

**Selectmen's Executive Session Minutes
Town Hall Auditorium, 3rd Floor, 30 Martin Street**

March 26, 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 8:17 p.m., citing the need to discuss collective bargaining strategy concerning the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Essex Police Benevolent Association; and, the possible purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property relative to a future site for a public safety facility; the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session. She stated that discussing these matters in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's bargaining and negotiating strategies, and invited the Town Administrator and Town Counsel to attend the Executive Session. She also stated that the Board would only be returning to Open Session to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved and seconded. 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.

Collective bargaining strategy concerning the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Essex Police Benevolent Association: TEXT REDACTED.

Purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property relative to a possible future site for a public safety facility: Mr. Zubricki said that the property appraisal of the Village restaurant property had come in lower than expected and a meeting has been scheduled and posted for Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. for the Finance Committee, the Building Committee, and the Board of Selectmen to discuss the appraisal and ask again, based on the new information, for a vote of support from each of the three groups for the purchase of the property for \$2.4 million. The agreement with the sellers of the property requires a supporting vote from all three groups. The Board was in agreement and a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to support the purchase at \$2.4 million. Selectman Spinney said that he would not be able to attend the Wednesday meeting. Discussion followed regarding options in the event that the other two committees do not vote to support the purchase. A motion was made, with the assistance of Town Counsel, to authorize the Chair to share the appraisal with the sellers and to negotiate to either agree to a lower purchase price with support from all 3 groups or waive the 3 group support requirement.

Those present discussed the proposed ballot language and articles relating to acquisition of the Village property that would be included on the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Zubricki will now revise the warrant. Based on the results from the Wednesday meeting of the three groups, the Selectboard will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday to review and sign the revised warrant.

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There being no further business before the Board requiring an Executive Session a motion was made and seconded to return to Open Session. Following a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board, their Assistant, the Town Administrator, and Town Counsel returned to Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Andrew C. Spinney