

Board of Selectmen Meeting:
William Belden Training Room
Chairman: Selectman Brian Moriarty

April 25, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.
Approved: June 12, 2018

Selectman Moriarty opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. He announced Resilience, on May 2nd from 6-8:00p.m. This is a documentary to address adverse childhood experiences & effects on health being shown at Hatfield Elementary School.

Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Hatfield Elementary School this year because of Smith Academy Park construction. Also, Shred It day is May 12 from 9:00a.m. to noon in the Memorial Town Hall parking lot.

Selectman Jaworski thanked Hatfield Fish & Game for their recent fishing derby. He commended them for this event which they have been doing for over 40 years. All kids get a prize.

No one was present for Public Forum.

The Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of March 6th were approved with 1 edit on motion of Selectman Jaworski seconded by Selectman Doty.

Payroll & AP Warrants

Selectman Moriarty moved to approve warrant #1040 for \$24,767.17, dated 4-26-2018. Selectman Jaworski seconded.

Posted Business

Mr. Genovese - DPW Director Report

Mr. Genovese went over items including the town hall front steps project which will begin after the election. He said he would like to have Dave Prichett talk to the Board about a \$200,000 grant awarded to Hatfield for gap funding for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This is a grant to fund a portion of a \$480,000 project for energy efficiency. He said the investment would produce \$32-33,000 savings annually and also sludge hauling costs would go down. Mr. Prichett would also speak about the master plan, perhaps after Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Genovese is working on a Massworks grant for sewer extension along Route 5 from Church Ave to Chestnut St. He will be meeting with Brockway Smith to discuss a plan to sleeve and use an abandoned water main to take their sewage if the extension is approved under the grant. Selectman Moriarty said that Mr. Genovese working with Kyle Scott, Building Commissioner and met with legislators, economic development coordinators for Western Mass and local businesses. Selectman Moriarty, Ms. Michonski, and consultant, Mike Ohl attended a very positive meeting and Mr. Genovese said he is seeking letters of support and commitment if the sewer extension happens.

Selectman Moriarty thanked Mr. Genovese and Mr. Scott saying they have done good work and this would be a win-win.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant –

The warrant is to be signed tonight. Selectman Moriarty said the Board will review it next week with the Finance Committee in a televised meeting. The articles should be online and posted throughout town by Friday.

Selectman Doty moved to approve the Annual Town Meeting warrant as presented. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The motion was approved.

A FY19 budget discussion will take place May 1st with the Finance Committee. A 1% budget reduction would be under levy limit. The Financial Management Team meeting is tomorrow, Terry Williams, DOR, is scheduled to attend.

Appointment to Open Space Committee-

Selectman Moriarty moved to appoint Jeffrey Hobbs to the Open Space Committee. Selectman Jaworski seconded. He will serve 1 year left of a 3 year term and will need to see the Town Clerk to be sworn in.

Billings Way-

Ms. Michonski explained this is a lease for agricultural purposes of 2.5 acres from now until Nov. 30th. Bob Wagner arranged this with Harrison Bardwell and legal counsel has approved. Selectman Jaworski moved to approve the agreement to lease property to Harrison Bardwell for the growing season. Selectman Doty seconded. The motion was approved.

FRTA Update-

Improvements for proposed bus stops were discussed. Permits must be requested through MA DOT but Ms. Michonski has asked for clarification about who should contact MA DOT. Selectman Doty said this is in process. Ms. Michonski doesn't know who is responsible for the construction. Selectman Moriarty said this has been dragging on for 3 years. Selectman Jaworski said if there is a bus stop then there must be a sidewalk.

Colonial Power-

Ms. Michonski has been notified by Colonial Power of a summer basic services rate and final pricing. Selectman Moriarty said Colonial Power is trying to shop the best rates for the town and they will advise.

Phase 2 Memorial Town Hall Renovation-

Selectman Jaworski, Mr. Genovese and Ms. Michonski met with the architect to review a recent cost update for the project. Alternates are needed in case costs go over. The building needs to be ADA compliant and fire protected. Selectman Jaworski said the project already is 2 years behind and costs keep going up. Ms. Michonski said the COA is preparing to move to Our Lady of Grace in June, and the Town will be able to provide a certificate of insurance.

Selectman Jaworski said efforts are being made to inform everyone about the renovation project, and associated issues such as power loss. Responding to a question from Selectman Moriarty, Ms. Michonski said legal counsel has reviewed the agreement from the diocese. Addressing a question from Selectman Moriarty about a Plan B, Ms. Michonski said they were considering the Masonic Lodge at one point. He said this needed to be nailed down and made official.

Addressing a question about the bid opening, Ms. Michonski said they are still working on the bid so there isn't any date yet. She said a walk through date will have to be set.

Selectman Moriarty made a note of information regarding herbicide to be used along the railways. Towns must be notified according to MA General Law when pesticides are to be used. This information can go on the town's website.

A Finance Committee memo is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Selectman Jaworski moved to adjourn. Selectman Doty seconded. The motion was approved and the meeting ended at 6:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ki. J. Eno
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