

Members present: John W. Hadley (arrived 6:35)
Kevin M. McCormick
Siobhan M. Bohnson (arrived 6:33)

Christopher A. Rucho
Patrick J. Crowley

Mr. McCormick convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Mr. Crowley at 6:30 p.m. for the Board to enter into executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30a, Section 21(A), Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (Fire negotiations), seconded by Mr. Rucho. The Vice Chair so declared and announced that the Board would be returning to open session. Roll call vote: Mr. Crowley yes, Mr. Rucho yes, Mr. McCormick yes. Labor Counsel Nick Anastasopoulos will join the Board for the session.

Motion Mr. Crowley at 7:20 p.m. to come out of executive session, seconded by Ms. Bohnson. Roll call vote: Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Crowley yes, Mr. Hadley yes, Mr. Rucho yes, Ms. Bohnson yes.

Chief of Police Dennis W. Minnich, Sr. - Discuss traffic concerns on Goodale Street between Newton & Crescent Streets (PC)

Chief Minnich has another commitment this evening, however, Mr. Crowley is prepared to speak on the issue. He explained that he sent an email requesting to have this item on the agenda. He wants to look at fast moving traffic on Goodale Street from Newton to Crescent Street, a hill which goes along the tennis and basketball courts. It is dangerous and lacks proper signage. The Chief has reviewed the area and reports that there are two signs on the right hand side of Goodale St. just as you pass Newton Street headed down the hill. They are partially obstructed and faded. The signs read blind driveway and playground ahead. They should be replaced and the post moved to a more visible position. He believes an additional crosswalk at the two parking areas would be a good idea if clearly posted as well as no parking signs placed in front of the island on the opposite side of the park where the large parking area is. It will keep the crosswalk in clear view and not have people crossing between parked cars. If the Board discusses these ideas and votes to have these items completed then he will work with the DPW for the proper placement of these items. Mr. Crowley advised that the Chief also said he has funds from a grant which could be used for this project. He inquired about lowering the speed limit, however, at this point he doesn't think it is necessary.

Motion Mr. Rucho to have the Chief do what he thinks is best to improve the safety in that area, seconded by Mr. Crowley. Ms. Bohnson noted that currently there is one crosswalk in the area. Mr. Crowley advised that no one uses the cross walk. The Chief will install another crosswalk up near the concession stand area. Ms. Bohnson thinks this is a good start and believes the road is a commuter road from Holden and it is not just West Boylston people using it. Mr. Purcell reports that Interim DPW Director Michael Kittredge has installed some new signage in the area and cut down some of the brush. Vote on the motion - all in favor.

Interim Director of Public Works, Michael J. Kittredge, III

1. Consider accepting bids for highway materials as recommended by the Interim Director

Mr. Kittredge will present the materials by division. Division #2, cold planning, no bid. All bids cover October to June and we will rebid in June for FY17. Bituminous Concrete at plant PJ Keating.

Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the bids from PJ Keating under Division 2, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Division 4 is for processed materials and sand, PJ Keating was the only bidder for those items. It was noted that PJ Keating is located in Lunenburg and in the past the materials were provided locally by Baldarelli Brothers in West Boylston.

Motion Mr. Crowley to accept the bids from PJ Keating under Division 4, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor.

Division 5 is for drainage materials and services, traffic paints, town electrician and plumber. HR Prescott bid on item A&B. There were not bids for items C, D, E or F.

Motion Mr. Rucho to accept the bids under Division 5 from HR Prescott, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor. There were no bids for a town electrician and plumber. Mr. Kittredge will contact contractors in the area to see if there is an interest.

2.Consider voting to approve additional snow plow driver hirings

This item will be tabled.

3.Consider voting to approve the hiring of Daniel Ryder for the seasonal position of Parks Laborer effective October 26, 2015 at a rate of \$11.79 per hour

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the hiring, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Ms. Bohnson asked about the status of the Malden Street project. Mr. Kittredge advised that the department completed another section of the drainage work. The engineering is close to completion, he hopes we will be going out to bid shortly and we can get something done for this year. They did two drainage improvements and have one more to go.

Mr. Kittredge reports that he is still reviewing the proposed changes to the Pinecroft area. He has not seen any paperwork and wants to make sure it is done the right way. He has marked it out and he will give it try with a plastic barricade. Mr. McCormick advised that the Board discussed using some notification signage to alert drivers that the traffic pattern has changed and use the plastic barriers in case someone isn't paying attention and hits it. The corner would also need to be adjusted to make it easier for larger vehicles to turn.

Mr. Purcell advised that Monday evening the Conservation Commission is holding a public hearing for the Malden Street project

NEW BUSINESS

1.Consider voting to sign Interim Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of West Boylston & International Association of Firefighters, Local 5054, AFL-CIO

Motion Mr. McCormick to sign the agreement, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

2.Consider request for a Donation Receptacle Permit & a Transient Vendor License from CMRK, Inc. for a bin located at Our Lady of Good Council Church

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

3.Consider request for a Donation Receptacle Permit & a Transient Vendor License from Recycle That, LLC. for a bin located at Duncan M. Gillies, Co., Inc.

Matt Libby from Recycle That joined the Board. They have a container at Duncan Gillies Company on Central Street and it has been very successful. They try to keep the containers in good working order and if people dump something Mr. Gillies has his cell phone and they come out and clean it up. Mr. Hadley asked if that is a problem. Mr. Libby advised that it is and it continues to be a problem everywhere. Even if the container isn't full people put stuff outside. The bin is emptied every three weeks. It is seasonal and this past winter it was hardly used at all. Spring time there were more items and they only collect books. Mr. Rucho asked if other towns had regulations. Mr. Libby advised that they do not, however, everybody is trying to draft something because there are gorilla drops. He puts a bin down and the next thing you know two others are left. These regulation help him and he added that they are a good thing.

4. Accept surrender of the wine and malt package store liquor license issued to Central Street Market, 76 Central Street

Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the license, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor. It was noted that the town has five wine and malt package store licenses available.

5. Consider voting to approve the hiring of Christopher Herrstrom for the fractional position of Dispatcher effective October 4, 2015 at a rate of \$16.78 per hour

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the hiring, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor.

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Purcell provided the Board with additional information from the MMA Consulting Group, Inc. He hopes it is sufficient for the Board to proceed with the study. Mr. McCormick notes that normally we have a contract that list everything they will be doing. Mr. Purcell explained that this is an addendum to the contract. Mr. Rucho asked if Town Counsel had reviewed it. Mr. Purcell advised no. Ms. Bohnson questioned when the study would be complete. Mr. Purcell noted that at the last meeting the consultant did say no later than December 15th. Mr. Rucho asked if that should be included in the contract and what if we still don't have the results in April. Mr. Crowley commented that they would want to get paid. Mr. Rucho feels the contract is very vague. Ms. Bohnson is comfortable with the December 15th date. Mr. Purcell explained that when you conduct interviews you have to work around people's schedules and that takes time.

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve the contract with the email addendum, seconded by Ms. Bohnson. Vote on the motion – Mr. Hadley, Ms. Bohnson and Mr. Crowley yes, Messrs. McCormick and Rucho no.

Mr. Purcell reports that two questions were asked at the last meeting about the stormwater project. The project manager at DOT is part-time and he left a voice mail for her. The first was a safety issue and the second was if the scope could accommodate placing the overhead utilizes underground over the causeway. Mr. Rucho suggested reaching out to Rep. O'Day as well on this.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Announce that the town has received a MIIA Loss Control Grant in the amount of \$5,000, which will be used to purchase two backup cameras for the ambulances

2. Announce that the town has been awarded a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant in the amount of \$4,750

SELECTMEN REPORTS

Mr. Rucho thanked the town residents for coming to town meeting and voting on the two building projects. He also thanked them for attending the informational meetings and reminded them that the special election will be held on November 17th and the only question on the ballot will be for the police station.

Ms. Bohnson thanked the people and stated that she was very disappointed that the senior center didn't pass. The Council on Aging was really looking forward to having a new place to hold their programs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. McCormick would like to invite the Planning Board into the next meeting to answer the question why they did not hold a public hearing on Board's request, which was sent to them, to change the Sign Bylaw language dealing with the electronic sign.

Mr. McCormick would also like to discuss the re-opened Town Administrator Search. He spoke with one of the members of the previous Search Committee who is unable to assist with the new search. Mr. Rucho suggested posting that we are looking for people. Mr. McCormick believes two out of the five members are unable to assist with the new search he thinks we need to do something soon.

Mr. McCormick explained that at town meeting last evening there was an accusation from a town resident that there might have been a deal between the Board of Selectmen and the person who ultimately purchased the property off of Davidson Road/Woodland Heights. He answered that the town sold the land and he misspoke. The land was in Chapter 61A and the town has the right of first refusal when it is removed. The Board voted not to exercise its right of first refusal and put a great effort forth to protect the town from anything but seven or eight houses being proposed for the site. We did not sell the land, we decided not to buy it. He wanted to make the record clear. He added that he is disappointed that somebody would accuse the Board of Selectmen of being in collusion with anybody. Mr. Rucho pointed out that the owner of the property was nice enough to sign an agreement with the town limiting its use.

Mr. Bohnson would like to discuss the process of the Search Committee for the Town Administrator Search and be ready to go.

Mr. Crowley received an email from a resident of Marsh Hawk Way regarding a drainage issue on that street which could lead to a lot bigger problem. He does not know what needs to happen, but would like to add that discussion to an upcoming agenda.

Mr. Rucho would like an update on the regional dispatch initiative with the Town of Holden. Mr. Hadley noted that someone at town meeting mentioned a fiber optic line issue, however, Police Chief Dennis Minnich has advised that it is not an issue.

Mr. Hadley advised that the Facilities Implementation and Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting next Wednesday evening and there is a vacancy on the committee if anyone who attended town meeting has ideas, we would love to hear them.

Mr. Purcell thanked everyone involved with the town meeting, which he felt was well organized and professionally run. He added that as a long-time observer from the outside it was well run.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Ms. Bohnson at 8:10 p.m. to

adjourn, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

Approved: November 4, 2015

John W. Hadley, Chairman

Kevin M. McCormick, Vice Chairman

Siobhan M. Bohnson, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman