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Select Board Members Present:

Lara H. Stone- Chair
Shawn McDonald -Vice Chair
William J. Trimble-Absent

Joseph Michaud
Michael Watson

The Chair opened the public meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The Chair polled the Board for a roll call vote to convene into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec 21: Chair Stone, yes; Vice-Chair McDonald, yes; Selectman Trimble, yes; Selectman Watson, yes; Selectman Michaud, yes;

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 4, 2013 in room 304.

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

Date	Warrant #	Warrant Description	Amount
2/9/2013	PR32	Payroll Expense	\$975,395.15
2/14/2013	PD13333	Payroll Deduction	\$436,051.13
2/19/2013	D1334	DPW Expense	\$147,161.92
2/19/2013	S1334	School Expense	\$106,154.17
2/19/2013	T1334	Town Expense	\$476,873.36
2/16/2013	PR33	Payroll Expense	\$1,124,031.01
2/21/2013	PD1334	Payroll Deduction	\$481,810.11
2/25/2013	D1335	DPW Expense	\$81,968.27
2/25/2013	P1335	Police Expense	\$22,961.09
2/25/2013	S1335	School Expense	\$34,506.47
2/25/2013	T1335	Town Expense	\$952,244.03
2/23/2013	PR34	Payroll Expense	\$984,529.74
2/28/2013	PD1335	Payroll Deduction	\$440,914.32
3/4/2013	D1336	DPW Expense	\$41,229.71
3/4/2013	S1336	School Expense	\$10,937.05
3/4/2013	T1336	Town Expense	\$116,353.79

I. Appointments:

6:30 p.m. Joint Meeting with the School Committee and Finance Committee

- School Security & Interoperability

- Site evaluations are being performed on School Departments for Security/Safety reasons.
- Best practices system is being set up nationwide between Police Departments in regards to school safety.

- Dartmouth Police Department Staffing

- A staffing request has been submitted by the Dartmouth Police Department.
- Two current vacancies in the Police Department.
- By September Chief Lee will have approximately 6 to 7 vacancies.
- New officers need to be placed in the Academy soon in order to avoid too many vacancies in the winter.
- Chief Lee is upgrading the Command Staff at the Police Department.
- Lieutenants are going to be in Command positions going forward.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud it was unanimously voted (4-0) to approve the temporary position of Acting Deputy Chief to Bob Szala.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the Dartmouth Police Department to send 7 recruits into the Police Academy in September 2013.

- Budget Forecast

- Increased local receipts this year.
- No increase in state aid areas this year to date.
- The focus this year is on financing transportation and improving transportation.
- Greg Barnes and Jim Kiely will look at the model in regards to how revenues are distributed and expenses are allocated out.
- Increase in Motor Vehicle commitment.
- The Town is currently on track with the budget.
- Reserve fund may be needed if we receive any more snow or ice.
- Town Meeting is June 4, 2013.

- Efficiency Study

- The Efficiency Study was supported by the Select Board and school Committee but there is a question on how to fund it.
- The Efficiency Study will look at the government we currently have and try to improve it.
- It was questioned as to whether the Efficiency Study will be put on as an Article for Town Meeting?
- The Boards will revisit the issue of the Efficiency Study at the May 7, 2013 Meeting.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously (4-0) to support the Efficiency Study as a Warrant Article for the Town Meeting.

After a motion was made by Jonathan Schwartz (School Committee) and seconded by Bob Oliveira (School Committee), it was voted unanimously to approve the Efficiency Study as a Warrant Article for Town Meeting.

After a motion was made by Doug Roscoe (Finance Committee) and seconded, it was voted to approve with one opposed, the endorsement of an Efficiency Study Warrant Article for Town Meeting.

- Technology Study

- Two proposals were advertised for this study.
- The Town will utilize UMass students to prepare a Master Plan.
- Using firms that are offering to audit the Towns systems.

- Capital Improvement Projects

- A Capital Improvement plan was submitted by Greg Barnes for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- Items for borrowing will keep the Town in a level debt spending limit.
- The Streetlight Project will be the top project for borrowing.
- The CIP Committee will go over the projects soon.
- The School Department does not currently have a Technology Director and would like to see a full-time position for a director slotted in the future.
- Technological Infrastructure improvement is a project for the School Department.

- Potter School Update

- An Innovation Grant application was submitted for a Master plan and the application was not approved.
- 11 projects were accepted out of 275 and Dartmouth's was not one of them.
- Next Potter School Meeting is March 20, 2013.
- Please register your children for kindergarten early, enrollment is open now.

- Youth Sports Master Plan Update including Skateboard Park

- The Master Plan for youth sports is to improve playing field conditions in regards to Athletic Fields in the Town.
- Less transporting of children between fields.
- Improve field conditions.
- Next Meeting is March 13, 2013.
- Possible Skate Park is being discussed for the old basketball park on Slocum Road.

Attest:



David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

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