

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.  
TRAINING ROOM – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

This meeting was aired live and taped for local television.

PRESENT: Duncan Phyfe, Chair, Leo Janssens II, Member, Kyle Johnson, Clerk, Doug Briggs, Town Administrator, and Sylvia Turcotte, Executive Assistant.

I. SALUTE THE FLAG

Duncan Phyfe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT           None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

***Kyle Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Leo Janssens. Motion carried.***

IV. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS   None

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of Special Town Meeting held on October 27, 2015

Leo Janssens stated that there was a good turnout at the meeting and no item was controversial. He added that they should open the Special Town Meeting with a short presentation to explain free cash. Kyle Johnson stated that he agreed with this and being more organized, such as microphones for the audience. He noted that the explanations in the warrant were good.

B. Vote – Water Line Replacement Project Loan Closing

Doug Briggs stated that we will be finalizing the loan for the Water Line Replacement Project on November 10<sup>th</sup> and that the Board will need to take one more vote as well as sign the final documents. ***Kyle Johnson made the motion “to approve the issuance and details of the \$1,418,000 Water Bond of the Town to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, and take any action in connection therewith”. Leo Janssens seconded and the vote was unanimous.***

VI. NEW BUSINESS           None

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

Doug Briggs began by stating that he met with Joe McPeak from Cushing regarding future plans for paving of Pleasant Street. They wanted to discuss this again as they are planning an early fall completion of their new sports complex and they wanted to know how that would tie in with our paving program.

He stated that he received a call from Superintendent Mazzola about the ensuing budget season and it was a good discussion.

He noted that he also met with Jamie Piedrafite regarding a preliminary review of the FY17 Capital Plan. He noted that now that we didn't get the fire engine grant, it will need to be discussed as to how to proceed. He stated that he would set up a meeting.

Mr. Briggs stated that he would be attending a meeting with Edd Byrnes, Gary Mazzola, and Karen Murphy regarding the health insurance issue which would be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

He stated that everything has been sent to the state to get our tax rate certified which we are several weeks ahead of last year and will hopefully receive it in early November.

Mr. Briggs stated that Linda Ramsdell, our Town Clerk has retired after almost 30 years with the Town. He noted that she did a great job for us and will be missed. He also noted that Michelle Johnson is our new Town Clerk and Jackie Osolin is replacing Michelle as the COA Director. He added that today is their first day.

He stated that Tyler Wolanin, District Director, from the office of Senator Gobi, will hold office hours in the Center Meeting Room at Town Hall on Monday, November 23, 2015 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The topic of the Public Hearing on the intersection of Williams Road, Corey Hill Road and Route 101 was then discussed. Daniel and Lesa Bourgeois of 1 Center Street were in attendance and stated that they were willing to help out in any way possible to make the intersection safer without the 4-way stop proposed by the MassDOT. Doug Briggs stated that he spoke with Larry Barrett, Steve Nims and Mike Rivers and they all agreed that the proposed fix by MassDOT was not reasonable and wouldn't solve the problem. He stated that the three of them have come forward and will look to fix this situation and he added that he would like to give them the opportunity to come up with an alternative plan, working with the abutters. Mr. Briggs stated that the Town wasn't stuck with this project proposal which would cost the Town. He noted that he contacted Senator Gobi to intervene in order to avoid any repercussions with the paving of 101 when the time comes, if we turn down the intersection proposal. Kyle Johnson noted that he was onboard with giving the Department Heads a shot as they MassDOT proposal is not right.

Mr. Briggs stated that he has been working on the exclusion of two and a half ton vehicles on Russell Hill Road and noted that he sent out all the necessary paperwork to the Board for review. Kyle Johnson stated that it was nice to protect our investment.

#### VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### A. October 19, 2015 Minutes – Regular Meeting

***Leo Janssens motioned to approve the minutes of October 19, 2015 and was seconded by Kyle Johnson. All in favor.***

IX. BOS CORRESPONDENCE           None

#### X. NOVEMBER MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kyle Johnson read the following scheduled meetings:

- November 3 – 7:00 p.m. – 250<sup>th</sup> Committee – Lower Level Meeting Room at Town Hall
- November 10 – 6:00 p.m. – Water/Sewer Comm. – Lower Level Room at Town Hall
- November 11 – VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
- November 12 – 6:30 p.m. – Planning Board – Lower Level Meeting Room at Town Hall

Kyle Johnson then began the announcements by noting the many openings on Boards and Committees as follows:

- (1) Conservation Commission
- (1) Council on Aging
- (2) Historical Commission
- (1) Trust Fund Commission
- (1) Parks and Recreation Committee

Town Clerk Reminders:

- January 1<sup>st</sup> and on – Open registration of voters at the Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 32 Main Street, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday.

The next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Training Room at the Public Safety Building.

XI. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT (5 minute limit)                      None

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION    Not required.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

***At 6:50 p.m. Leo Janssens motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Kyle Johnson. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Turcotte  
Executive Assistant