

Members present: Kevin M. McCormick Valmore H. Prueanu
Allen R. Phillips John B. DiPietro, Sr.
Members absent: Christopher Rucho

Mr. McCormick convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Read and acceptance of Minutes From Previous Meetings:

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the meeting minutes of June 27, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

JOHN K. WESTERLING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Update on Compost Bin Sales

Mr. Westerling reported that in two weeks he has sold 33 units and has only 27 of the 60 remaining. He has sold ten of the Earth Machines, 4 of the 24 yard New Age Composters and 14 of the 30 yard New Age Composters.

2. Update on Landscaping of Huntington Square

Mr. Westerling has been approached by Sterling Greenery who has offered to sponsor an improvement project for Huntington Square by removing the pavement, and installing loam with a planting provided they could erect a professionally designed sign indicating that the work was being done by Sterling Greenery. This proposal would eliminate any involvement by the DPW. They are proposing a 4x8 sign that would say Huntington Highway sponsored by Sterling Greenery. Mr. Westerling has spoken to the Building Inspector regarding the sign, and he has indicated that the sign would need approval by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Westerling requested the Board vote to accept the offer. Board members expressed concern over the size of the sign. Mr. Westerling has also contacted Town Counsel for comments on the proposal, however, he has yet to hear back.

Motion Mr. Phillips to accept the offer of Sterling Greenery, pending agreement on the sign and hearing back from town counsel, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. Mr. McCormick has no problem with the offer, however, he would like to see what the sign looks like, as his preference is to have the Huntington Squarer lettering larger than the sponsorship lettering. Mr. Westerling will suggest a 2x5 sign with the primary focus being Huntington Square, and he will provide the Board with a sketch. Mr. Phillips would like to approve the offer, pending approval of the sign. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

Mr. Westerling noted that the sign would need to come before the Board for approval per the bylaw. Mr. DiPietro feels this may spark interest from other landscapers willing to improve other gateway areas in town. Mr. Pruneau requested sketches be submitted.

3. Other Board Requests

Mr. DiPietro asked for a progress report on the sand-screening project. Mr. Westerling reported that he met at the site with the Foreman and Mr. Mercurio. They have procured the wage rates from the state and Mr. Mercurio will look at our average 2,000 yards to determine how long it would take and give us a price.

Mr. DiPietro asked if any engine analysis samples have been taken on the Fire Department equipment. Mr. Westerling is moving forward on that.

Mr. DiPietro would like Mr. Westerling to prepare a list of town-owned land with no value to the town, which we mow and maintain throughout the year. He would like those properties properly transferred to the homeowners or the buildings it abuts to eliminate the DPW needing to mow and maintain the property. Mr. Westerling will look into that.

Mr. Pruneau reported that at the top of Lawrence Street they are inquiring about the basins being filled. Mr. Westerling offered to check into them. He noted that the town has over 1,000 catch basins that the DPW maintains on an annual basis.

Mr. Phillips questioned the status on the removal of the fencing on Route 140. Mr. Westerling received a letter from John Regan of DEP, which indicted that fencing is not required across the site of the former landfill; however, we are required to limit access to the site. Mr. Westerling plans to remove the fence and in the area of the school bus turn around he will place large boulders. Mr. Phillips recommends initially erecting 'no trespassing' signs to see if that would be effective.

Mr. Phillips asked if the Sewer Department is part of Dig Safe. Mr. Westerling noted that it is not, however, when you call and request Dig Safe they notify member units and for us it would be the Municipal Light Plant, Charter Communication and Commonwealth Gas. The Sewer Department has all the information available for sewer locations should anyone require it, however, we do not have a crew who can go out and mark the sewers. Local developers are encouraged to come to the DPW for as-builts and to date, we have not had any sewer lines hit by contractors. Mr. DiPietro pointed out the fact that according to state law, it is the responsibility of the contractor to apply for Dig Safe in the town. Mr. Westerling noted that the contracts obtain that information directly from the DPW when they apply for the permit.

Mr. McCormick questioned queried if we are required to bid out the sand screening. Mr. Westerling explained that if the cost is greater than \$5,000 we need to list three phone quotes. We will compare the estimate to the Baldarelli price and to the DPW doing its own screening.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Goals & Objectives for Mark Brodeur, Inspector of Buildings

Motion Mr. Pruneau to accept the six-month review of the Inspector of Buildings and approve the salary increase per his contract, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor. Mr. McCormick noted that he feels the Building Inspector has done a great job.

Mr. DiPietro would like to include the designation of a handicapped parking spot within 5-10' of the front door of the post office as a goal for the Building Inspector. He noted that previously this was going to be accomplished once the sewers were installed, and that recently occurred. He also pointed out the fact that one of the handicapped parking spots has been obliterated and it is now marked 'reserved.' Mr. DiPietro stated that we are the only post office in the area without handicapped parking spot in front and he has spoken with the postmaster who is agreement with the request. Mr. Phillips' understanding in reading the letter regarding the handicapped parking spaces was that they were within the law and it was up to the owner if they would like to put in the space. Mr. Gaumond believes the owner stated that they were in compliance with the law, however, he will go back and review the file and revisit this with the Building Inspector. Mr. DiPietro believes the letter was written by the management company that occupies a unit in the plaza, and not the owner. The Board agreed to include Mr. DiPietro's request as a goal for the Building Inspector.

2. Revote of motions for the Superintendent of Schools to submit Statements of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the projects at the Middle/High School and Edwards School.

At the last meeting Superintendent Thomas Kane requested the Board vote to authorize him to submit the Statements of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the projects at the Middle/High School and Edwards School. However, at that time, Mr. Kane was unaware that the votes needed to be taken separately and required specific verbiage, therefore, he is requesting the Board revoke its approval.

Motion Mr. DiPietro to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated July 10, 2007 for the Major Edwards Elementary School located at 70 Crescent St which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which West Boylston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: priority 1, replacement of the school's roof; priority 4, anticipated enrollment increase due to Ch 40B housing development; priority 5, replacement in energy inefficient building systems and priority 7, additional space needed to provide a full range of educational programs; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits West Boylston to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

Motion Mr. DiPietro to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated July 10, 2007 for the West Boylston Middle/High School located at 125 Crescent St which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which West Boylston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: priority 1, replacement of the school's roof; priority 2, eliminate current overcrowding conditions; priority 4, anticipated enrollment increase due to Ch 40B housing development; and priority 7, additional space needed to provide a full range of educational programs; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits West Boylston to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review list of surplus items and vote to go forward in accordance with schedule

Motion Mr. Phillips to move forward with disposing of the surplus items with the exception of the 1998 Ford Expedition which the Animal Control Officer has indicated he would like use of because it has value to the town, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. The items are as follows: 1990 GMC Van color orange (runs); 1993 Dodge Intrepid color black runs; 1992 Infinity Q45 color tan runs; 1997 Mercury Sable color maroon runs; 1998 Ford Expedition condition poor; 19" Zenith TV w/Sharp VCR & stand works; One Piece of Exercise Equipment works; Canon Copy Machine

w/toner & staples Model 6551 works; 1989 GMC 1 ton 4x4 pickup with dump body; "PARTS ONLY" Stihl 041AV Chain Saw; "PARTS ONLY" Stihl 011AV Chain Saw; "PARTS ONLY" Husqvarna 323C Chain Saw; "PARTS ONLY"; Echo SRM 2601 Trimmer; "PARTS ONLY" Echo SRM 3000 Trimmer; "PARTS ONLY" Echo SRM 2100 Trimmer; "PARTS ONLY" Bag of Miscellaneous Mack Truck parts; Computer Pentium II with 64 mb RAM no hard drive; 099140 (was a server); 099150; 099141; 099154; 099134; 09915; Compudyne Computer MA Alliance unit #11310 (no hard drive); Compaq Presario 5451 (no hard drive); 2-15" monitors with speakers; and 1992 Chevy Astro Van inoperable.

Motion Mr. Phillips to use the 1998 Ford Expedition for the Animal Control Officer provided it passes inspection and has all the Fire Department markings removed, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. Mr. Pruneau questioned whether we should get an estimate for the required work. Mr. Phillips noted that the improvements, which are minor, could be accomplished in a day by the Department of Public Works. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to go forward with the scheduled auction, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

2. Review Zoning Bylaw Amendment Creating a Business District North of Interstate 190 and vote to refer back to the Planning Board

Mr. Gaumond explained that this is a request for a Zoning Bylaw Change for the property north of Huntington Highway off Legg Road. Members of the Economic Development Task Force have endorsed the amendment and plan to speak to this at the Planning Board public hearing.

Motion Mr. Phillips to refer the amendment back to the Planning Board for a public hearing, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

3. Accept donation of a computer and printer from Wal-Mart to the Beaman Memorial Public Library

Motion Mr. Phillips to accept the donation of a computer and printer from Wal-Mart to the Beaman Memorial Public Library for the use of the public as a work station to support job searches and resumes and to assist student of all ages in producing reports and projects, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

3. Concur with the hiring of an additional Counselor for the Summer Recreation Program.

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the hiring of Daniel Amelin as a Junior Counsel at an hourly rate of \$7.50 per hour for a seasonal pay of \$450.00, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

4. Request to erect sign on The Common

James Brissette of 31 Rivington Drive appeared before the Board. He explained that he represents the West Boylston Arts Foundation, and they are involved with a fund raising drive. They would like to erect a sign on The Common. The sign, which is being donated by Connor Sign & Graphics, would be an a-frame thermometer, 6' high, 3' wide, within a 3-4' footprint.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the request until the end of September, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. Mr. Brissette stated that he already spoke with Dennis Mulryan. The Parks Commission will get an email of the Board's approval. Mr. Pruneau suggested Mr. Brissette discuss the location with Mr. Mulryan and the Bandstand Committee. Mr. Jack McCormick who is present this evening indicated that he will be removing the Athletic Association sign currently on The Common and he would have no objection to the new sign being installed at that location.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. McCormick announced that Mr. Gaumond has been selected to receive a full scholarship to attend the ICMA conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Board members encouraged Mr. Gaumond and congratulated him on receiving the scholarship.
2. August 1, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. Kick Off on the Town's Healthy Living Program – "Walk with the Town Administrator" along the rail trail meet in the parking area on Thomas Street – all invited to participate
3. Mr. Gaumond received a request to meet with the Towns of Holden and Rutland about the trunk line situation. The meeting has been changed to August 6th at 7:00 at the Holden Senior Center. The date works with the Board.
4. Last evening when the Municipal Buildings Committee met they scheduled the next meeting for August 22, however, Mr. Moore has a conflict on that date and suggested August 21. That date is fine for the Board.

SELECTMEN'S REQUEST AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Phillips suggested drafting a letter to the Department of Conservation and Recreation to be signed by the Chairman requesting their assistance in mowing and clearing their properties in town on a more regular basis especially in light of the upcoming Bicentennial Year.

Mr. Phillips read an article in the newspaper that indicated that West Boylston would be a member of the MORE group, and his understanding was that the fee for our membership was not funded. Mr. Gaumond explained that the last meeting was held in West Boylston and he made it clear to the group that we have no funds to cover our cost for membership. They are trying to work something out for us and as soon as he has more information he will report back.

Mr. Pruneau has nothing this evening.

Mr. DiPietro would like to send a letter to John Scannell at the Department of Conservation and Recreation and request his staff mow the grass much lower around the parking lot in Oakdale so the children can benefit from its use.

Mr. DiPietro would like a copy of our school bus contract and he would also like to get a copy of the contract for the Town of Lincoln as they lease their own school busses and perhaps that might be profitable for us.

Mr. DiPietro noted that in the 1980's with the inception of Title 5 many property owners purchased two house lots and lost the use of one of those lots because of the new regulations. Now, with the installation of the sewer system, he feels those lots could be built upon especially in the Bunkerhill and Horseshoe Drive areas. He would like somebody from the Housing Partnership, Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board to meet with the Selectmen on this. He would like people to be able to build something conducive to the neighborhood on these parcels. Mr. Gaumond noted that this would require a change to our Zoning Bylaws and if the Board is in agreement he suggested placing this on the next agenda to discuss formally and if agreeable, sent it to the

Planning Board for a public hearing as this is in their purview. Mr. Gaumond will prepare something for the agenda.

Mr. DiPietro expressed concern over reading about the involvement of the Fire Department in the demolition of 19 Crescent Street, which has been such a controversial issue. Mr. Phillips explained that the Fire Chief put this exercise on hold pending review of the Historical Commission. He also explained that the structure would not be burned down, the department burns hay bales and items, which they place inside the structure, for a training exercise. Mr. DiPietro apologized to the Fire Chief and the Fire Department.

Mr. McCormick read a letter from the Personnel Board, which was contained within his Information Package regarding the Board's vote not to go forward with the Wage and Classification Study. He would like to place this on the next agenda and invite the Personnel Board in for a discussion.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. DiPietro at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Philips, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: August 1, 2007

Nancy E. Lucier

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Allen R. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Valmore H. Pruneau, Clerk

John B. DiPietro, Sr., Selectman