

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

Mr. McCormick convened the special meeting at 9:30 a.m. The retreat meeting is being held in the Library at The Publick House in Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

The Board began its meeting by reviewing the Town's Vision and Mission Statements. The Mission Statement reads as follows. It is the mission of government of West Boylston to provide all of its citizens with the greatest possible spectrum of basic services, directed at publicly expressed community needs, at the least possible cost. This includes providing a wide range of high quality constituent service to the citizens of the community, continually support a strong economic base for the community and continuing to work in the best long-term interests of the community while working as a team. The Board voiced concern over the verbiage "greatest possible spectrum" and "constituent service". They decided that they may revisit the statements again some time this year.

Goal Setting

The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion relative to town goals and agreed on the following goals for 2008.

1. Tivnan Drive Project
2. Town Building Project
3. Bicentennial Celebration
4. Fiscal Policies
5. Improve bylaws
6. Shares Services – consolidation and regionalization
7. Alternate funding
8. Health Insurance and meeting with IAC
9. Review of the DPW
10. Begin contract negotiations
11. Visibility within the community.

Mr. Gaumond will work on strategies for meeting some of these goals and present the Board with a couple of drafts. He encouraged Board members to provide him with their comments and suggestions.

Budget

Mr. Gaumond will begin the process of how much each department cost the town to run including all benefits to get a clear picture of how much we spend. This will be completed by the first of the calendar year.

This year he is requesting level service with no new programs. The Board recommends including a 3% cost of living adjustments for non-union employees to be more in line with what the unions are getting.

Tivnan Drive

Shirin Everett has given us the draft modified development agreement. Mr. Gaumond will send Mr. Mulvey a choice of dates for the next meeting.

Mount Vernon Cemetery

At the Annual Town Meeting, the Historical Commission requested the voters permission to include the Mount Vernon Cemetery on the National Register. Town meeting approved the article. The Historical Commission is now requesting a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen. The Board has no problem with this request and Mr. Gaumond will prepare the letter.

Selectmen Meeting Agendas

Should the Board wish to change anything on their agenda format, they need to let the office know.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Lucier

Approved:

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Allen R. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Valmore H. Pruneau, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

John B. DiPietro, Sr., Selectman