

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORK MEETING - MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2015  
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT: David A. Delanski, Chairman, Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

ATTENDEES: Rebecca Acerra, Beverly Soltys, Carol Sanders, Francis Beaudry

ABSENT: Robert E. Lavash, Sr. Vice-Chairman

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**Chairman Delanski called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM a.m. and dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance in the Selectmen's Office in the Shepard Municipal Building.**

**Finalize pending issue on Downtown project:**

A discussion was had to follow up on funding of approximately \$150K needed for the water/sewer line portions of the MassDOT Downtown project. \$50K is needed for water and \$100K for sewer. It has been determined that Chapter 90 funds are not permissible to use. Sewer has committed \$12,741. for 4 manholes; water department representative Carol Sanders reports her commissioners have agreed to commit \$25K to the project from their Capital Improvement account, pending an expected vote to allocate said funds. \$37,741.00 is semi-committed to the project leaving an approximately \$113K shortfall.

The following suggestions were discussed:

- 1) Do nothing – would jeopardize the project and could lead to the project being pulled
- 2) Have plans redrawn to not include water/sewer- this would add additional costs to design and changing at this state of the project could again jeopardize the project and could lead to loss of project.
- 3) Hold STM to seeking funding from available sources, such as stabilization.

There was a consensus of the Selectboard to pursue funding through a STM; the Town has already committed \$220K to the project; delaying the project to redraw plans could cost more than the \$113K needed. A calendar was reviewed and giving consideration to the upcoming West Brookfield town meeting it was determined to hold a STM on June 9<sup>th</sup>. A motion to hold a 1 Article STM on June 9, 2015 was made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Delanski.

**General Housekeeping:**

Ms. Prokop informed the Board that a request had come into the office from the Veterans Agent to use the senior center van at the upcoming Memorial Day parade. Both Mr. Delanski and Mr. Nardi had no opposition to the request. Lastly, there is a change in venue for the reception following the parade from the FOE – Arie (Eagles) to the Senior Center.

Ms. Beverly Soltys inquired about the \$10K requested for the Veterans Services line item. Mr. Delanski responded that the line account can vary due to additions or removal of participants eligible for benefits. The program and participants information is confidential; nonetheless, the account must be funded.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Delanski; Second: Mr. Nardi – at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Prokop  
Administrative Secretary

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Dario F. Nardi, Clerk