

**Minutes: Board of Selectmen-Open Session
April 9, 2018**

In attendance:

- Board of Selectmen (BOS): John Traynor (JT), Christine Joy (CJ) and Mark Russo (MR)
- Town Administrator (TA): Elizabeth Dennehy joined after attending part of Finance Committee meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by CJ.

UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

- Animal Control Officer (ACO) update-CJ reported Halifax ACO not interested in upcoming opening. BOS will consider advertising open position as well as reaching out to other local ACO's to gauge interest.

BOARD GOALS FOR COMING YEAR

- List reviewed briefly

MINUTES

- Motion by CJ and seconded by JT to accept 4/2/2018 BOS open session minutes as written. VOTE: 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS-6 PM appointment: Linda Leddy-Earth removal bylaw draft

- Linda Leddy joined by Brian Wick, Marta Nover, Rick Burnet to discuss latest draft document. Linda introduced document. Brian discussed exemptions followed by Linda giving overview of protections. Questions and comment from audience and BOS were discussed. Motion by CJ and second by JT to send document to Town Counsel for review. VOTE: 3-0.

UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

- FIRE/EMS shared services training: Interim Fire Chief Phil Curran joined meeting briefly to update on training scheduled for May as well as Sysco training. JT mentioned joint meeting of Fire Department Advisory Committee and Fire Department Technical Committee scheduled for 4/18 and upcoming meeting with Halifax on 4/25.

- Main Street citizen expressed concern about photographer's use of private property as a public way. CJ will explore.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATES

- Preparations for Annual Town meeting: TA discussed preparations for Town Meeting. BOS, Finance Committee, Town Moderator, Town Accountant and TA will meet 4/30 to review warrant. TA will also meet informally with Town Moderator and Town Accountant.
- Special Town Meeting-TA is meeting with Town Accountant to complete Special Town Meeting warrant
- CORI: TA requests time with Town Counsel to clarify protocol concerning CORI checks on existing filled positions not previously CORI checked. Motion to approve time with Town Counsel by CJ, seconded by JT. VOTE: 3-0.
- Old Colony Planning Council meeting: Town needs to explore whether donated land deeds are on file. Also, will need to clarify and refine protocol how to accept land donations
- Meeting with Historical Commission earlier in the evening: discussed upcoming Town Green Gazebo renovation project

CORRESPONDENCE

- Appointment slips signed for newly formed Fire Department Advisory Committee and Fire Department Technical Committee
- Notice from Keolis concerning herbicide application along right of way
- Letter from Jack O'Leary concerning Board of Health and 5-acre septic. TA to circulate letter to BOS and consider meeting with Jack O'Leary.
- 2 dog bite incidents-No incident report from ACO. MR will contact ACO.

UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

- Council on Aging Joy Marble warrant article: Joy Marble joined meeting and presented reasons to consider van purchase. Pros/cons discussed. General agreement this needs further planning and not ready for vote at Town Meeting this year.

MINUTES

- Motion by CJ and seconded by JT to accept 4/3 BOS executive session minutes as amended. VOTE: 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS- 7 PM appointment with Finance Committee (FinCom)

- After a recess awaiting, FinCom joined the meeting.
- FinCom chair Nathaniel Sides presented overview of next year's budget. Total recommended budget is \$10,903,045 which is a 5.3 % increase over last year. The likely tax increase is expected to be 2.5 % or less. Highlights were presented section by section
- BOS voted on their recommendations on each warrant articles to be printed in the warrant.
 - Article 1: No recommendation
 - Articles 2-12: Motion by CJ to recommend, seconded by JT. VOTE: 3-0.
 - Article 13: Motion by CJ to recommend, seconded by JT. VOTE: 2-1
 - Articles 14-16: Motion by CJ to recommend, seconded by JT. VOTE: 3-0.
 - Article 17: BOS decided to wait on voting recommendation of this article until next meeting.
 - Article 18: Motion by CJ to recommend, seconded by JT. VOTE: 3-0.
 - Article 19: Motion by CJ to recommend (subject to confirmation of dollar amount), seconded by JT. Vote: 3-0.
 - Articles 20-23: Motion by CJ to recommend, seconded by JT. VOTE: 3-0.
 - Article 24: Motion by CJ to recommend, seconded by JT. VOTE: 0-3. TA will check with Town counsel to see if article can be removed from warrant.
 - Article 25: Motion by CJ to recommend, seconded by JT. VOTE: 3-0.
 - Article 26: Motion by CJ to recommend (subject to Town Counsel's review of draft), seconded by JT. VOTE: 3-0.

DATES TO REMEMBER-not taken up

RANTS AND RAVES-not taken up

MEETING ADJOIN

- Motion to adjoin at 8:53 PM by CJ, second by JT. VOTE: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Russo