

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Martin Crowley, Chairman; David Sheedy, Clerk; William Dowling; George Samia, Town Administrator and Cathy Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Open Forum opened by the Chairman.
No one present
Open Forum closed by the Chairman

Action Item

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the Monday, May 12, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the awarding of contracts to the bidders under the SERSG Water & Sewer Treatment Chemical IFB for a twelve month period commencing 7/1/14.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the awarding of a contract for Paper Supplies to W.B. Mason Co., Inc., for a twelve month period commencing 7/1/14

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the awarding of contracts to the bidders under the SERSG DPW Supplies IFB for a twelve month period commencing 7/1/14

Budget Presentation

Fire Chief Timothy Harhen was present to present the Board and the residents the Fire Department's FY15 Budget.

Appointment

Senator Thomas Kennedy and Representative Geoffrey Diehl were present at the Board's request to receive commendation for their efforts in the successful outcome to a request of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for road improvements for Route 18 from Whitman Street to Central Square.

Reminders

Hazardous Waste Day

May 31st 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the G.W. Mitchell Middle School

Drug Awareness Community Out Reach Night

May 21st 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. @ Community Center at Sachem Rock

Recycle Program

Please be advised that to opt-out of the recycle program for FY 2015 you must notify the DPW office by June 15, 2014 to avoid being charged in November, 2014.

Budget Presentation

Police Chief John Cowan was present to present the Board and the residents the Police Department's FY15 Budget.

Budget Presentation

DPW Director John Haines was present to present the Board and the residents the DPW FY15 Budget.

Appointment

Robert Looney, Town Moderator and Dina Livingston, Town Clerk was present to go over the Articles on the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants, explaining the votes needed for each article.

Board Discussion

Chairman Crowley gave a budget update and follow up on revenues as well as a prospective on spending; specifically on spending going forward. Chairman Crowley explained the three revenue sources of the Town as property tax levy, net State Aid and local receipts and explained that there were cuts in State Aid and decreases in local receipts that have not picked back up and further explained that increases in the budget are going to be funded by property taxes out of tax payers pockets. Chairman Crowley gave a prospective on the rate of growth in budgets in town and explained that under the Proposition 2 ½ cap, budgets growth should not go beyond the 2 ½ %; that any changes in budgets will cause increases in portions of the budget which will result in decreases in other budgets. Chairman Crowley announced generating revenue projects that are in place, such as changes in the Health Insurance (GIC) as well as the Solar project, which will generate revenue and help offset increases in electricity due to technology usage in new buildings in town.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Crowley, Sheedy, Dowling; a unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen