



Board of Selectmen

Date of Meeting: Monday, February 26, 2018
Location: Town Hall, 221 Main Street
Time: 6:30 PM – 7:01 PM
Members Present: Chairman James Wood; James Underwood; Marty McNamara, Town Administrator; Stephen Madaus, Town Counsel; April C. Steward, Administrative Assistant to the Board

The meeting commenced at 6:30 PM.

Financial Warrants were signed in agreement.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Report of the Town Administrator to the Board of Selectmen:

- ***New Town HR Policies:*** As I mentioned last meeting, we plan to have policies for your adoption at each meeting going forward. In your packet are three more policies for your adoption. *Jamie Underwood motioned to adopt the HR policies; James Wood seconded; voted all in favor.*
- ***DCR Payment Form:*** Also in your packet is a Payment Form from the DCR regarding the FY 18 in lieu of taxes payment. Chairman Wood would like there to be further discussion in an upcoming meeting in regards to the DCR valuation of land taken in Boylston.
- ***Keep Boylston Beautiful Group:*** The Keep Boylston Beautiful Group has requested approval to do a Spring Cleanup on 4/21 & 4/22 with an appreciation cookout after. *Jamie Underwood made a motion to support the KBB spring cleanup project; James Wood seconded; voted all in favor.*
- ***Opioid Litigation:*** The Town of Auburn and several other area towns have signed on to a lawsuit against opioid makers. If the board is interested in becoming part of this effort, I can contact the consortium of attorneys, and have someone come before you to explain about the litigation.
- ***Charter Changes:*** Charter Communications has sent a letter outlining a few changes to their TV lineup. There is nothing very significant.
- ***DCR ALB Program:*** I was contacted by Timothy Barwise from the DCR AIB Program regarding a plan to relocate their Wood Debris Yard to an area owned by DCAMM and adjacent to the Worcester County House of Correction. The area is located in the Town of Boylston, and the relocation project is still in the planning and approval stage, but they wanted the town to be aware of this possibility. The yard would be open to companies and municipalities during the week to drop off wood that they cannot dispose of on their own. A map of the location being considered is in your packet. Martin McNamara will make arrangements for the DCR to come into the next meeting to discuss the ALB project.
- ***New Commercial Development Interest:*** On Tuesday, 2/20, I had a conversation with Maria Marasco from the Mass. Office of Business Development. She indicated that she is working with Ernst & Young, who has a client that is interested in building a 500,000-square foot facility in the area, and was interested in Boylston. Selectman May and I are scheduled to meet with Maria and the Ernst & Young Representatives tomorrow morning.
- ***Police Training Facility:*** On Thursday, 2/22 I receive communication from Representative Naughton's office that the \$50,000.00 in compensation for hosting the Police Training Facility has been approved. We were required to send a letter to the Executive Director of the MPTC asking that the funds be released. I sent that letter on Thursday. (attached)

- **Red Knights Land Transfer:** I was also informed that the Bill regarding the land transfer with the Red Knights was assigned to the Committee on Municipalities and Regionalization. Alyssa Ring of Rep. Naughtons Office met with that committee on Friday and they expect the bill to move along smoothly.
- **Central Register Ad:** An ad ran in the Central Register on Wednesday 2/21 advising that due to the unique location of properties at the intersection to the FedEx entrance, it would not be beneficial to the town to seek other proposals.
- **Worcester Sportsman Club Parcels:** There is an agreement with the Worcester Sportsman Club to purchase 2 parcels of their land at School & Cross Street. Town Counsel is preparing a Purchase & Sales Agreement. The agreed upon purchase price is \$80,000.00. The funding for this parcel is included in the funds approved at the Special Town Meeting in November. It is expected that we will close on this sale in mid to late March.
- **Fuller Property on rte. 140:** There has also been an agreement reached for the town to purchase a 2.78-acre parcel of land from the Fullers. The agreed upon price for this parcel is \$437,000.00, and Town Counsel is also preparing a P & S for this parcel. Most of the funding for this sale will need to be taken from a free cash article at the ATM in May. In addition to the funds for the purchase, we will need to ask for some additional funding for construction of the roadway. As you know, the design engineering is being paid for by Scannell Develop, and the Town of Shrewsbury has committed to have a \$100,000.00 article for construction costs at their Annual Town Meeting. While the Town of Shrewsbury is confident that the Article will pass at their TM, I am concerned that if it doesn't, we would be short of funds for the road construction. I would suggest that our Article contain enough to cover the entire cost and then return it to free cash if we don't need it.

There are some details on the estimated figures for the project and some potential sources for the funds in your packet.

All in all, this project will be improving motorist safety in the School Street, Cross Street, Route 140, and Colonial Drive area at a cost of over \$1.1M without adding a cent to the tax rate.

Jamie Underwood made a motion to approve the Permit Application, Knights of Columbus One Day Liquor License for St. Patrick's Day dinner 3/10/18; James Wood seconded; voted all in favor.

At 7:01 PM, on a motion made by Selectman Jamie Underwood and seconded by Jim Wood, the following roll call vote was recorded to go into Executive Session under MGL c.30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; and under MGL c.30A, §21, (2): to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with nonunion personnel – Police Chief's contract; James Wood: Yes; James Underwood: Yes. The Board agreed they would reconvene to open session.

At 7:20 the board reconvened into open session to vote to approve the P&S agreement to be presented to the Worcester Sportsman Club and to approve the P&S agreement to be presented to the Fullers; and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the P&S Agreements upon their return.

At 7:21 PM Jamie Underwood motioned to adjourn; Mike May seconded; voted all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
April C. Steward, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

Meeting Materials

Agenda

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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