

Board of Selectmen
Monday, March 27, 2017
Minutes

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, S. Bergeron, D. Pierce, S. Patch

Others: C. Nietos, G. Briere, D. Murphy, L. Lopatka, S. Snyder, S. Benjamin, G. Gottschalk, M. Shaw, D. Fulton, K. McFarland, H. Graves, K. Hand, L. Starr, B. Barshefsky, L. Carey, P. Cavanaugh, B. DUBY

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Fydenkevez acknowledged the recent passing of Caroline Connelly of Silver Lane. Mrs. Connelly was 98 years old.

Budget Presentations

Fire Chief Steve Benjamin gave a presentation/overview and justification of the capital request for funding for the purchase of a new fire truck. The new truck would replace the 1988 Engine #2 which has a variety of issues that no longer meet NFFA and DOT standards. Refurbished would cost approximately \$250,000 vs. a new truck of \$500,000. Bid process with the FRCOG was performed and only one bid was received. Discussion as to why only one bid was received and noted there is not enough time to rebid the project before Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Bergeron noted he met with the Chief last week to discuss the different options after the bid results were reviewed. Also, discussed were loan options and related interest rates. Chief Benjamin stated new truck would satisfy the department's needs for the next 30 years. This matter was taken under advisement.

Sunderland Elementary School budget

A possible Prop 2 ½ Override for Sunderland Elementary School was discussed. Mr. Bergeron asked for discussion related to new growth revenue. Mr. Fulton stated School Choice was unsustainable driver in growth numbers. Discussion also involved all the reasons for increases, student population and costs. Question was asked what contingency was if override fails.

Community Pathways Committee

Gary Briere discussed several initiatives to improve mobility for the river and boat launch. Committee plans to apply for PARC grant if funds are available but would need a broader master plan but are not requesting funds at this time. PARC grant application would be for \$266,000 with match from CPA for \$136,000. The Committee would like better access and/or separate entrance to alleviate parking issues at the Library, utilizing space for ballfields, walking path throughout park, improved bathrooms, concessions and storage areas and more open space. Mr. Briere asked how improvements would get maintained, such as mowing, etc. and what would make improvements more attractive for all, not just athletics. CPA would not include or cover maintenance costs.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Bergeron to approve the minutes of meeting date March 13, 2017, Second Mr. Pierce, Vote: 3-0.

Selectmen Updates

Updates were given regarding the Police Contract negotiations.

Additional Levy for Capital Stabilization recommendation: Mr. Bergeron Motion \$107,689, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

Mr. Bergeron Motion to accept 2023 Capital Plan as recommended, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.