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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 – 6:00PM

Present: Chair Jennifer Modica, Vice Chair/Clerk Jeff Shaw, Selectman Peter Baghdasarian and Selectman Lance Anderson. Also present Town Manager David Genereux and Administrative Assistant Tracey Ante.

Selectman Tim Rice arrived at 6:10pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Announcements - None.
2. Citizen's Forum – No one wished to be heard.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Set Fee – solar projects - Sun Edison submitted a written request to the Board to consider a fee adjustment for the electrical permits for the upcoming 3.9 MW Solar Project at 385 Quaker Highway. The letter referenced that the high fees would have a very negative impact on their project economics and is in excess of the fees charged by nearby towns. The Town Manager prepared a survey showing how the Town's current permit pricing compares with other communities. The Town Manager recommended that the Board adjust the electrical permit fee schedule and charge a rate of \$14.00 per KW on installations larger than 50KW. In doing so, it keeps the permit cost in line with small project costs and surrounding communities. Mr. Doug Scott, Building Inspector was present and discussed the permitting fee and work associated with the plan review and inspection. There was discussion revolving around user fees and regulatory fees. Fees should cover the reasonable cost of administration and inspection, when required. Following additional discussion, **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board adjust the electrical permit fee schedule and charge a rate of \$14.00 per KW on installations larger than 50KW. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 3-2 (Mr. Baghdasarian and Mr. Rice opposed).**
2. Rescind Boot Drive Policy – recommendation from the Public Safety Committee
Mr. Benn Sherman, Chair with the Public Safety Committee provided a memorandum to the Board which the PSC addresses concerns and is requesting the Board rescind the policy. Ms. Carla Rubin on behalf of the Parents for a Safe Graduation addressed concerns with the Board rescinding the policy. It is an extremely profitable fund raiser. No incidents have occurred and no examples were presented to cause the policy to be rescinded. The Board wanted more time to review the policy and will continue discussions at a future meeting.
3. Donna Court – Street Acceptance – vote intention to layout

A citizen's petition has been received for road acceptance for the Fall Annual Town Meeting. **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that the Board vote the intention to layout and make public way Donna Court. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0.**

4. Street Light Restoration Request – Homeward Avenue - Following a review of the police activity report on Homeward Avenue, **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that the Board deny the street light restoration request. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0.**
5. Stanley Truck Equipment Co., Inc. (Class II Dealer License – Used Vehicles)
Additional Managers on Record - Matt Kennedy and Jeff Murray
Mr. Stanley Goryl has requested that the license reflect two additional managers of record; Matt Kennedy and Jeff Murray. **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board approve the license change to reflect two additional managers on record; Matt Kennedy and Jeff Murray. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0.**
6. Charter Communications/Comcast Corporation Transaction – The Town Manger advised the Board that on April 28, 2014, Comcast Corporation announced, as part of a broader transaction, that it will become the ultimate owner of all of the Massachusetts cable licenses currently held by subsidiaries to Charter Communications, Inc. More specifically, Charter subsidiaries CCO Transfers, LLC, which in turn will become an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Comcast. Charter and Comcast are seeking approval of this transfer at this time. The Board had two options, hold a public hearing to determine appropriateness of the transfer and render a final decision to the cable operation or take no action and the application/transfer would be deemed approved. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to take no action.
7. Appointments – Historic Commission
 - Francis Cove
 - Shirley Maynard
 - William Albin
 - Roy Henry

MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board re-appoint Mr. Francis Cove, Ms. Shirley Maynard, Mr. William Albin and Mr. Roy Henry to the Historic Commission. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0.

8. Appointments – Poll Worker
 - Joanne Barry
 - Maureen Tremblay
 - Carol Ann Ritchie

MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board appoint Ms. Joanne Barry, Ms. Maureen Tremblay and Ms. Carol Ann Ritchie as Poll Workers. Seconded by Mr. Baghdasarian, the motion carried 5-0.

9. Permanent Bond Borrowing

MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the \$210,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 8, 2012 (Article 15) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(9) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
Fire Department - SCBA Units	\$210,000	10 Years

I further move that in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund the Town's (i) \$1,750,000 General Obligation Bonds dated April 15, 2014 maturing on April 15 in the years 2015 through 2024 (inclusive) in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,040,000, and \$7,480,000 General Obligation Bonds dated December 15, 2004 maturing on November 15 in the years 2015 through 2024 (inclusive) in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,300,000 (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds") and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

I further move that the sale of the \$5,550,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2014 Bonds of the Town dated September 26, 2014 (the "Bonds"), to Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. at the price of \$5,773,735.68 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on November 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2015	\$1,110,000	2.00%	2022	\$280,000	3.00%
2016	1,105,000	3.00	2023	280,000	3.00
2017	350,000	3.00	2024	175,000	3.00
2018	315,000	2.00	2025	100,000	3.00
2019	315,000	2.00	2028	300,000	3.00
2020	310,000	2.00	2031	300,000	3.00
2021	310,000	3.00	2034	300,000	3.50

I further move that the Bonds maturing on November 15, 2028, November 15, 2031 and November 15, 2034 (each a "Term Bond") shall be subject to mandatory redemption or mature as follows:

Term Bond due November 15, 2028

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2026	\$100,000
2027	100,000
2028*	100,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond due November 15, 2031

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2029	\$100,000
2030	100,000
2031*	100,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond due November 15, 2034

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2032	\$100,000
2033	100,000
2034*	100,000

*Final Maturity

I further move: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated September 12, 2014, and a final Official Statement dated September 18, 2014 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

I further move: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

I further move: to authorize the execution and delivery of a Refunding Escrow Agreement to be dated September 26, 2014, between the Town and US. Bank National Association, as Refunding Escrow Agent.

I further move: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

I further move: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

I further move: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Seconded by Mr. Anderson, the motion carried 5-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. MEMBER ISSUES

The Board reviewed the newsletter.

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Agenda/meeting material
- Entertainment Bylaw
- CMPPO Meeting 9/24 at 5:30pm
- Proposed amendment to the Earth Removal Bylaw – Material Fill
- Town owned land

VI. TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager report is attached to the minutes.

VII. MEETING MINUTES

9/8/14 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board approve the 9/8/14 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Rice abstained).**


9/16/14 Meeting Minutes – **MOTION: I, Mr. Anderson, move that the Board approve the 9/16/14 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Rice abstained).**

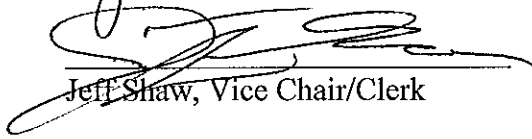
VIII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT REGULAR SESSION BOS MEETING, TUESDAY 10/13/14 - 6PM

At 7:45PM, Ms. Modica adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Tracey Ante

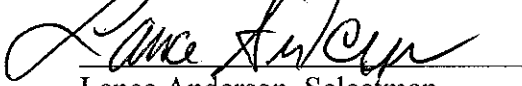
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:


Jennifer Modica, Chair


Jeff Shaw, Vice Chair/Clerk

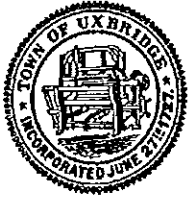
Tim Rice, Selectman


Peter Baghdasarian, Selectman


Lance Anderson, Selectman

Date Approved

10/14/14



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David Genreux
Town Manager

September 17, 2014

To: Board of Selectmen
From: David Genreux, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager Report

I am pleased to provide the Board of Selectmen with a report of current activities of the Town Manager's Office.

- **FY 2015 Budget** – As you are aware, the FY 2015 budget concluded with the auctions of the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday night. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance and School Committees, moderator, department heads, and all others who contributed to this successful action. FY 2016 budget planning is underway.
- **Bond rating** – The Town's bond rating has been upgraded to AA+ on the bonds that were sold last week that the Board will be authorizing at its 09/22/14 meeting. We went with Standard and Poors for the first time. We previously graded with Moody's at Aa3, with a negative outlook in 2010. This new rating represents movements upward of two rating categories, leaving the town on step below a triple A rating. See definitions below:

AAA: An obligor rated 'AAA' has extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. 'AAA' is the highest issuer credit rating assigned by Standard & Poor's.

AA: An obligor rated 'AA' has very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. It differs from the highest-rated obligors only to a small degree. Includes:

- **AA+:** equivalent to Moody's Aa1 (high quality, with very low credit risk, but susceptibility to long-term risks appears somewhat greater)
- **AA:** equivalent to Aa2
- **AA-:** equivalent to Aa3 (The Town's last position)

A: An obligor rated 'A' has strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher-rated categories.

- A+: equivalent to A1
 - A: equivalent to A2
- **Massworks** – Two grants have been submitted through the Massworks program. They are for replacement of the constricted area of sewer piping on Route 16, and for repair and resurfacing of the Hartford avenue East bridge over the Mumford River.
- **Other grants** – Now that the Commonwealth has a centralized website for grants, we are pursuing new opportunities, including one to set up drop boxes for needles and for restoration of the WWI monument.
- **Town owned land inventory** – We are finishing up our inventory of Town owned land and will be finalizing a potential sales list shortly.
- **Water/Sewer System Development** – The first round of surveys seeking support for extension of water and sewer lines have been return. A second round of requests will be mailed next week
- **Bids:** We are currently awaiting bids on a replacement heating system for the Library. Bids are now due on September 22. We are also lining up engineers to offer recommendations on the heating/AC system at the Police Department. We should have bids from three firms this week. Finally, we believe that the Library fire escape issue can be resolved with about \$10,000 worth of repairs, but we are currently working with a contractor on scheduling.
- **Solar** - Work is continuing on the potential solar fields for Sutton and Hazel Streets. RFP's for both sites will be written as soon as a get a price for assembly of a scope of services from a potential contractor. Sutton Street can support a 1 megawatt facility; Hazel Street would be 2 megawatts.
- **Treasurer/Collector** – The next lien sale will take place on October 29th in Lower Town Hall. Cash is reconciled through August. We are also beginning to work on land of low value foreclosures, which will add to Town-owned inventory, but clear receivables further.
- **Economic Development Via Rail** – CMRPC is looking for potential development site around existing railroad lines. We gave them the Bernat Mill and Cock and Kettle parcels as potential Uxbridge sites.

Please contact me with any questions.