

Board of Selectmen

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2010

Location: Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street – 2nd floor training room.

Present: Chairman Michael E. Goodwin, Selectman Robert J. Fleming, Selectman Kenneth E. Picard, Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson, and Department Coordinator Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

There are 3 items on the agenda; review of the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) final review of the Special Town Meeting Warrant and update of the West River St athletic field Memorial. The Board will go into executive session later on under M.G.L. c.30A, s21, exception #3.

The Board welcomed DPW Supervisor John Johnson, DPW Consultant Larry Bombara, Bill McGrath, Senior Project Manager at BETA Group and Jim Capolla of BETA Group. Back in May the Town signed an agreement with the BETA Group to analyze roadway improvements along portions of Hartford Ave North, High St and Hopkinton Road. Mr. Bombara has identified the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as a possible funding source.

Bill McGrath gave a recap of the project saying 2.9 miles of highway reconstruction and intersection improvements will cost in the area of \$5 to \$6 mil which can be funded by the State in order to access these funds the Town must first pay for all of the design work to be completed. The goal was to keep the Board of Selectmen up to speed with the design and after conducting informational meetings with residents for input, obtain Town Meeting approval. This plan is only a conceptual plan with the final plan being finalized after the public hearings take place. Mass Highway agrees it is a great project.

Mr. McGrath presented Google Aerial views and sketches depicting the design plan. Sidewalks will be constructed on the east side up to Fiske Ave and will be 6' wide to meet ADA regulations. The road will have granite curbs which will last years longer than the asphalt curb material. It is Mr. Bombara's intent to meet with the Public Safety Officials for their approval on this plan. Regarding the cost of this design improvement, Mr. Bombara stressed the need to be extremely accurate with the numbers. Overruns up to 10% the State will absorb, otherwise it would be the Town's responsibility.

Three design plans were presented for the Westboro Road and School Street intersection. There will be a 4' high retaining wall on Pratt Pond area. Also in the plan is to implement stormwater mitigation on the corner of School Street. Once all parties have met with the Public Safety Officials, a power point presentation will be offered to the residents. All abutters will be

45 notified as well as notices on the local cable inviting all interested residents. The timeline for the
46 first informational meeting will be scheduled the first part of January. The State will conduct a
47 public hearing once the floodplain is in place. It was agreed by the Board that a court
48 stenographer be hired to capture the entire dialog in the minutes.

49 Mr. Bombara stated that he will be attending the Capital Budget Committee meeting on
50 Thursday October 28th to give them an update. The Board thanked the BETA Group, John and
51 Larry for the overview.

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53 At 7:12pm Chairman Goodwin motioned to enter into executive session under M.G.L.
54 c.30A, s. Section 21, option #3, litigation.

55 The Board will reconvene their regular meeting to discuss the remaining agenda items.

56 Michael Goodwin aye, Robert Fleming aye, Ken Picard aye,
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58 The Board reconvened at 7:27pm.
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60 The November 16th Special Town meeting Warrant was reviewed by the Board for final
61 approval. Discussion regarding Article 11, to transfer the sum of \$10,715.79 from the
62 Community Preservation Town Hall Window Evaluation Fund to the Town Hall Renovation
63 fund for a supplemental funding of a detailed evaluation for the proposed preservation and
64 rehabilitation of the Town Hall. The Board decided to approve as submitted. Article 13; relative
65 to the senior work off program, Town Counsel's suggestion is to clarify that the purpose of the
66 article is to provide guidance concerning both elements of the Article. She has suggested the
67 language be split into 2 two separate parts. Selectmen welcomed Attorney Goldberg's revision.
68 In Selectman Picard's opinion, he feels the Assessors and the Finance Committee should set the
69 cap on this work off program. A Board member will meet with Assessor Glenn Fowler for his
70 input in to this program. The Finance Committee is schedule to meet on November 10th and their
71 recommendations will be noted.

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73 Motion # 1: Selectman Picard motioned to approve the November 16, 2010 Special Town
74 Meeting Warrant with the revision on Article 13 as submitted by Attorney Goldberg. Second:
75 Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

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77 Regarding the West River Street athletic field dedication, a date of December 4th at
78 10:00am was agreed by the Board. Selectman Fleming will contact the Henderson family.
79 Particulars of this dedication will need to be worked out. It was suggested that in addition, a
80 spring 2011 ceremony would be a good idea.

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82 Motion # 2: Selectman Fleming motioned to approve an additional \$450.00 for the bronze plaque
83 and installation fee for the Robert Henderson and Ernest Rivers Memorial Field (West River St)
84 from the E. W. Risteen D fund. Second: Selectman Picard, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

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86 The Recreation Commission is proposing a plan to build a pavilion at the Town beach.
87 Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational High School will be involved in part of the construction.
88 Ms. Robinson asked the Board's advice in whom the Recreation Commission might contact to
89 develop an engineers plan for the project.
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91 Regarding a dog complaint on James Road, Town Manager Blythe Robinson is
92 investigating this matter and has spoken to Town Counsel about a possible hearing.

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94 In closing, Ms. Robinson stated that she is waiting for the GASB 45 report from Ricci
95 Consultants and plans to invite them and the Finance Committee to the November 9th meeting.

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97 Due to the State Election on November 2nd, the Board will not be meeting and therefore
98 have scheduled their next meeting for November 9th.

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100 *Motion # 3:* Selectman Fleming motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Second: Selectman
101 Picard, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

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104 Respectfully submitted,

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106 Karen L. Varney, Department Coordinator

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