

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Open Forum**

Open Forum opened by the Chairman.

Fire Chief Timothy Harhen and Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Edward Gardner were present to update the Board and the community on the concern of snow on roofs of the Town owned buildings. Chief Harhen and Mr. Gardner ensured the Board that all buildings have had numerous inspections and are, at this time, safe and would continue to be monitored for unsafe levels of snow.

Chief Harhen gave an explanation of why and where the Town's emergency shelters are located and the best alternatives when needed.

Open Forum closed by the Chairman

### **Action Items**

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Nikole Kelleher of the E.B. Arts Council for use of Town Common on June 13, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Arts Festival.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the SERSG Procurement for DPW Services for 2015.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Diane Kennedy Warkel as the Board of Selectmen's official Function Coordinator for the Center at Sachem Rock effective immediately.

### **Town Administrator Report**

George Samia, Town Administrator reported on an article in the Brockton Enterprise with regards to the Town Clerk, Dina Livingston, along with Susan Gillpatrick conducted a lesson on voting Mrs. Cowan's first grade class at the Central School, with the children voting on the shape and color of the upcoming dog license tags. Ms. Livingston stated the children really enjoyed the process.

Mr. Samia gave a presentation on the status and history of the Town's Stabilization Fund and Capital Stabilization Fund. Mr. Samia explained that, a while back, the State allowed cities and towns to set up additional stabilization funds and that the Town, at Town Meeting, set up a Capital Stabilization Fund. Mr. Samia explained that when town's get into financial trouble, infrastructure, vehicles, buildings, are neglected and further explained that the Capital Stabilization Fund is used for such projects, without having to take from towns department budgets. Mr. Samia gave a presentation on the Town's 2015 Debt Service section of the budget, explaining the \$4,852,049.61 in payments are spit up into three separate categories: All Other Departments, making up 17% of the payments, School Department, making up approximately 78.63% and WPAT Loans making up 4.3% of the Town's Total Debt Service budget

Ms. Theresa Maltz was in the audience and inquired about the Town having, specifically the departments, a five year Capital Plan for spending. Mr. Samia explained many department heads have 5 year spending plans, such as the DPW for trucks, the Fire Department for trucks, the Police Department patrol

cars, as well as other large items needed. Mrs. Samia further explained that the department heads submit requests for capital projects yearly, which are reviewed by the Capital Planning Committee, for placement and approval at the Town's Annual Town meeting, with funding which is available and ones that are not funded, coming back to the Committee in the following year.

Chairman Crowley announced the concern of past Boards of Selectmen regarding the lack of maintenance in all the Town's assets and that the public spoke loudly and clearly, demanding a promise that if they pay for it, the Town must maintain it.

Mr. Samia informed the Board that Treasurer/Collector Erica Flemming will attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting with a representative of OPEB, to give a presentation on OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) and the Town's responsibility to fully fund its share.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

  
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Clerk  
Board of Selectmen