlin, Town Administrator, Mark Pruhenski and Administrative Assistant, Maryellen Cranston. Minutes from the March 31, 2015 meeting were approved.

Scheduled appointments – Keith Bardwell – Egypt Road/Rt 5 & 10 redesign – Mark reported Keith was not able to attend this meeting. The owners of the property Keith is interested in purchasing to help improve the intersection of Egypt Road and Routes 5 & 10 are willing to sell. The assessed value of this parcel is \$2200. Keith is investigating if Chapter 90 funds can be used for this purchase. This remains an ongoing project.

Old Business

Town Office Consolidation Update – Mark will be meeting with the architects who designed the WRMLS building to see if they are interested in producing conceptual designs. The WRMLS building remains off the market until May 18th. The process of obtaining conceptual designs and cost estimates continues to move along.

Review and vote on annual town meeting warrant articles – Sign warrant – The Board reviewed the warrant for the upcoming annual town meeting. The Board voted unanimously to recommend longevity pay and the 0% School Budget. The Board voted unanimously to abstain from making any recommendation on the petition article to buy the WRMLS building. Joyce and Paul felt strongly this article undermines the process established by the community forums. Paul felt it puts at risk the ability to get more money needed to preserve town hall. Dan Denehy and John Wroblewski, the petitioners for this article, were present. They stated their concern the building would be sold. They felt town office employees could move in to the building now and figure out what is needed over time. The Board signed the warrant.

New Business

Library Assistant Job Description – The Board voted unanimously to approve the updated library assistant job description.

Designer Selection Procedures – The Board voted unanimously to accept the designer selection procedures as presented.

After Hours Drop Box – A request for an afterhours drop box for residents to deposit tax payments. Mark is recommending nothing be done until the town office consolidation is resolved.

Selectmen's 4/28/15 meeting – start time – The Board agreed their brief meeting on April 28th will start at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Location After Town Meeting – The Board agreed their meetings will move back to the Center School beginning June 9th.

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 signed the required paperwork for the Farrick Agricultural Preservation Restriction.

Mark will send out a robo call to residents informing them of street sweeping beginning April 22nd, the upcoming annual town meeting and town reports can be picked up at the offices or read online.

Mark is working on finalizing a contract with Biodrawiversity to move forward with the necessary seed propagation for the Mill River project. The contract is currently with Town Counsel for review. Mark may need the Board to hold a very short meeting to sign the contract.

Mark informed the Board that Pan Am will begin spraying on May 1st.

Mark informed the Board the American Tower has applied to add 3 antennas to their cell tower. This will require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mark informed the Board the Mass Department of Transportation will be working on 91 from exits 21 to 24.

Next Meeting dates
April 28, 2015 – 6:30 pm
May 12, 2015 – 7 pm
May 26, 2015 – 7 pm
June 9, 2015 – 7 pm

There being no further business to come before this meeting it was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul K. Newlin, Clerk

Documents Used at Meeting and are on file in Selectmen's Office

Annual Town Meeting warrant
Library Assistant Job Description
Town of Whately Designer Selection Procedures
Farrick APR paperwork