

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016
FY 2017 PUBLIC HEARING

Members Present: David Andrade, David Parker, David Viera,
Nelson Almeida, Michelle Hines

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the shootings in Taunton, MA this week.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Ms. Hines announced that volunteers are needed on the Board of Health (3 Board of Selectmen appointments), Conservation Commission (3 BOS), Economic Development Committee (1 BOS), Historical Commission (2 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (2 BOS), Zoning Board of Appeals (2 BOS), Permanent Building Committee (5 BOS), Recreation Committee (1 BOS), Recycling Committee (1 BOS), and Finance Committee (1 Moderator).

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Andrade stated that the full 14-day advertising period was not met. This Public Hearing provides an opportunity for anyone in the community to ask questions.

He opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Chris Zorra of 28 Colt Drive asked if it would be possible to allocate \$100 so that the moderator could advertise Town Meeting.

Mr. Cadime explained there is sufficient money available that can be used for advertising.

Mr. Zorra had questions about the warrant. He asked about the purchase of town vehicles.

Mr. Cadime advised a Ford Explorer and Ford Escape SUV will be purchased.

Mr. Zorra asked about DPW trucks.

Mr. Cadime said the purchase is for a large dump truck. DPW is trying to replace older vehicles.

Mr. Zorra was disappointed the building at the schools did not make it on the warrant.

Mr. Almeida said that item was attached to a new roof at the middle school.

Mr. David Saad, 129 West River Street, asked what could be done to avoid holding a public hearing a week before Town Meeting.

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Chairman Andrade noted the Board has talked about several options. One is a modification to the Charter – presentation of the Board of Selectmen budget 120 days prior to Town Meeting as well as condensing that so that within 30 to 60 days a presentation of actual costs as well as reimbursements from the state. They expect to have an article ready for the Fall Town Meeting. If passed, it would have to go to the ballot in the spring. He noted it doesn't make any sense to present a budget without actual figures.

He said the Board has had discussions on the budget since February.

Mr. Saad suggested getting e-mail addresses from residents in order to reach out and get more people involved.

Mr. Cadime noted there was a meeting last week even though it was not advertised as a public hearing and he has made presentations to the Board. There were opportunities to view the budget.

Mr. Saad asked about positive and negative comments about location for the cemetery.

Chairman Andrade said it is still under investigation. There have been discussions that the Board is proceeding with this and buying the property. That is not the case. They are looking at alternatives. The warrant article provides the ability to move forward once it is approved.

Mr. Parker said the Board has been talking about the budget for six months. He noted the few people in attendance.

Mr. Viera added that Town Meeting attendance is even worse.

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

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing.

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VOTED: To dissolve the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Parker – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by:

David Viera, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

