

**Selectmen's Executive Session Minutes  
Teachers' Lounge, Essex Elementary School, Story Street**

**May 7, 2018**

Present: Chairman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Selectman David A. Doane, Selectman Andrew C. Spinney, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, Town Counsel Gregg Corbo, and Selectmen's Assistant Pamela J. Witham.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:26, citing the need to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property relative to a possible future site for a public safety facility, the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session. She stated that discussing this matter in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's negotiating strategy, and invited the Town Administrator and Town Counsel to attend the Session. She also stated that the Board would be returning to Open Session to finish the remaining items on their agenda before adjourning to the Annual Town Meeting. The motion was moved, seconded, and following a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board, their Assistant, the Town Administrator, and Town Counsel moved to Executive Session. Tina Lane left the meeting.

*Purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property relative to a possible future site for a public safety facility:* Potential Town Meeting talking points containing specific facts and figures associated with the Village property valuation process were discussed. Since this information had heretofore not been publicly discussed, it was necessary for the Board to discuss its release. The Board weighed the potential release of information for the benefit of the Town Meeting against its need to potentially continue to protect its negotiating position after Town Meeting. After deliberation, the Board felt that release of the information was essential to an informed Town Meeting vote. As such, a motion was made and seconded to release specific information as included in the talking points document, which is attached hereto. The motion was unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Town Counsel advised the Board that any motion from a Town official to take Article 15 before Article 14 could be construed as a breach of contract concerning the Village purchase. The Board agreed, and, also resolved to oppose any such motion if made by any Town Meeting member.

There being no other business requiring an Executive Session, a motion was made and seconded to return to Executive Session. Following a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board, their Assistant, the Town Administrator, and Town Counsel returned to Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew C. Spinney