

Selectmen's Minutes
Teachers' Lounge, Essex Elementary School

May 4, 2015

Present: Chairman Jeffrey Jones, Selectman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Selectman Susan Gould-Coviello, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, Selectmen's Assistant Pamela J. Witham, Attorney Gregg Corbo, and Regina Villa.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge at the Essex Elementary School on Story Street and announced that the Board would hear Public Comment. No one offered any comment.

Mr. Zubricki began his presentation of the Town Administrator's Report for the period April 24th through May 1st, 2015, regarding the following:

Update Concerning Potential Switch to LED Street Lights: Mr. Zubricki reported that the cost to purchase the Town's existing streetlights from National Grid is still \$13,000. He said that our energy supplier has predicted that it will cost the Town more money during the first four years of operation than currently, which includes buying the lights and switching them to LEDs. The second four years plus two years thereafter, there will be an increased savings. After ten years, the equipment will have reached its life expectancy and the Town will need to begin replacing it. The Selectmen asked if it would be possible to switch the streetlights to LEDs without purchasing them and Mr. Zubricki said he would find out. Mr. Zubricki will have a 20-year cost analysis for the Board at the next meeting.

Final Town Meeting Motions: Mr. Zubricki briefly reviewed each of the motions for the articles on tonight's warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

On another matter, Mr. Zubricki reported that he has forwarded the amended plans of the Essex River encroachments prepared by GZA to the Army Corps of Engineers and Senator Moulton's Office. Congressman Moulton has forwarded a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers requesting the provision of drafting services for legislation needed to realign the channel.

In other business, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the weekly warrant in the amount of \$173,151.92.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes for the Selectmen's April 27, 2015, Open Meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to reappoint Trescott DeWitt to the Board of Public Works for a term of three years. The Selectmen signed the appointment card.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the MIA Property and Liability and Workers' Compensation program for FY 2016.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to waive the application filing deadline and approve a Commercial Clamming Permit for Leonidha Xhalia, pending receipt of a letter of explanation for missing the filing deadline.

The Selectmen were reminded that their next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, May 18, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the TOHP Burnham Library on Martin Street.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Those present moved to the Gymnasium to participate in the Annual Town Meeting commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Documents used during this meeting include the following: None.

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Lisa J. O'Donnell