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Present: Christine Muir, Kieran Meehan, Bob Nelson, Harold Simmons, Leo Tometich, Adria Fischer  
Also attending: Town Administrator Tracey Hutton

Board of Health

Board of Health Chair Maria Amodei presented the Advisory Board with updates regarding curbside pick-up in Dunstable. At this time, the BOH budget is based on closing the transfer station and adopting a contract with a private hauler. The BOH has received estimates from a few private haulers based on various numbers of customers: one hauler's estimate is within the desired range. A town-wide contract is not viable at this time because of the impact to the tax rate. At this time, it is anticipated that the BOH will handle the billing because it reduces the cost of the contract. The BOH also expects the town to purchase the trash and recycling carts because the cost is lower than it would be for the private hauler and we can use grant money to cover about half the cost. There is some concern from the Advisory Board regarding the storage and maintenance of the carts. Tracey will prepare a new budget spreadsheet for the Advisory Board that includes the costs of changing to curbside pick-up. The next BOH meeting is on 3/6 at 6:30 p.m. with the Board of Selectmen.

Water Department Update

Tracey has been working closely with the Water Department and DEP to upgrade our infrastructure. It has been determined that the town should use an atmospheric tank (not hydro-pneumatic) and that the land donated for the public safety building is an ideal location. The project is progressing well but shovel-ready construction plans will not be ready for the May Annual Town Meeting. We are probably looking at a Special Town Meeting in the fall to vote on construction plans and costs. Tracey said there will be a debt service charge to water users to help cover the costs, in addition to the town-wide debt exclusion.

MSBA Feasibility Study

The Advisory Board still has questions about the feasibility study proposed by GDRSD to review the construction of a single elementary school for both towns. Tracey will compile a list of specific questions and send to GDRSD. This board expects the Superintendent to be the primary driver of this project. There will be a joint board meeting and public input session on Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at Swallow Union.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.