



**Board of Selectmen
Minutes
Tuesday, March 13, 2012 9:00am
Town Hall Meeting Room**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Chair, Marie Sobalvarro in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Selectmen Marie Sobalvarro, Ron Ricci, Bill Johnson, Peter Warren and Tim Clark were all in attendance as well as the Town Administrator Tim Bragan and Executive Assistant Julie Doucet.

SUPER TOWN MEETING WARRANT

On a Warren/Ricci motion, the board voted unanimously to sign warrant for Super Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 28th for revisions to Devens Reuse Plan.

Related topics discussed:

School contract

Marie Sobalvarro reported the School Committee and MassDevelopment will work on a five year contract. Ricci added all the contract details will be finalized before July 2012. He said School Committee Chair Keith Cheveralls plans to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to accompany the contract and will be presented to the town capturing all the details.

Devens updates

Ron Ricci said areas of interest that have been discussed with MassDevelopment include access to water and sewer infrastructure, affect to our Housing Production Plan throughout Vicksburg Square project and ability for towns to bid on contract for police/fire services. Tim Clark said he too has spoken with Senator Jamie Eldridge and Secretary Greg Bialecki requesting clarity on these issues.

Sobalvarro suggested the BOS prepare a statement in writing for the voters. She recommends the BOS take a position on the proposed project. Clark offered the idea of preparing a statement which includes pros and cons. Peter Warren interjected by stating at the last JBOS meeting it was discussed that each BOS ought to take a roll call vote to show their position. Bill Johnson asked if Trinity had provided a more detailed timeline for the project development. He would like the details to be reviewed with DHCD so they understand how this will affect Harvard's Housing Production Plan. Ricci and Sobalvarro will pursue answers to these questions with MassDevelopment and Trinity.

BRIDGE CLOSURE (RT 110/111) OVER ROUTE 2

Tim Bragan explained Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) contacted the Selectmen's office at 1:00pm on Monday, March 12th stating the bridge would need to be closed immediately due to safety issues. He invited the Police Chief Ed Denmark and Fire Chief Rick Sicard to come forward. Chief Denmark said a conference call was held with Paul Hoey from MassDOT. He said we argued to not close the bridge but were told after a regular scheduled inspection the structure has been deemed unsafe

for vehicular traffic and must be closed immediately. Chief Denmark said they are currently preparing a traffic plan for us to review and once final approval is made the bridge will be closed. They have estimated the construction to take a couple of months. Fire Chief Rick Sicard said all surrounding communities are aware of the situation.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT REVIEW

Tim Bragan provided a draft to the members which they reviewed and provided feedback. Bragan will complete the document with assistance from Town Counsel Mark Lanza. The board will review and approve the warrant at their March 20th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.