

**Selectboard  
March 28, 2018  
Town Offices  
Open Session  
6 pm**

The open session of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on March 28, 2018 at 6 pm by the Chair, Frederick Orloski. Present was Selectboard member Joyce Palmer Fortune, Town Administrator Brian Domina and Administrative Assistant, Janet Scully. The Board previously signed the Vendor and Payroll warrants.  
Minutes from March 14, 2018 were approved.

**Comments from the Public** – none

**Scheduled Appointments** – none

**Old Business**

**Town Hall Project Updates** – Work is continuing. Mechanicals and drywall are the majority of the on-going work. There is now less destruction and more construction happening. Bathrooms have been rough plumbed.

**New Business**

**Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Items** – Brian presented the Board with the Finance Committee recommended operating budget for Fiscal Year 2019. The Board recommended the Finance Committee Operating Budget of \$5,049,322 as shown in the Draft Operating Budget #2 (03.28.18) in the meeting materials. The significant cost drivers to the operating budget are increases to SCEMS, Group Health Insurance, Retirement, and Education.

The Board reviewed and recommended the Capital Budget after some discussion over vehicle replacements. The Board recommended that the Rescue and Transport Vehicle be funded out of the Vehicle Stabilization Fund instead of Free Cash. The Board also recommended to transfer an additional \$40,000 from Free Cash to the Vehicle Stabilization Fund.

The Board reviewed and recommended the Miscellaneous Funding Request and account transfers.

The Board reviewed and recommended the CPA items with the exception of a transfer to the Housing Trust pending additional information from the Community Preservation Committee.

Brian reviewed with the Board additional non-financial warrant articles and provided the Board with budget projections for Fiscal Year 2019 based on current state funding projections.

The Board recommended the funding increase to complete the remaining projects at the Town Hall.

**Hiring** – Brian informed the Board that a Highway employee will be leaving his position at the end of April. The Town will be looking to fill that position.

**Town Administrator Updates**

1. The Water Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on April 10, 2018 at 5PM on proposed increases to water rates and fees.
2. An email was received from a town resident with concerns over budget cuts that would impact the ability to use the bus for transportation.  
Can the town join the PVTa? What would the costs be? Brian will look into this after the Town meeting.
3. Blue School proposals are due April 3.
4. Request for Reimbursement for the Williamsburg Road project was signed by the Board.

5. The 32B process for health insurance for union members continues to move forward.

**The agenda lists topics reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting. The chair of the board reserves the right to add items to the agenda that may not be listed here; additionally, members of the board may have unanticipated concerns not listed here that they may bring to the board.**

**Next Meeting Dates**

April 11, 2018

**Annual Town Meeting**

April 24, 2018

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Domina, Town Administrator

**Document List on File in the Selectboard Office**

FY19 Budget Submittals

Legal Notice-Whately Water Commission

3/10/18- email concerning PVTA

3/16/18 NEAgTech

2/28/18 FRCOG Building Inspector