

Members present: John W. Hadley Christopher A. Rucho
 Kevin M. McCormick Siobhan M. Bohnson
 Patrick J. Crowley

Mr. Hadley convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. He noted that Mr. Crowley would be joining the Board shortly.

Motion Mr. McCormick 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 Chair so declared and announced that the Board would be returning to open session. Roll call vote: Mr. McCormick yes, Ms. Bohnson yes, Mr. Hadley yes, Mr. Rucho yes. Fire Chief Thomas Welsh and labor counsel will join the Board for the session.

Motion Mr. Rucho at 7:25 p.m. to come out of executive session, seconded by Ms. Bohnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Rucho yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Crowley yes, Mr. Hadley yes, Ms. Bohnson yes.

The Board reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Senator Harriette Chandler & Representative James O'Day

Senator Chandler and Rep. O'Day joined the Board. The Senator stated that she is embarrassed about the report she is about to give because the representative and she worked hard to get things into the budget and the administration didn't see fit to follow through.

1. Environmental Bond Bill funds for Goodale Park \$5 million. Senator Chandler reports that according to the DCR it is not in the five-year plan for 2016. They will be encouraging the Governor to include the project in future planning. Rep. O'Day added that the town has been incredibly active on this and he doesn't think it is the end of the road. As Bond Bills work there is a certain extended life to them. He doesn't think we should give up. He serves on the Parks Facilities Committee and he would like to see this be successful. He applauded everyone in town who did send letters of support. Mr. McCormick asked how many years could the money sit there. Senator Chandler explained that it is time and it is money. The Governor is allowed only so much money out at one time. She thinks it is \$2 billion and then he can push another project up. He can also re-visit within five years. Rep. O'Day stated that the squeaky wheel gets attention. He also feels it is highly unlikely that the Governor will revisit it in the next ten months, maybe it will be reviewed in 2016, 2017 or 2018. Mr. Rucho suggested sending the Governor the Master Plan for the parks. Ms. Bohnson asked if this is more of the project he is not ready to back. Senator Chandler is unable to answer that and noted that he is still relatively new. They were able to get it into the Environmental Bond Bill and that it was not picked up by the Administration is disappointing. Mr. O'Day noted that the whole bond bill is \$500 million. The governor has the final decision on what is initially approved.

2. Update on Library Technology Funds (\$40,000)

Senator Chandler reports that this is the second year they put in for these funds. Now we have a different person who decides if it is funded, the Secretary of Administration & Finance and they are still reviewing their spending plan for 2015, it is an earmark. It is a small amount of money and in

order to have this realized the library should continue to write to the Board of Library Commissioners. We are still waiting for A&F to make its decision about how they are going to spend the money. Senator Chandler thinks we are in better shape here because A&F is still looking at it. It is a \$38 billion dollar budget. Mr. O'Day added that it had been vetoed by the Governor, and when it came back to both chambers they overrode that veto. Last year the Board of Library Commissioners met at the Beaman Library and they will be meeting there again this year. She suggested the Board of Selectmen might also want attend.

3. Worcester Street Guardrail Project - when the \$250,000 designated for this project in the 2014 Transportation Bond Bill might be released.

Senator Chandler reports that the guardrail is much the same as the Goodale Park funds. It is in another Bond Bill, and she thinks this is something we should talk to Mass DOT about. Mr. Hadley noted that it is a safety issue as well. Mr. McCormick doesn't understand why DCR doesn't pressure them because there is a stream involved. The Senator advised that there is a difference of opinion with the new Administration about what is important. She fails to understand how something that passed the legislature and the Governor signs the bill doesn't make sense. She thinks maybe it is time to sit with the Transportation Department because it is a safety issue. Both the Senator and the Representative suggested setting up a meeting for the parties involved to come to West Boylston. The Senator will try to arrange that. She added that they are also dealing with DCR to try to get another well in West Boylston. One of the things she has learned is not to be afraid to ask for meetings with people who are making things difficult for us. She will try to get DOT and DCR out for a meeting.

Mr. Hadley advised DOT is doing a project on Route 12. Rep. O'Day views it as more of a DCR project, at the urgency of DOT. We will try to have a late afternoon meeting so they can view the site. Janet Pierce of CMRPC, advised that Secretary Pollack will be coming out for the Burns Bridge dedication at Lake Quinsigamond

4. Funding for Senior Center & Police Station

Rep. O'Day advised that he signed two separate bills for funding of these projects. Neither have been heard yet. He does expect that they will be on the agenda in the next few weeks. He hopes that he can favorably report back on them. Senator Chandler advised that they do not usually fund senior centers. The bill filed had no specific funding source or dollar value. He noted that the Barre police station was a gift to retiring Senator Brewer. Senator Chandler suggested having a conversation with the people in Holden about how they did their project. The Board advised that both projects are on the town meeting warrant to be funded through a debt exclusion. She added the Clinton also did a senior center through a debt exclusion.

4. Discuss working with the legislators and Mass DOT on sidewalk improvements on Route 12

Rep. O'Day feels we need to pay attention to this project and find out who will be responsible for keeping the area clean. At the hearing he recommended eliminating grass and just install a full sidewalk due to the fact that no one does any maintenance.

Mr. Rucho asked if they knew of any projects up at the jail that would be money for the town. Senator Chandler was there today with the Senator President and they toured the facility because the Sheriff is looking for money. His figures show that he is very much under budget and they were able to get him an extra \$500,000 this year. He has a training program and an opium addiction program. The jail is built for 750 and they are close to 1,200 residents. She thinks the Sheriff has done a very good

job in trying to improve the conditions. Mr. McCormick pointed out that the town has never received any funds for hosting the facility. Senator Chandler stated that we are not the only town who didn't get any money. The state prisons get money. Mr. Rucho added that there are county jails that put on additions and the host town get funding. Senator Chandler advised that they are building a medical facility outside where the basketball area is and they got \$1.5 million for that project.

Read and acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the regular session meeting minutes of September 2, 2015, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Janet Pierce, Executive Director of Central Mass Regional Planning Commission

New Director, Janet Pierce joined the Board and distributed a CMPRC Service Guide. She explained that she took over on August 1. The Commission is looking to grow and provide better services and West Boylston does pay an assessment each year to the Commission. They worked with West Boylston in the past on the Mass Works grant and worked with the Planning Board on the Village Center bylaw. They did a corridor study in the past, have done feasibility studies and worked on sections of the Master Plan. The town is entitled to 12 hours of any type of local project assistance. If somebody attends one of their meetings you get an addition hour, with a maximum of 24 hours. They are here for the town to provide many services. They gave the town an estimate to update the Open Space Plan and they also offer unlimited GIS services. They update assessor's maps and you can just contract with CMRPC and you do not have to send out an RFP. In the last couple of years there was recently a Buy Local that was created, they have over 150 members and came out with a local booklet of their 40 communities. The Board thanked her for coming in.

NEW BUSINESS

1.Special Drawing to Adopt Islands/Squares in town

Mr. Hadley announced that we have four islands/squares and four applicants. Mr. Crowley feels that moving forward if somebody wants a particular island we could draw for that island. He thinks we might get more people if they could specifically say what island they want. Mr. McCormick explained that in the past you got the island you got. If you do not want it, it will go back into the pool. He thought it worked out fair and there is not a huge demand to adopt island. Mr. Rucho added that when the Board approved the policy, that was discussed and it was decided to have a drawing. Mr. Crowley pointed out that some people may want a smaller island. Mr. McCormick stated that he has three islands because no one else applied and it was the luck of the draw. Mr. Crowley would like to consider a change for the future.

Mr. Hadley drew the islands and the results were as follows: Malden @ Goodale Streets - Oriol Rehabilitation; Maple @ Shrewsbury Streets - cement island - Finders; Goodale @ Prospect - Joe's Towing Service; Route 12 @ 140, Boy Scout Troop 151. The Board thanked everyone for participating,

2,Consider signing Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Spencer for Matching Grant funds for Regionalizing Municipal Stormwater Management in Central Massachusetts

Mr. Purcell reports that he brought this matter up at the last meeting. We previously discussed the value of participating and we needed to identify a source of funding. The \$4,000 is in the DPW operating budget.

Motion Mr. Rucho to sign the contract, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

3. Consider signing Intermunicipal Agreements with the City of Worcester: IMA for services for three-Months and IMA for reduced services for 3-years

The Chairman of the Board of Health previously met with the Board to discuss the agreements. Mr. Rucho would like to see more figures on the savings, to include health insurance, retirement, and all the other costs associated with being an employee. He suggested signing the three-month agreement and waiting until we have better figures on the three-year options. He would like the cost to the town before Worcester, going with Worcester and going forward with a town employee and Worcester. Mr. Barrell will be invited in to the next meeting. Ms. Bohnson would like more detail on what this town employee would be doing different than what we had before.

Motion Mr. Crowley to sign the three-month agreement, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor. Mr. McCormick explained that the Board of Health wants to get out of the Worcester venture. They went into it because they felt it was going to be great for them and now they are saying it is not very good for us, and it is more money. He feels the Board needs to allow them to operate the way they need to operate. He doesn't see how we can force a board to do what they don't want to. Mr. Crowley agrees but he thinks we owe it to the town to see what the real costs will be if we make that switch. Mr. McCormick suggested Mr. Crowley meet with Mr. Barrell and come up with the correct numbers. Mr. McCormick added that this was supposed to save us money and we were supposed to get a lot of other things. Mr. Crowley believes it will end up being a wash. Mr. Rucho would like to review the figures of before, current and going forward.

4. Consider signing amended Employment Contract Between the Town of West Boylston and James Patrick Purcell, Interim Town Administrator

Mr. Hadley explained that this will maintain services at 3 days a week and allow us to pay Mr. Purcell for the 6 days he worked during the DPW transition. It also has language that if further days are needed, they can be approved by the Chairman.

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve the contract, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

5. Consider signing contract with MMA Consultants to study the Department of Public Work

Mr. Purcell reports that he does not have a contract, however, he has a team meeting with the consultant and two associates for next Thursday at 10:00 a.m. They are ready to go. Mr. Purcell asked them to pay attention to the Scope of Services on the contract.

6. Consider appointing a designee to the negotiations team for the West Boylston Teachers' Association

Mr. Bohnson offered to serve. Mr. Hadley will submit her name.

7. Consider request from Jonathan Fitch, Manager of the MLP to sign a DCR WSPA1 Request for Determination for the landfill property

Ms. Bohnson explained that we have been over this road before a couple of times the MLP withdrew their interest. They reached out to us again and they are reconsidering, but they need this form signed to have a separate evaluated. By signing it will allow them to move forward.

Motion Mr. Rucho to sign, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

8. Concurrence on the appointment of Barur Rajeshkumar to the Naming Committee effective

September 18, 2015 for a term to expire on April 30, 2020

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Crowley. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Hadley, Rucho, Crowley, Ms. Bohnson yes, Mr. McCormick no.

9. Concurrence on the appointment of Barur Rajeshkumar to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee effective September 18, 2015 for a term to expire on April 30, 2018

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur, seconded by Mr. Crowley. Mr. McCormick voiced his concern as the individual is already on two boards. He feels it is nice that he came forward, however he is appointed to a lot of committees. Mr. Rucho stated that he would have been more concerned about the two other committees he is already on. Mr. Purcell advised that he had that same conversation with him in the office. He is on the ZBA and the Planning Board. The request came in during the month of July and he has been very persistent. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Hadley, Rucho and Crowley yes, Mr. McCormick and Ms. Bohnson no.

10. Consider accepting the following bandstand donations on behalf of the town: Free Will donations from August 30th concert - \$151.60 and Mary Harris \$20.00

Motion Mr. Rucho to accept the donations, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

11. Vote to approve hiring the following fraction-time dispatchers at Step 1 of Grade 4, \$15.23 per hour: Trevor Macneil & Rachel Dacri

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

12. Acknowledge receipt of town meeting articles

Mr. Purcell met with the Finance Committee last evening. Interim DPW Director Michael Kittredge was also there discussing his capital requests. We will be meeting next week at 6:30 to review the warrant, which will be sent out with the agenda and FISP will meet at 7:30. Mr. Crowley would like to discuss all articles with funding requests.

13. Consider voting to extend an offer to a Town Administrator candidate (tentative)

Mr. McCormick is of the opinion that the Board shouldn't consider any of the candidates and that they should re-advertise the position. He doesn't feel that there was any candidate he would feel comfortable voting for.

Motion Mr. McCormick to repost the position, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Mr. Crowley agrees. Mr. Rucho thinks the Search Committee did a great job, they brought us the best two finalists and alternates, however, doesn't believe they are the right fit. Mrs. Lucier provided the Board with the Beacon schedule for advertising and the advertisement used the last time. The Board decided to advertise for October and November. Mr. Bohnson suggested advertising for one month. She thinks the gentleman from Hopkinton had some good qualities, however, she is not opposed to reposting. Mr. Purcell suggested amending the language to the position will be open until filled and it will give the ability to attempt direct recruitment for the best candidate. Mr. Rucho voiced concern over that language as what if the Search Committee begins to interview and more applicants come in. The Board would rather include a deadline. Mr. Purcell feels the price is another consideration, it is very low and if you are looking for comparable talent you may need to raise the price. It is now at \$90,000 to low \$100,000. Mr. Crowley suggested asking about their going rate. Mr. Rucho would like to see a list of other towns. Mr. Crowley suggested salary negotiable dependent on qualifications. Mr. McCormick suggests asking for salary requirements. Mr. Purcell added that you could require a salary history be

included with their submission. Mr. Crowley is comfortable with salary negotiable depending on qualifications. It was agreed to advertise for two months and we will send thank you letters to the four finalists thanking them for coming in and let them know the position is being reposted. All in favor of the motion.

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**1. Update on Master Plan**

Mr. Purcell spoke with John Owanisian by phone today and reviewed certain materials. There are three chapters which need to be completed, Open Space, Land Use and Zoning and Population and Housing. CMRPC completed drafts for Land Use and Population and Housing, which were sent to the Planning Board. The Open Space plan is awaiting funding. When completed, an executive summary will be prepared and publicized. Mr. Owanisian advised that a couple of people were key to the Planning Board's section. He will touch base with them to get a status.

SELECTMAN REPORTS

Ms. Bohnson advises that the solar stop sign is still not working. The DPW thinks it is a photo cell. Her concern is whether it is under warranty.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. September 23, 6:30 p.m., Special Meeting
2. September 23, 7:30 p.m., FISP Meeting
3. September 26, 10:00 a.m., 1st Info Meeting at town hall for building projects

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There are none this evening.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Rucho at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: October 7, 2015

Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

John W. Hadley, Chairman

Kevin M. McCormick, Vice Chairman

Siobhan M. Bohnson, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman