

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**JUNE 2, 2010**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

Members Present: Robert Richardson, David Parker, John Whelan,  
Michael Brady, Francis Cavaco

Town Administrator: Michael J. Carroll

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**Update on Central Avenue Project**

Town Engineer David Cabral distributed a portion of the appraisal report. He explained that \$300,000 was set aside for land takings, etc. There are additional landscaping items that are not included. It appears that the cost will be about \$100,000 less than estimated. He said the appraiser has requested an additional 10%.

Mr. Gerard Doherty, Compliance Officer for Mass. Transportation, commended Mr. Cabral. He noted that the entire project is on schedule.

Mr. Cabral said the order of takings cannot be done without Town Meeting vote. He would like to have the entire process completed by the end of July, 2010.

Mr. Parker said he is very pleased to hear that type of report on Mr. Cabral and DPW because a couple of workers had taken a tremendous amount of grief about this project.

Mr. Doherty said that the State is very pleased. This is a TIP. For an investment of about \$200,000, Seekonk will get a \$5M project.

Mr. Cabral distributed a copy of the design schedule for the right of way.

DPW Superintendent Robert Lamoureux noted that the review process was two months ago but they have not received any comments back.

Mr. Cabral said the appraiser did an excellent job. The additional 10% would be about \$2,230. The amount allocated was \$42,000, and the low bid came in at \$22,300.

Mr. Cavaco wanted to review the contract regarding any reference to additional monies.

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Mr. Cabral said the contract included an additional \$250 per parcel. The appraiser was given a schedule on the right of way, but the engineer had not completed the right of way plans on time.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was

**VOTED:** 3 Ayes; 2 Nays; To increase the contract amount by an additional 10% for the appraiser on the Central Avenue land taking as long as it does not exceed \$25,000, including the adjustments.

The vote: Mr. Brady ó Aye; Mr. Parker óAye; Chairman Richardson ó Aye; Mr. Whelan ó Nay; Mr. Cavaco ó Nay.

### **Status Report on FEMA Reimbursements for Road Damage**

Finance Director Bruce Alexander advised that Mr. Lamoureux, Chief Jack, Chief Charron and he met with a representative of FEMA last week. The old town hall is not eligible for reimbursement because it was not occupied at the time. The Fire Department will be reimbursed for the pumps.

Mr. Lamoureux reported that a section of Read Street does not qualify because it was already deteriorated.

Chief Jack said that statistics can be compiled regarding overtime hours, equipment and vehicles used for the period from March 4 to April 26, 2010.

Chairman Richardson asked Mr. Lamoureux about a complaint from a homeowner following the flood. The homeowner has a letter that refers to a 1985 plan approved by the Planning Board that drainage would be installed by the DPW on private property.

Mr. Lamoureux said he was unaware of that. He noted that DPW pumped out that property. He will research the minutes of 1985.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion on RFP for Payroll Processing Services**

Mr. Alexander had information from other towns. He is not sure of the savings yet.

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was

**VOTED:** 4 Ayes; 1 Nay; To send out an RFP for payroll processing services, with returns due 45 days from the date it is sent out.

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The vote: Mr. Brady ó Aye; Mr. Whelan ó Aye; Mr. Parker ó Aye; Mr. Cavaco ó Nay; Chairman Richardson ó Aye.

Chairman Richardson stated that notification had been received from District Attorney Sam Sutter's office that Mr. Gary Sagar had submitted a complaint regarding the action taken concerning the reappointment of Fire Chief Alan Jack. He suggested that Town Counsel write the reply.

Mr. Brady read Mr. Sagar's letter and corrected some of the comments made.

Chairman Richardson said he received a telephone call that the Attleboro Sun Chronicle had received an anonymous set of executive session minutes marked "unedited." He said those should not have been released.

The Chairman said he will review all minutes back to the time he came on the Board. He said that all business should be conducted in open session.

Mr. Brady motioned, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To draft a letter to District Attorney Sam Sutter requesting a state police investigation to determine if someone is hacking into computers in the Board of Selectmen's office.

Mr. Parker noted that about six months ago the Board had discussed a contract in executive session, and immediately after that meeting, the individual knew the contract was renewed.

Mr. Carroll said a local police investigation determined it is not a cyber threat.

The Board talked about eliminating executive sessions.

Mr. Parker advised that he received a complaint about the Board of Health and forwarded it to the Chairman.

Mr. Cavaco inquired about the generator.

Mr. Carroll said that he has not spoken with Mr. Lamoureux. Previously, Mr. Lamoureux had e-mailed that it would cost approximately \$9,000 for a part.

Mr. Cavaco noted that he should not have to ask that question every week. This Board expects answers in a reasonable amount of time or other measures will be taken. He wants information in hard copy ónot e mailed.

He found out that the generator will not work at the Town Hall because it is a single phase building and the generator is three phase.

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The Board felt the generator should be sold.

Mr. Brady and Mr. Cavaco said they would not spend money to put a new boiler in the old town hall.

Chairman Richardson asked for a report on the old town hall and the old school building.

Mr. Cavaco felt the Reverse 911 system should have been used to notify residents of the smoke in the air on Sunday.

### **COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

Mr. McLintock said that he is still waiting for a response on trucks hauling material from the landfill.

Mr. Carroll responded that the FBI got involved but there was nothing to report.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Carroll advised that talent bank forms are available at Town Hall and at Human Services for residents who are interested in serving on the committee for the construction of a senior center. Town Meeting vote authorized the Town Moderator to appoint a seven-member committee. He suggested that the Board meet with the Moderator on July 21, 2010 to discuss a schedule and get appointments made.

The deadline on the grant is December, 2010.

Mr. Carroll distributed copies of the School Committee's response to Mr. Foulkes's questions. Mr. Whelan had been involved in this.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cavaco, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To forward the response received from the School Committee to Mr. Arthur Foulkes via certified mail.

Mr. Carroll said that Mr. Parker and he had prepared a questionnaire on how to get more participation at town meetings. The Board talked about where it should be distributed, such as Town Meeting, library, or sending it home with school children. Reverse 911 was also mentioned.

Mr. Cavaco suggested the first question should be why they don't attend town meeting.

Mr. Carroll had a list of re-appointments to be made.

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The Board wants to interview all candidates. Mr. Brady will ask if they have any objection to being televised.

Mr. Brady suggested that Mr. Carroll contact Mr. John Turner to see if he wants to be reappointed to the Capital Improvement Committee

Mr. Carroll advised that a kick-off meeting is scheduled for discussion on the sign by-laws. There will be three groups of residential, business, and temporary. These groups will be asked to submit draft by-laws by October. The final will be submitted to Town Counsel in December, then submitted to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board for a public hearing and submission at Town Meeting in the spring.

Mr. Carroll advised that the temporary sign moratorium will expire at the end of June.

A public hearing on the School Department budget is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010, at 8 p.m.

The Board will discuss the goals and objectives of Chief Jack and Mr. Lamoureux in open session at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Cavaco, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Whelan, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary