

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 21, 2016**

Chairman Frawley opened the meeting at 7:00 PM by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Selectman A. Frawley, L. Dalpe, J. Knowlton, D. Stewart and S. McKinnon; and Acting Executive Assistant, Colleen Lieb

**UNANTICIPATED**

Steve McKinnon, resident of 867 Plymouth Street, spoke on the "Vote Yes Police Station Committee" and the upcoming information meeting at the Rock Village Church. He also spoke about tours of the Police Station.

Paul Provencher, resident of 17 Barrows Street and Chairman of the Honorary Mayor Committee. He introduces the 2015 Honorary Mayor of Middleboro, Barbara Chadwick and recognizes one of three candidates for the 2016 election, Ms. Ginny Landis. The other candidates are Ms. Pat Bettencourt and Mr. Arthur Battistini. The last chance to vote for Honorary Mayor is March 25, 2016. Votes cost \$1 to cast and every dollar raised is a vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Selectman Dalpe announced the upcoming Herring Festival and the Oliver Estate events. Selectman Stewart announced World Down Syndrome Day.

**MINUTES**

There was discussion on the 6/22/15, 6/29/15 and 9/21/15 minutes. Selectman Dalpe provided suggested edits to the 6/22, 6/29 and 9/21 minutes.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Stewart, the Board unanimously voted to postpone action on the 6/22/15, 6/29/15 and 9/22/15 minutes.

Upon motion made by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, the Board unanimously voted to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes as presented.

**WARRANTS**

Upon motion made by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon to approve and authorize the Chairman, as a designee to sign the warrants for the week ending March 19, 2016. Unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Police Chief, Joe Perkins discussed that the appointments of the Massasoit Community College Police Officers, as Middleboro Special Police Officers, will allow them to have authority in the Town. The Massasoit Community College Police Department actively patrols the Middleboro campus. They are trained police officers. If there was an incident, it would also allow them to take out a complaint in the proper district court. There is no cost to the Town.

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Upon motion made by Selectman Stewart and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board voted unanimously to appoint the following Massasoit Community College Police Officers as Special Police Officers; Chief Christopher Cummings, Captain Corrine Mahase, Sergeant Obiajunwa Onujiogu, Sergeant Robert Skahan, Sergeant Christopher Trucci, Officer Robert Coppage, Officer Christopher O'Sullivan, Officer Henrique Araujo, Officer Robert Hoey, Officer Christopher Bowlen, Officer James Briggs, Officer James Kominsky, Officer Harpreet Singh, Officer Ryan Hickey, Officer Kristine Murphy and Officer Irina Deane-Costa.

Upon motion made by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, the Board voted unanimously to sign the Bond Authorization Notes.

Upon motion made by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, the Board voted unanimously to declare the 1989 Chevy One-ton Dump Truck and a 1997 Hydroseeder with trailer as surplus for the Park Department.

Upon motion made by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, the Board voted unanimously to advertise an invitation for bids on the purchase of a 2005 Ford Excursion with a starting bid of no less than \$1,000.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board voted to support the recommended FY '17 budget for the Building Department. Motion Carries. 4-0-1 (*Selectman Stewart abstains.*)

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board voted unanimously to postpone discussion on voting the entire FY '17 budget until the Town Manager is available to discuss it.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Stewart, the Board voted to approve a One-Day Beer & Wine License for William Fuller, Bartending Service of New England for April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM to 4 PM for the Herring Festival at Oliver Mill Park.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Common Victualler license for Wicked Pizza/Yummies Creamery at 337 w. Grove Street.

Jane Lopes, Vice Chairman of the Oliver Estate Advisory Committee and Jennifer Goldson, Consultant were present for the discussion.

Jennifer Goldson provided an overview of the Mass Historical Preservation Projects grant. There was a review of all the photos that detailed the work that was identified and the repairs that are being recommended. Selectman McKinnon reviewed with Jennifer Goldson the questions that he had on the Mass Historical Preservation Project grant document. There was comment on the

cost of \$500 for a project sign. There was discussion on the 10% contingency figure. Selectman McKinnon expressed concern on the roof decking and roof repairs and that the contingency proposed will not be enough. Jennifer clarifies how the grant funds match the CPA funds and that contingency cannot be included in the match.

There was a brief discussion on red cedar shingles versus white cedar shingles.

Selectman Knowlton speaks about the three areas that will provide funding for the repair project and that it will not have to be borrowed or taken from the Town funds.

Upon motion made by Selectman Stewart and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Mass Historical Preservation Projects Grant with the amendments, to change the Town Manager references to the Board of Selectmen, to correct the name of the Oliver Advisory Committee and include additional contingency funds for roof decking and supports.

Selectman Frawley requested that the Oliver Advisory Committee include the Board of Selectmen on the distributions of the agenda and minutes, so they can keep current on the Committee's activities.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board voted unanimously to postpone voting on the bid award for the Wood Street Main Replacement Project to the next meeting so that the DPW Superintendent can speak on wide range of bid amounts.

Paul Provencher was present for the discussion.

Paul discussed with the Board the issues he has been having in getting a clerk for the Veteran's Department. He discussed the issue of only 19 hour per week and the Clerical Union conflict of their wanting a 20 hour per week job with eligibility for benefits. He asked the Board to support the request for a clerk so he can get someone into the office and trained before he retires. He noted how behind he is in paperwork and the need for clerical assistance quickly.

Selectman Dalpe spoke about SRPEDD and the notice that they will facilitate Inter Municipal Agreements. She noted that she will look into clerical services through them.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to postpone further discussion until the Town Manager can speak on this matter.

Selectman McKinnon asked Mr. Provencher to provide the Board with a narrative on the request for clerical services and provide a description of the work that needs to get done.

Paul briefly discussed the process that he went through in interviewing to become the Town's Veteran's Agent, he recommends that the same process be followed and offers to work with the Veteran's Council to arrange the same procedure. Chairman Frawley explained that they will speak with the Town Manager and determine what the process will be, they are not looking for a recommendation on that at this time.

The Visual Budget Presentation will be rescheduled and brought back by the Town Manager.

### **HEARINGS, MEETINGS & LICENSES**

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board voted unanimously to continue the WRPD hearing for Renewal Energy, LLC (Next sun) for property located at 117 East Grove Street, M065, Lot 2916 to April 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Derek Adamiec, Chairman, Weston Forest Committee was present for the discussion.

Derek reviewed with the Board his letter asking for pre-approval of six projects they are considering at the Weston Forest. The first project to consider is the installation of three new picnic tables on the Tispaquin Street side, Seven Pines area. The second project to consider would be a playground in the Seven Pine area with the equipment to be installed, to be determined. The third project would be trail maintenance on the Purchase Street side of the property. Derek explained that an Eagle Scout came through and did a really good job on the trails work. The trail maintenance would involve landscape and tree services. The fourth project to consider is a boardwalk on the Tispaquin side to make Cedar Point more accessible. The fifth project to consider is the installation of a granite bench at Cedar Point with an engraving on it as the Fred Weston Memorial. The sixth project to consider is trail mapping, Derek explained that one of the Members of his Committee is working on the trail mapping and getting it printed so that there can be a guided map of the trails and locations of recreation, dog rest stations, etc.

Derek discussed the animal sanitation policy and Selectman Frawley asked him to look into sanitation for horses. Derek will look at putting together an encompassing Animal Sanitation Policy.

Selectman Stewart talked to Derek about the handicap access on the Boardwalk down to Cedar Point and asked them to install something that is cost effective for those that have trouble walking, stroller and wheelchair access.

Derek asked the Board if they would be willing to submit a letter of commendation for the Eagle Scout and the work he did on the trails at the Weston Forest.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board unanimously voted to submit a letter of commendation for the Eagle Scout for his work in the Weston Forest.

Selectman Knowlton spoke about the Weston Forest Committee getting the word out to the Community on what they are working on, what the issues are and talk about the recreation that is available to the Town on the Weston Forest Property. He asks if the Board needs to review the preapproval requests. Selectman McKinnon referenced the May 7, 2001, Selectmen's meeting minutes and the unanimous vote that "The Weston Forest Committee is an advisory to the Board of Selectmen charged by the Board of Selectmen to study and report their recommendation concerning maintenance, improvements and development of plans, compelling potential uses of the park, revising signage and ways to encourage the use of the property for improved purposes."

The Board requested that the Weston Forest Committee include the Selectmen in the distribution of their agendas and minutes of meetings so the Board can be kept up to date on the progress.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board, voted unanimously to pre-approve the six projects presented and allow the Weston Forest Committee to put together information on scope of work and costs for final review and approval by the Board if they agree they are interested in pursuing the projects.

Frank Dunphy, West Forest Committee, asked what the budget will be for these projects. Selectman McKinnon spoke briefly about the Weston Forest funds. There is the issue of the \$11,000 from tree work that was done and how those funds can be separated from the actual Trust Funds through Town Meeting. This will need to be coordinate with the Town Manager. Derek explained that if the Committee knew what funds were available it would make their job easier in presenting the projects for the Board to review with costs.

The Board agrees that any discussion on Weston Forest Funds has to be done with the Town Manger as he is aware of the process done through Town Meeting to separate the funds.

Derek moved on to the next topic of discussion, which is the letter from Town Counsel regarding the definition of use for the Weston Forest and the disk golf. Derek expressed frustration with the letter as it appears to speak about the disc golf specifically rather than giving a definition of use for the Weston Forest.

There was a section by section review of Town Counsel's references to Mass General Law and definitions for park property. Derek noted that he feels the Weston Forest falls more under the playground definition than anything else.

Selectman McKinnon reads directly from the will of Fredrick Weston as it references the property. He noted that there is more research to be done in the Board of Selectmen minutes to make sure that all the determinations are included

Brian Giovanoni, 89 Rocky Meadow, spoke about the Board of Selectmen's March 3, 2003 meeting minutes where the Board listed out what can and cannot be done in the Weston Forest.

There was a brief discussion on whether the Middleborough has a designated Town Forest.

**TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

#3 Selectman Dalpe, Letter from SRPEDD, check on clerk for the Veteran's Office.

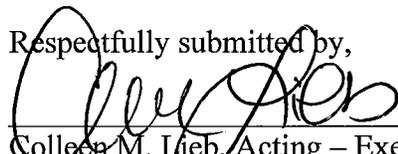
Selectman Knowlton, requested that letters one and two be forwarded to Paul Provencher.

Selectman Stewart requests that the Mess Movers be put on the April 11<sup>th</sup> agenda. The Mess Movers are starting cleaning up again on April 16th. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Last year the Town Manager got involved and had Departments, the BOS and other people adopt Saturday's to help out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Colleen M. Lieb, Acting – Executive Assistant  
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