



Town of Dartmouth
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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 **February 24, 2014** in room 304.

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

| | Warrant | Description | Amount |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2/8/2014 | PR32 | Payroll Expense | \$1,037,600.88 |
| 2/13/2014 | PD1433 | Payroll Deduction | \$445,068.04 |
| 2/18/2014 | D1434 | DPW Expense | \$231,169.15 |
| 2/18/2014 | P1434 | Police Expense | \$21,092.20 |
| 2/18/2014 | S1434 | School Expense | \$163,831.49 |
| 2/18/2014 | T1434 | Town Expense | \$507,248.51 |

I. Appointments:

6:30 p.m. SEEAL- Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance is starting a program called the South Coast Energy Challenge. This is a community-bases program that educates and informs Dartmouth residents about the benefits of residential solar power, the incentives available and the range of financial options available this year. The programs timeframe will be late March until July 31, 2014. They will host several community events, including workshops, solar tours and an energy fair.

6:40 p.m. A Right to Farm Community Sign- The Dartmouth Agricultural Commission is proposing the posting of a "Dartmouth, A Right To Farm Community" sign.

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

6:45 p.m. Bond Signing- the Towns Bond Rating has gone from an AA to an AAA. This is the highest level that an organization can be rated. Dartmouth has a strong institutional framework, and it has been a group effort.

- *After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone, and seconded by Vice Chair Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to approve this motion which reads the following:*

Voted: that the sale of the \$3,381,626 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2014 Bonds of the Town dated February 15, 2014 (the "Bonds"), to Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc. at the price of \$3,588,361.47 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on February 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 2015 | \$371,626 | 2.00% | 2020 | \$325,000 | 3.00% |
| 2016 | 355,000 | 2.00 | 2021 | 325,000 | 4.00 |
| 2017 | 355,000 | 2.00 | 2022 | 325,000 | 4.00 |
| 2018 | 345,000 | 2.00 | 2023 | 320,000 | 2.50 |
| 2019 | 340,000 | 3.00 | 2024 | 320,000 | 2.50 |

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated February 5, 2014, and a final Official Statement dated February 12, 2014 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to review and update the Town's post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

Dated: February 24, 2014

Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

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- 6:47 p.m. Aquaculture Committee- the Town of Dartmouth seeks The orderly development of an Aquacultural Industry within Town Waters. Private Aquaculture is a means to continue the long standing tradition of protection and enhancement of the shellfish resources of the town while reviving the commercial potential for local shellfish food sources in Dartmouth Waters. There are regulations from the state that we would have to adopt. We will make a decision at the next meeting, March 10, 2014.
- 7:00 p.m. Padanaram Charrette Report – The committee had a meeting with with great participation, some suggestions include:
1. Enhancing the street scape.
 2. Enhancing the pedestrian access and crossing at the bridge.
 3. Improve the intersection at Elm Street.
 4. Better pedestrian crossings.
 5. Extend sidewalks extend to the South & North.
 6. Parking – amenity and design features.
 7. Public access to the waterfront.
 8. Improve neglected properties.

We will schedule a meeting with the business owners and residents to outline our next steps. Deborah Wender is also working with a professor at Umass Amherst, to have his class participate in a workshop to help us help us solve some of the issues at Padanaram Village.

7:15 p.m. Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals- We have two very qualified applicants.

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

7:20 p.m. Three Tier Tax Rate- Richard Gonsalves, Administrator of Assessing, informed the board that under Mass Taxation Law, we need State Legislation to have an Amendment and the Delegation support a Three Tier Tax Rate. Then that amendment would have to be approved through the House and Senate. Town Administer, David Cressman, will send a letter to Senator Montigney and Representative Markey asking then to start the process to file legislation to untie our hands.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Vice Chair Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to approve the forming of a Committee consisting of Selectman John George Jr., Richard Gonsalves and three residents to discuss the Three Tier Tax Rate and any other issues that develop because of it.*

II. New Business:

A. Renewal Application for Richard Moniz as Constable.

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

B. Dispose of Vehicles- Police Department would like the Boards permission to dispose of two vehicles that were obtained as drug forfeitures.

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

- C. Traffic Improvements to the intersection of Cross Road and Old Westport Road- There is proposal to do some improvements to that intersection due to the suns glare affecting the sight of a crosswalk. This was brought to our attention from a citizen and also a strategic report from the Chancellor's Office.
- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to send a letter of support.*

III. Old Business:

- A. Littering- Chief Lee has conducted an inquiry into littering violations and found they haven't issued one in quite some time. They will start paying closer attention to some of the more prevalent areas. Also the Building Department will be contacting people that have been hanging signs on telephone poles.
- B. Efficiency Study-
1. Developmental Process Consolidation- This would be to consolidate the office space needed in Town Hall; it will take time and a physical plan.
 2. Continuous Unified Permit Management System- The Town has been in a study for the past year, we are hoping to purchase a new system and implement this by June 30, 2014.
 3. Performance Measures- We have been involved with DartStat for the past 2 years, it would be redundant to start a similar study.
- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to submit and article for the June Town Meeting to have an Office Planner/Architect perform a study.*
 - *After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to reject comments 1 and 2, and consolidate all our strategy work and economic development studies in one place.*

- C. Cecil Smith/ Mary Robinson Landfill- We received a letter from Wendy Henderson, at the Board of Health, telling us that she forwarded our memo over to the DEP regarding the animals present on the site and the Town's concerns. We have a tentative date of March 7, 2014, for a meeting with the DEP Commissioner.
- D. Charter Revisions- At the last meeting the Board agreed to work on wording for a question to be put on the April Ballot.
"Should department heads of the Town of Dartmouth report to the Select Board for administrative purposes only, while still following the policy guidelines established and under the purview of their individual boards, commissions and committees."
- *After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to accept this wording and place the question on the April ballot.*
- E. M.G.L. c.61A- Lugardi Property- this will be tabled until March 10, 2014.
- F. Traffic Issues- the report was not available earlier therefore, this item will be discussed at the next meeting on March 10, 2014

IV. Minutes:

Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2014, January 13, 2014 and January 27, 2014

- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson, and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes.*

V. Announcements:

SURVEY

For the third year in a row we have a survey up on the town's website. It will be there until March 28, 2014. Please take the time to fill it out; this is how we find out how the residents view are services.

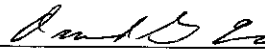
DCTV

DCTV is having a meeting for volunteers to join and help out with the 350 events March 5, 2014.

350 GALA

March 22, 2014, at the Hawthorn Country Club We would love to see our residents support this event.

Attest:



David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

Transcribed by: Christine Amaral