

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**  
**LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

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PRESENT: Leo Janssens II, Chair, Duncan Phyfe, Member, Nick Davis, Clerk, Doug Briggs, Town Administrator, Bill Johnson, Jeff Lawrence, and Sylvia Turcotte, Assistant to the Town Administrator. Also in attendance - Jeff Alberti and Joe Fitzpatrick from Weston & Sampson.

- OPEN THE MEETING

Leo Janssens called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- REVIEW OF PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

Doug Briggs began by stating that the first 8 articles were the consent calendar with the motion to be made by Leo Janssens and the explanation given by Jeff Lawrence, the Moderator.

He then went directly to Article 13, the proposed DPW facility, to review this to accommodate the Weston & Sampson attendees, Jeff Alberti and Joe Fitzpatrick. He noted that Duncan Phyfe would be making the motion on this article and he asked Bob Fichtel to talk about how we got to this point. He noted that Duncan Phyfe would then explain what has occurred since. He also noted that Jeff Alberti from Weston & Sampson would then give a 15 minute presentation. Mr. Briggs stated that the vote on Tuesday would not include money and the Annual Town Meeting vote would be for the borrowing. He asked if they should go through all the process even if it doesn't pass on Tuesday.

Leo Janssens stated that in his opinion if the ballot question goes down on Tuesday, it would be a waste of time at the Annual Town Meeting. Nick Davis stated that they should still explain it at the Town Meeting and how it would help to generate business. Duncan Phyfe stated that if it fails they should still have the presentations as planned to show the work that was put in to this. Doug Briggs stated that they will eventually have to put some money in our present DPW because we will have to bring it to code, probably \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Bill Johnson stated that this will still be a significant problem and they should take the 15 minutes to inform the voters. He added that if it fails, they should bring it back in the fall as we have to do something. He stated "if not now, when"?

Nick Davis stated that the problem won't go away and it would mean a nicer downtown area with more businesses.

Bill Johnson stated that the property we bought was the first step. Duncan Phyfe stated that we still should go forward but maybe cut the presentation down. He stated that they should leave the slides of the existing building and not so many of the new facility. Doug Briggs stated that they will make it a 10 minute presentation and Mr. Janssens stated that any questions after the presentation would be asked through the Moderator. The Board of Selectmen was in agreement with this scenario.

Doug Briggs noted that in the Advisory Board handout everyone should familiarize themselves with the numbers and the fact that new growth has been stagnant.

Mr. Briggs went to Article 9 and stated that Bill Johnson would make this motion. Mr. Johnson stated that once he makes the motion he would go back over and embellish on explanations. Jeff Lawrence stated that they would ask for a hold on lines with questions and then Mr. Johnson would explain.

Doug Briggs stated that Bill Johnson would also make the motions for Articles 10 and 11, the water and sewer budgets. He noted that there were twice as many water users and the budgets reflect an increase in the water budget and a decrease in the sewer budget.

Mr. Briggs stated that Bill Johnson would also make the motion on Article 12, the Capital items, as Ron Reed, the Chair of the Capital Planning Committee would not be in attendance. He noted that both Chiefs would be available for any detail questions. Mr. Briggs also noted that we would be trading in two vehicles with the purchase of the DPW truck.

There was a short discussion on future big ticketed items in the Capital Plan and how to plan for these purchases.

Doug Briggs stated that Nick Davis would make the motion on Article 14. He noted that the concrete bench being donated will be placed in Winchester Park and the actual site would be determined by the Parks & Recreation Committee and the DPW along with the family.

He stated that Article 15 would be Marshall Dennis and noted the map in the Advisory Board handout. He added that the land is donated and would be under the control of the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Briggs noted that the motion would be made by Leo Janssens on Article 16. He stated that this was a small 7500 foot strip of land and that we would look to do an auction next fall to sell it. Leo Janssens asked if in lieu of an auction, we might accept sealed bids and Mr. Briggs stated that it would be another way to go. It was noted that the "right of way" would go to parcel 19.

It was noted that Skip Nolan would make the motions for both Article 17 and 18. Mr. Briggs stated that Article 17, the marijuana bylaw would need to be set in order to regulate it but that it can be changed at the Special Town Meeting in the fall if need be. He noted that the new solar bylaw would set the ground rules and that both Stan Herriott and Mark Carlisle reviewed this.

Mr. Briggs stated that both Article 19 and 20 would be presented by a petitioner and he wasn't sure who would be the presenter.

He stated that Bill Johnson would make the motion for Article 21 if it is required in case any capital items fail. He stated that they would probably pass over this article.

- ADJOURNMENT

***At 7:10 p. m. Duncan Phyfe motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Leo Janssens.  
Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Turcotte  
Assistant to the Town Administrator