

Select Board Members Present:

Joseph Michaud-Chairperson
Diane Gilbert
Nathalie L. Dias

Robert W. Carney, Vice-Chairperson
William J. Trimble

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2009 in room 304.

Board members signed the **warrant(s)** for the following bills from various departments in the amounts of:

\$ 882,301.83	PR30	\$ 392,804.46	PD0931	\$ 471,464.82	S0923
\$ 118,554.52	T0932	\$ 882,518.93	PR29	\$ 395,520.22	PD0930
\$ 7,662.40	P0931	\$ 121,382.34	S0931	\$ 159,533.19	T0931

5:00/Presentation by David Hickox, Director of Department of Public Works and the Board of Public Works re: Budget 2010 and Consolidation discussion.

David Hickox, Director of Department of Public Works gave a power point presentation on the 2010 budget and consolidation. Mr. Hickox covered the following:

Budget Comparison, Organizational Chart, Services and Infrastructure, Dartmouth Curbside Recycling and tonnage figures. Mr. Hickox stated the Department of Public Works currently has 75 employees. He mentioned the numbers supplied for 2009 have a 15% budget reduction.

In closing, Mr. Hickox suggested the Board vote on the level funding for the Construction and Highway Division.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney and seconded by Selectperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to level fund the Construction and Highway Division.

Massachusetts Municipal Associations Conference report from Select Board members Nathalie L. Dias and Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney.

Selectperson Nathalie Dias briefed the Board on the Massachusetts Municipal Associations Conference. Selectperson Dias explained what booths she attended and

individuals she met. Selectperson Dias discussed the financial challenges other Towns and Cities are having.

New Business:

Regional Summit Meeting on February 10, 2009 at Apponequet High School at 6:00 p.m.

The Chairperson announced the Regional Summit Meeting will be held on February 10, 2009 at Apponequet High School along with other surrounding communities to discuss ways to combine and regionalize to save money and still provide necessary services.

Freedom of Information Request from David L. Vincent.

The Chairperson asked the Executive Administrator the status of the Freedom of Information request from David L. Vincent.

The Executive Administrator responded he is currently working on this issue; however, this is over a four year span. Mr. Gagne stated this is going to take some time.

Federal Stimulus Funding Update.

The Executive Administrator gave an update from Timothy Murray, Lieutenant Governor regarding the Stimulus Package. The Governor writes, "based on the feedback of the Task Force and our current understanding of the stimulus bill, we may need additional information relating to the 180-day 'shovel ready' standard from you about your projects. We believe the 180 days will begin once President Obama signs the legislation and interpret 'shovel-ready' to mean that design and permitting is complete or at least far enough along to allow for construction to begin within the 180 day time frame. In addition, we may need you to prioritize the top 3 projects submitted from your town. I will be in touch again in the coming weeks."

Letter from Jacqueline L. Figueiredo re: interest in unexpired term of late ZBA member Allan Turner.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney and seconded by Nathalie Dias.

Selectperson Diane Gilbert requested to advertise for the vacant position. Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney withdrew his motion.

Review of Pilot agreement regarding a tax exempt institute of higher learning.

Worcester has begun receiving payment in lieu of taxes from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. This is the first time the city has established such an arrangement with a local college or university.

Under the agreement, reached in late November, payments made by the college will help support the Worcester Public Library, which is near the college campus and often used by its students.

Over the next 25 years, payments from the college are expected to total more than \$1.25 million. An initial annual payment of \$50,000 was received in December; the amount, which will increase at a rate of 2.5 percent annually, is based on 20 percent of the assessed value of three tax-exempt buildings on the campus.

On four other buildings that are not tax-exempt, the college paid taxes in fiscal 2008 totaling more than \$171,000.

"We recognize that Worcester is facing financial challenges like most other cities and towns," Charles Monahan, the college's president, said when the agreement was announced on November 26. "This is our way to give something back to the City."

After a motion was made by Selectperson Nathalie Dias and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney it was voted unanimously to have a pilot agreement with the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

The Chairperson mentioned to the Board that as of March 1, 2009 Mr. Edward Iacaponi, Director of Budget and Finance will be the intern Executive Administrator.

Selectperson Diane Gilbert noticed this was not on the agenda and would like to postpone until the next meeting.

Selectperson Nathalie Dias stated to the Chairperson she was not happy how the Board handled this issue. Selectperson Dias stated to the Chairperson, "you should have come before the Select Board before asking Edward Iacaponi."

Chairperson Michaud responded he did not want to put Edward Iacaponi on the spot, but understands her issue.

Minutes:

After a motion was made by Selectperson William Trimble and seconded by Selectperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 22, 2009 workshop and January 26, 2009.

Selectperson Dias requested Selectperson Trimble to make some changes of the Executive Session Minutes of January 5, 2009.

After a motion was made by Selectperson Diane Gilbert and seconded by Selectperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2009 amending the requested changes.

Other Business:

Michael Gagne announced that a presentation by Simon Thomas, President of Atlantic Design Engineers regarding Wind Turbine on Town property is on the agenda for Monday February 9, 2009.

The Executive Administrator mentioned meeting with several departments regarding the merging and consolidation, Board of Health, Conservation and Park Department.

In another matter Mr. Gagne would like to put the Fire District on the agenda to discuss the analysis.

Mr. Iacaponi announced the Tax Title Auction will be held on February 27th.

Selectperson Trimble announced that the Lacrosse tryouts will be held on Sunday in New Bedford on Nash Road.

Selectperson Gilbert recognized William O'Connor, praising him for his service in the town. Selectperson Gilbert stated "Mr. O'Connor stands out with warmth and willingness to work with everyone."

With no further business to discuss, the Chairperson declared the regular meeting adjourned.

Attest:



Michael J. Gagné, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres