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**-PRESENT:** L.M. Smith, Chairman; J.E. Ziolkowski, Vice Chairman; R.P. McDermott, Selectman; L.A. Ruest, Town Administrator; S.H. Ayer, Secretary  
School Board members; Planning Board members C. Brown, T. Santora, S. Hanson, L. Brown-Kucharski

The Chairman opened the meeting and, at the request of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Chairman Todd Santora, moved the first agenda item, the 2017-2022 CIP Plan Presentation, to follow the Solid Waste Ordinance Public Hearing.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$1,435,631**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL WARRANT(S)**

**MOTION:** To approve the following warrants as presented by the Bookkeeper:

Payroll check warrant	#358	\$10,979.07
Payroll check warrant	#359	\$15,513.91
Accounts payable warrant	#542	\$185,597.10
Accounts Payable Warrant	#543	\$37,737.06
Treasurer's Warrant	#18	\$150.00
Treasurer's Warrant	#19	\$5,036.80

**MOTION:** R. McDermott

**SECOND:** J. Ziolkowski

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**2016 PROPERTY TAX RATE \$21.50 – TAX RATE OATH (RSA 75:7):** The Selectmen signed the Tax Rate Oath, acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the 2016 Property Tax Rate of \$21.50 for 2016. L. Smith noted that the rate shows a 72 cent decrease per thousand from 2015.

**REPLY FROM NH DOT RE: RESURFACING OF ROUTE 1 (PROJECT 40424):** The Town had written the NH DOT requesting assistance with four areas of concern along Route 1, asking if they could be addressed during the Route 1 resurfacing project, scheduled to begin in March, 2017. The NH DOT has replied that these requests are beyond the scope of the project.

**OTHER**

**TRICK OR TREAT:** R. McDermott said that input from residents regarding Halloween Trick or Treating showed few incidents, and that people were happy that it was done on the same night as Hampton. He did report seeing people walking on Route 88 in the dark without sufficient flashlights. Police Chief Dirsa said that there may be an education campaign for next year. A reminder is planned to be sent to residents via the website News and Announcements before Halloween next year to remind people to use flashlights and reflective wear.

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TAX WARRANT \$439,933 & ANNUAL REPORT:** L. Smith acknowledged receipt of this report.

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**SELECTMEN'S PERMIT APPLICATION – USE OF TOWN COMMON & BANDSTAND - CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, DECEMBER 2, 2016, 6:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.**

**and**

**SELECTMEN'S PERMIT APPLICATION – RENT OF TOWN HALL**

**BABY SHOWER, DECEMBER 3, 2016 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.:** It was noted that the permit application for December 3 includes a request for use of alcohol in a Town building. There were no questions about the applications.

**MOTION:** To authorize the Chairman to sign approval for both permit applications.

**MOTION:** R. McDermott

**SECOND:** J. Ziolkowski

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**HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED – 2017:** The Selectmen reviewed the listing of holiday dates, and decided to observe New Year's Day on Monday, January 2, 2017, and Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10, 2017.

**2016 TOWN REPORT AND AUDIT DUE DATES:** The Board signed this reminder to Department Heads that the due date for the 2016 Town Report will be Thursday, January 5, 2017, and the due date for the 2016 Audit will be Monday, January 16, 2017.

**GRANGE FAIR, TOWN HALL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016**

**WINTER BAN ON OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING:** After some discussion, the dates for the Winter ban on overnight street parking were set for December 1, 2016 through April 1, 2017.

**MONTHLY REPORTS - SELECTMEN REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**SELECTMAN MCDERMOTT – LIBRARY:** R. McDermott reported that the Library Trustees discussed their budget.

**SELECTMAN ZIOLKOWSKI - PLANNING BOARD, CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** J. Ziolkowski asked Conservation Commission Chairman Shawn Hanson to report on the October meeting. S. Hanson said the Commission had explored projects, including informational kiosks. Trails have been groomed at Marsh Lane.

The Planning Board held a public hearing to change "Outdoor Recreation Facility" to "Non-Private Outdoor Recreation Facility" under Definitions and Table of Uses in the Zoning Ordinance, to clarify the intent of the Ordinance. The Planning Board also proposed changes to the Accessory Dwelling Unit section of the Ordinance, to comply with new State law. The CIP Committee Report was presented to the Planning Board, and after some changes was approved for presentation to the Selectmen.

**SELECTMAN SMITH - SCHOOL BOARD, RECREATION COMM., HERITAGE COMM., TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMM.:** L. Smith reported that the School Board discussed the school renovation project bond, which will go to a Public Hearing on January 12. At the Recreation Commission meeting, it was noted that the Rosa Rugosa bushes have been removed from the fence at

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Governor Weare Park. The fees for use of the fields was updated, and the Christmas tree lighting date was set for December 2 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

L. Smith asked Heritage Commission Chair Beverly Mutrie to report on the October meeting. She noted that they mainly discussed what they would like to promote for the Tricentennial Celebration.

The Town Improvement Committee continued to discuss the possibility of a floating dock at the Depot, the options for improvements to the entrance door to the Town Hall, and issues at the Historical Society Museum.

**VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE, NOVEMBER 11, TOWN COMMON, 9 A.M.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT RELATING TO THIS MEETING'S AGENDA ITEMS:** No comment was heard from the public.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** 10/5/2016 and 10/25/2016

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the October 5 Selectmen's meeting as written.

**MOTION:** R. McDermott

**SECOND:** J. Ziolkowski

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**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the October 25 budget work session as written.

**MOTION:** R. McDermott

**SECOND:** J. Ziolkowski

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**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENTS TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE APPENDIX A – METHODS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES:** L. Smith reviewed changes that are proposed to the Solid Waste Ordinance.

Major changes proposed include:

- Elimination of the requirement for dump permit stickers for Household Waste Collection Days, which currently cost \$30 for 3 years (stickers will be required for participation in Yard Waste Disposal.)
- The amendment of the fee schedule for various items that may be disposed at the Brush Dump.
- The addition to the fee schedule of charges per vehicle size for clean, untreated wood.
- Small amounts of painted or treated wood, which are not accepted by Covanta because they can't be burned, will now be accepted for disposal in a separate dumpster set up for that purpose.
- A new section has been added to the Ordinance, governing the disposal of mercury products and batteries.

The Chairman said that changes to the stickers vs. fees at the dump are an attempt to have the residents who use the dump assist with the expenses

Public comment covered topics of what constitutes household generated trash vs. construction debris, that the vehicle charges are per trip and do not require a dump sticker, and that if a truckload includes items such as propane tanks or tires, these items need to be separated and have a separate fee.

A resident questioned who would monitor the roadways for tires and other items if people dump them thinking they have no recourse. R. McDermott said the Road Agent is diligent about watching for this.

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The question of what can be done with oil paint was raised. At this time, the Town has no way of accepting hazardous waste. Information about alternate options of disposal is available on the Town's website.

S. Hanson asked if going to biweekly pickup of recyclable items has been considered as an option to save money. This can be considered when the current contract expires.

Ed Beattie asked how much over budget the Household Waste Collection is, and was told between \$4,000 and \$6,000 per year. Costs have increased, notably for disposing of wood chips.

B. Mutrie pointed out that the Ordinance still reads that remodeling debris is prohibited. L. Smith said a section will need to be added. There was a discussion of what this can include; small amounts of debris such as a window or a few deck boards are the intention, not large scale remodeling or construction projects.

P. Miller, Pelton Way, commented that the Town will not pick up recycling in that subdivision. She asked if it would be possible for the Town to go onto Pelton Way from Route 1, to enable residents to put bins there and not at a residence on Route 1 as some have been doing. She said there are 16 residents, and they feel that they are paying taxes for a service they do not receive.

L. Ruest said that the reason the Town can't pick up trash or recycling in the Pelton Farms development is that it was created by a Site Plan which requires private onsite trash removal.

J. Lord asked the Board to reconsider the limb size limit for disposal at the Brush Dump of 5 inches in diameter, given on Page 3. He said many limbs that end up at the Brush Dump are larger.

Current dump stickers will be honored until they expire.

The Chairman closed Public Comment at 7:34 P.M.

**MOTION:** To continue the Public Hearing on Amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance to December 7, 2016.

**MOTION:** R. McDermott

**SECOND:** J. Ziolkowski

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**2017-2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN PRESENTATION**

Planning Board and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Chairman Todd Santora presented the recommendations of the CIP for 2017 through 2022.

T. Santora introduced the Committee members and identified the Committee's goals for this evening as addressing School needs and starting a discussion between the Selectmen and the School Board on prioritized spending and fiscal responsibility for the taxpayers.

In a Power Point presentation, T. Santora then went through the requests and recommendations by department. Total Town 2017 CIP requests are \$340,000 and total School 2017 requests are \$431,700 if the School 20- year (+/-) bond passes. Total 2017 School requests if the bond does not pass are \$512,000.

Capital Improvements were identified as projects that are outside normal operations and maintenance costs of a department, cost at least \$5,000, and are non-recurring and have a useful life of at least 3 years. Any project requiring bonding is a Capital Improvement.

Funding requests from all departments were reviewed by the CIP Committee and given ratings on a revamped rating system:

1 – Urgent; 2 – Necessary; 3 – Desirable; 4 – Deferred; 5 – Premature, 6 – Inconsistent; and C – Committed.

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T. Santora presented requests, changes recommended by the Committee, and ratings of projects for each department. The requests of most departments were reduced by the Committee for 2017.

T. Santora said that there had been a lengthy discussion of the School's proposed addition and renovation project. He commended the School Board for including an Option 2 which would cover urgent repairs and maintenance, as well as portable classrooms, in case Option 1 (a 25 year bond) does not pass.

School Board President Mark Lane addressed the Selectmen and public on specifics of the proposals and the overall needs of LAS.

M. Lane stressed that if Option 1 passes, all issues under Option 2 would be covered. He also said that school taxes have gone up because bond proposals have not passed, forcing increases in the maintenance budget. He said that this budget line would be dramatically reduced if the bond passes.

Option 2 was reviewed by line.

In discussion, it was stressed that CIP requests go out 5 years, but the School Option 2 continues in years beyond that.

L. Smith suggested making an estimate for comparison purposes of what the costs over 25 years would be under Option 2 as opposed to the costs of the 25 year bond. It was agreed that this would be difficult to do because of variables, but would be a useful tool. M. Lane said he felt the Town had been done a disservice by only being told the cost of a bond rather than the cost of continuing with Option 2 scenarios.

M. Lane said a school fundraising committee has been formed with a goal of raising up to \$1 million to offset the costs of a bond.

M. Lane also said that designating the gym as a community center would be helpful, but that he wanted it known that this would be a means to an end, and that the real reason for this addition would be space needs of the school.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The proposed use of Comcast franchise fees was discussed, and it was clarified that the suggestion had been made by J. Ziolkowski at a Selectmen's meeting to utilize the funds for all communications in the Town. At the CIP Committee level, it was suggested that this could include electronics in police cruisers.

E. Beattie spoke to the item in the School's Option 2 to add portable classrooms. He said that in his experience at the high school, the usage of portable classrooms is difficult for all concerned, a detriment to the quality of education and the atmosphere of the campus.

M. Lane repeated that Option 2 is not the road the School Board wants to take, but would be better than what they currently have.

A resident said that he was upset the School went for so long delaying necessary repairs, as they are now trying to catch up with things that should have been addressed over the years.

A resident questioned Highway costs the Town may incur as a result of the Avesta project on Brown Road. It was identified by the Town Administrator that Avesta had posted a \$25,000 bond, recommended by the Town, to cover repairs to Brown Road necessary as a result of construction traffic.

The Chairman closed Public Comment.

A draft Warrant will be drafted for review of the Board at a work session set for Thursday November 10 at 9:30 AM.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOVEMBER 2,2016**

**6:30 PM  
TOWN HALL**

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**MOTION:** To adjourn at 8:52 PM.

**MOTION:** R. McDermott

**SECOND:** J. Ziolkowski

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