

Board of Selectmen
Monday, February 13, 2017
Minutes

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, D. Pierce, S. Patch
Others: Jim Kowaleck, Maryann Kowaleck, Mike Skibiski-Board of Assessors, Teresa Foster-Assessor's Assistant; Susan Warriner-Treasurer/Collector; Wendy Houle-Town Clerk, Gary Briere, Dan Murphy, Linda Lopatka
Behind the Camera: FCAT

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

Budget Hearings:

TREASURER/COLLECTOR: Discussion included rising health care costs, and affordability both to the employees, town and ACA formulas, how affordability is determined. Costs for all software are increasing 5-8%. OPEB recommendation is pending. Mr. Bergeron requested cost of incremental increase for 60% health insurance.

The Board of Selectmen requested departments' breakout software costs and fees from operating budgets.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS: The Board noted their budget is level funded for their stipends, Assistant and expenses. Mayflower services is out for contract bids which are due in March. Water District pays for 30% of costs. The new assessing contract would be 18 months.

TOWN CLERK: Expenses submitted are level funded as well as elections. Due to grant possibilities, archival work has been eliminated from the submitted budget.

Public Records Software has been established which will assist the town with compliance for Public Records Request record keeping.

Personnel Committee is looking at a possible 2% COLA for town employees.

Community Pathways/Complete Streets

Gary Briere, Dan Murphy and Linda Lopatka participated in the discussion as members of the committee. Discussion involved south end of town and why Plumtree Rd is not considered for improvements. It was recognized the challenge to include Plumtree Rd. Most improvements are for the core center of town for ease of maintenance, and transit which makes Plumtree cost prohibitive. Many issues would impact residents in that area. Mr. Fydenkevez reported it takes the highway personnel four hours to clean the current sidewalks in town. Discussion also included possible improvements for School Street, Hadley Road and S. Main Street. Mr. Bergeron MOTION to submit Complete Streets plans as presented and recommended, Mr. Pierce SECOND, Vote 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes of meeting dated February 6, 2017, Second: Mr. Bergeron with amendment to include discussion of pending (Police Union Contract), Vote: 3-0.

Selectmen Updates

- Mr. Bergeron noted Police Negotiations were continuing
- Mr. Bergeron said a meeting with Capital Improvement Planning Committee was scheduled for Wednesday and he was working with Ms. Patch on revenues.
- Mr. Fydenkevez reported he had meetings this week with SCEMS and South County Senior Center.

- Mr. Bergeron Motion to submit proposed changes to bylaws as proposed by the Planning Board re: Zoning Bylaws C40A, §, Mr. Pierce SECOND, Vote 3-0.

Mr. PIERCE MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bergeron SECOND, Vote 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Patch".

Sherry Patch
Town Administrator