

~~December 2, 2013~~



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Select Board Members Present:

Shawn McDonald- Chair
Michael Watson -Vice Chair
William J. Trimble

John George Jr.
Lara Stone

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 McDonald, yes; Vice-Chair Watson, yes; Selectman Trimble, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman George, yes;

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on **December 2, 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
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I. Appointments:

6:30 p.m. Request for Hawthorn Country Club for an extension of hours to their Liquor License from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 2014

- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to approve.*

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

- Stabilization Fund- The Board is asking to continue to fund this account with 7 ½ percent of the General Fund Operating Budget.
- ***After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to approve.***
 - Free Cash-The Board is asking to keep the current 2 ½ to 5 percent of the General Fund Revenue. The language on this will be clarified.
 - Gatsby 45-
- ***After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it voted with opposition (4-1) to approve funding for new positions created.***
 - CIP- The Board will continue to be involved in this process due to the fact that we co-sponsor their articles.
 - Financial Forecast- Greg Barnes has put together a look ahead to the financial future of 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
 - Budget Process- We have asked the School to try to set the budget a little bit sooner this coming year and they have said they can move it ahead one month. The proposed public hearing date for the School is March 11, 2014, then seven days after that they will vote on it.
 - Town Priorities-

GIS Coordinator
Library Hours
Animal Control
Computer Services
Park Maintenance
Public Staffing
Additional Hours to the Clerk's Office

Efficiency Study Recommendations
Economic Development
Elected Official Stipend
Centralized Maintenance Facility
Turf Fields
Police Staffing

7:30 p.m. Hearing-Tax Classification

Chairman Opened Hearing

Chairman Closed Hearing

Richard Goncalves, Administrator of Assessing, gave his report to the Board. The Board will be unable to make a final vote on the tax table due to a glitch in the DOR Office. We will hold a meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M. in room 304.

We also heard from Roy Nascimento from the New Bedford Chamber of Commerce representing the small and medium size businesses in Dartmouth.

8:00 p.m. Public Hearing-N-Star Petition for 1 proposed conduit on Ledgewood Blvd.

Chairman Opened Hearing

Chairman Closed Hearing

- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to approve.*

8:03 p.m. Application of SMUSERV, Inc. d/b/a UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Rd for a Change of Manager.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to approve pending issue from the Police Chief.*

8:05 p.m. Application of Bliss Express, Inc., 627 Dartmouth St for a request to increase the number of cars on lot from four to eight

- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone it was unanimously voted to approve.*

II. New Business:

- A. Commercial Auto Policy Return Premium- Due to downsizing our municipal fleet, we have received a rebate of \$8,653.00 from our insurance policy.

- B. Local Receipts- The first quarter is pretty close to what we projected.
- C. Extended Hours for Kohl's and Toys R Us- They are asking the Boards permission to be open from December 20th until the 24th.
- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to approve.*
- D. Use Variances- Planning Board is asking the Select Board to co-sponsor and article for the Spring Town Meeting prohibiting use variances in residential areas. The Board is split on this issue and will ask Planning Board for more information.
- E. Equipment Trades- Tim Lancaster from the Park Department would like the Board to agree to send two tractors to be added to a surplus trade in for a new tractor.
- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to approve.*
- F. Letter of Support Requiring Escort Tugs and Local Pilots
- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to approve.*

III. Old Business:

- A. Cecil Smith/Mary Robinson Landfill- There isn't any new information at this time.

- B. Charter Revision- The Board is discussing placing a non-binding question on the April ballot. The question on the ballot would ask for all the Department heads to report to the Selectboard. At this time we have 8-9 departments running separately and we would like to focus on a more cohesive unit.

IV. Minutes:

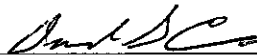
V. Announcements:

Next Meeting will be December 11, 2013 to continue the Tax Classification.

Next Regular Meeting will be December 16, 2013.

- *After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.*

Attest:



David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

Transcribed by: Christine Amaral