

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

Members absent:     Patrick J. Crowley

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

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(A), Part 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares, seconded by Mr. Rucho. The Chair so declared the need for an executive session and the Board will be returning to open session. Roll call vote: Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Hadley yes, Ms. Bohnson yes, Mr. Rucho yes. Shirin Everett, Kopelman and Paige will join the Board for this session.

Motion Ms. Bohnson at 7:15 p.m. to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. Hadley yes, Ms. Bohnson yes, Mr. Rucho yes, Mr. McCormick yes.

**Read and acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Motion Ms. Bohnson to approve the regular session meeting minutes of April 6, 2016, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor.

**Conservation Commission – Approval of Conservation Restriction for Maple Street Property**

Commission member Charlene Hopkins joined the Board. She reports that the Commission voted to approve a Conservation Restriction on the Maple Street property. They are gifting the property to the town. It is a triangular piece of bog land which they will donate to the town.

Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the donation of the Maple Street property, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

**Michael J. Kittredge, Jr., Interim Director of Public Works**

Mr. Kittredge is requesting the Board's approval to overlay two roads in town, Prescott and Fairbanks Street. He plans to use the PJ Keating bid for asphalt in place to overlay both roads, which will smooth them out and give us a few years. The Pavement Management Plan numbers were more expensive as that called for shim and crack seal. If we overlay Fairbanks Street, we could chip seal it at another time. Ms. Bohnson questioned why these two roads were selected. Ms. Kittredge selected the roads as they are not in the Sidewalk Improvement Project area. Ms. Bohnson questioned if they are not the worst streets on the list, people may be upset. Mr. Kittredge selected the two he thought would be out of the way and these are the ones they spend most of their time repairing. This will be a simple overlay. If we went with the Pavement Management Plan it would be a \$10 million project. Malden Street will cost us \$400,000. He estimates Fairbanks Street to be a \$19,000 fix and Prescott Street to be \$58,000. Mr. Hadley asked if they have completed the gas line installation on Prescott Street. Mr. Kittredge thinks they have as he has not seen any new road opening permits. Once the work is done, there will be a five-year moratorium. He noted that all the houses in the new development have been tied in. Ms. Bohnson voiced concern that there is not much traffic on those two roads in comparison to other roads. Mr. Kittredge views this as a bandage so we can concentrate on some of the other roads.

Mr. Kittredge found the paperwork on the Newton Street drainage project. He recommends adding extra catch basins to the project and then we can deal with the condition of the road. The bottom of Newton Street would be an overlay. Mr. Rucho voiced caution that if Newton Street is repaved people will fly and noted that they do that now.

We currently have \$1.7 million in Chapter 90. To overlay all the roads on the project list it will cost \$750,000, and it will cost \$440,000 to do a full depth reconstruction of Malden Street. Mr. McCormick is in favor of going forward with overlaying the roads on the list. It was noted that the price we have is only good until July 1. Mr. Kittredge plans to do a 1-1/2" overlay on all streets except upper Newton. He advised that Malden Street took seven hours to overlay and the DPW shimmed the road.

Motion Mr. McCormick to overlay all the streets on the list with 1-1/2" overlay with the exception of Newton Street, seconded by Ms. Bohnson. Mr. Kittredge pointed out that Goodale and Worcester Streets will be a challenge as they have a lot of structures to raise. Mr. Rucho asked the status of the hiring of the permanent DPW Director. Ms. Lucier advised that applications are being reviewed at this time. The Board would like to move forward with the projects. Vote on the motion- Mr. Hadley, Mr. McCormick and Ms. Bohnson yes, Mr. Rucho votes no because there are not enough details for him.

Mr. Kittredge asked if the Board wanted him to go out to bid for the Malden Street project. The Board indicated that they did. Mr. Kittredge thinks it will come in at \$440,000. He reports that the vent system will be installed in two weeks. The only thing the electrician had to do was to order starters. The department also got the area prepared for the practice football field.

### **Brian Adams, Senior Account Executive, NFP Corporate Services, LLC**

Mr. Adams joined the Board and reports that FY17 health insurance trends were around 7-1/2 and 8%. Initially we were at 9.4%, and we were able to get that town to 7.9%. Back in January we decided to wait for more recent claims, they came in favorable, and we were able to get down to 5% with no changes. The Insurance Advisory Committee then decided to discuss plan modifications and changed the prescription drug benefit by increasing them by \$5.00 each. All the unions have agreed to this change and that brought us down to 3.63%. In addition, the IAC added an HP Focus Network. It is a limited high performance network. We cannot assume any membership, so any budget projections are based on zero enrollment. There will be a 3% increase in our Medicare Plan, which runs June through July. The new rate for Harvard Pilgrim HMO plan will be \$718.69 for an individual and \$1,854.25 for the family plan, PPO is \$2,178.53 for an individual and \$5,620.67 for a family, POS is \$1,183.08 for an individual and \$3,052.27 for a family. Retirees will go from \$334.63 to \$344.67.

Ms. Bohnson questioned how long people have to enroll in a different plan. Mr. Adams advised that the anniversary date is July 1, we will have a health fair in mid-May and they can change at that time. He anticipates 15% will move to the Focus Network. Total number of people on the HMO plan is 189, POS, 4 and PPO 1. He noted that the IAC is very active and goes above and beyond in working for collaboratively. He thinks next year we may discuss change in deductibles.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Concurrence on the following April appointments: Board Of Health: Alan Harris (3 yr), Matron: Abbi Parkinson, Town Scholarship Cmte.: Bernie Dow (3), and Agricultural Cmsn. James Amaral (3)

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor.

2.Consider signing letter to Matthew Beaton Secretary of Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in support of the Goodale Park funding within bond bill

Motion Mr. McCormick for the Board to sign the letter of support, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

3.Consider accepting donations in the amount of \$1,200.00 in personal donations from various individuals and the Worcester Bridge Club from January 2016 through March 2016 on behalf of the Council on Aging

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

4.Consider accepting the following Bandstand Committee donations on behalf on behalf of the town: O’Connor Restaurant \$250, Menard’s Auto Body \$250 and Michael Casey, DMC \$250

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

**MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. April 27, 2016, 6:30 Special Meeting of Board of Selectmen to review, approve and sign warrant
- 2. April 27, 2016, 7:30 FISP meeting
- 3. Announce that the Town will receive \$295,004 in Chapter 90 funds for FY17
- 4. May 2, 2016, 6:30 Public Hearing for Mass DOT Projects at town hall: Stormwater Improvement Project on Beaman Street, Route 140 at the Wachusett Reservoir and Stormwater Improvement Project on Route 140 at the Wachusett Reservoir South Bay Project Boylston/West Boylston line
- 5. Announce full-member vacancy on Zoning Board of Appeals

**SELECTMEN REPORTS**

There are none this evening.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There are none this evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

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John W. Hadley, Chairman

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Kevin M. McCormick, Vice Chairman

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Siobhan M. Bohnson, Clerk

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Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman