

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY  
MARCH 09, 2015**

**Members Present:** Antone C. Vieira Jr., Chairman  
Richard M. Spirlet, Vice Chairman  
Craig J. Dutra  
Steven J. Ouellette  
R. Michael Sullivan, Clerk

**Also present:** Timothy J. King, Town Administrator

Chairman Vieira called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Westport Town Hall, 816 Main Road, Westport, MA with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

\*Note: Mr. Dutra arrived at 6:45 PM.

**Chairman's Announcement** - Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(e) – Meeting is being recorded.

**Public and Board Member Comment** – None.

**Acknowledgments & Recognitions** – None.

**Town Administrator Report**

**Position Vacancies**

1. **COA Director:** Mr. King stated the COA Director position application period has closed; twenty-two applications were received. The Search Committee met on Friday (3/06/15) to discuss the applications and will be holding interviews on Wednesday and Friday (3/11/15 & 3/13/15).
2. **Veterans Services Agent:** Mr. King stated the application deadline was March 6<sup>th</sup> and a meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM to review the applications.
3. **Cemetery Laborer:** Mr. King stated the application deadline for applying is March 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Highway Special Equipment Operator:** Mr. King stated the application deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Furnace Town Hall**

Mr. King stated the furnace in the Town Hall has been serviced and repaired again; it is has been several years since servicing according to the service person.

**Waste Oil Furnace Highway**

Mr. King stated the waste oil furnace in the Highway Department Garage failed, it was below freezing in the Department and the cost was too high to justify fixing it; so, Mr. Gonsalves was authorized to obtain three quotes for an emergency replacement. The furnace is now installed and operating.

**Town Accountant - Schedule A**

Mr. King stated that Ms. Provencal, Town Accountant has submitted the Schedule A to the Dept. of Revenue.

**OPEB Report**

Mr. King stated the Board has received the OPEB Report and Mr. Dan Sherman will be present this evening to explain the report.

**Water System - DWSRF**

Mr. King stated the DEP is anxious for the Town to either use the loan funds set aside in 2014 for the proposed water treatment facility or to notify them that the Town will not be going forward with a facility. Mr. King stated the measures that the Town has been taking are satisfactorily addressing the THM problem, both now and for the longer-term. Mr. King stated that Ryan Trahan has notified the

DEP that the Town will not be utilizing the DWSRF loan funds; so the funds can be released and used by another town that is waiting. Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. King, are we fairly certain we don't need a water filtration system. Mr. King stated that if there is no significant change with the water from Fall River and the flushing continues, he was reasonably confident the Town won't have to build a facility; in addition, if a problem arises, the DEP is watching and would issue an ACO, then we would have to do something such as a new water source or build a water treatment plant. Mr. Vieira stated this will allow the money (low-interest loan) to be used by other towns. Mr. Vieira explained the reasons behind securing the money. Mr. Vieira stated that Fall River is addressing the issue now; we are not out of the woods yet because in the summertime, the only we are going to make this work it to continue the flushing/bleeding. Mr. Vieira stated we are not paying for the water be used for flushing because this is a long-term issue and Fall River has to deal with it. Mr. Sullivan asked at what point do we revisit because we have literally doubled the rate to the user. Mr. King stated he estimated late spring. Mr. Vieira stated we may be doubling the rate again before we resolve this; the Town does not make money on this, it just enables us to continue to manage the water; we don't have a water department, he would like to see the Town continue to purchase the water, run it through the pipes and the individuals work closely together on it. Mr. Vieira stated if we can't resolve this problem with Fall River, we will be faced with having to do something. Mr. Sullivan stated right now, we have a less-costly solution and it is possible that in the future, we may be able to revisit the rates and reduce them. Mr. Vieira stated he hoped that would happen but he is not that optimistic because he believes the city has a big problem.

#### **Police Station**

Mr. King stated a report received from Police Chief Pelletier has been provided to the Board regarding significant water leakage from the roof down to the basement. If the Board remembered, a couple of years ago, the Police Dept. needed a roof replacement to address some significant leakage problems; instead, drainage problems around the building were addressed and repairs to the roof were opted for; now with the snow, rain and melting, the roof has leaked badly and some operations may have to be reassigned and moved out of the basement to perhaps the Fire Station. Mr. King stated the Highway Dept. was called in to help clear the roof and the basement is flooded beyond use so, Mr. King stated that he, Chief Pelletier and Fire Chief Legendre are working together on arrangements to move some of the Police departments over to the Fire Station. Mr. Vieira stated he saw the report with the photos; soon, we will have to address the working conditions in this building. Mr. Vieira publicly thanked the Highway and Fire Departments for their assistance over the weekend at the Police Station and he encouraged all Board members to visit the Police Station to view, firsthand, the working conditions. Mr. Vieira stated this situation can't continue. Mr. King stated on Wednesday (3/11/15), he and Chief Pelletier will be meeting with John McMillan, Reinhardt Associates to discuss the scope of services for the Police Station Needs Study; this matter will be brought before the BOS at their next meeting for approval.

#### **CZM Knubble Beach Dune Restoration Project**

Mr. King provided the Board with a brief status report on the Beach Dune Restoration Project. Mr. King stated this is moving along slowly due to this winter season.

#### **Introduction of Veterans' Service Officer – Donat “Dan” LeBlanc.**

Mr. LeBlanc was present and introduced to the Board by Mr. Spirlet, who gave a brief background of Mr. LeBlanc. Mr. Vieira stated the Board wanted to thank Mr. LeBlanc for filling in until a permanent person can be found. Mr. Spirlet stated the committee will be meeting tomorrow to review the applications and a packet has been provided to Mr. LeBlanc, who will also be looking over the applications and providing the committee with some recommendations. Mr. LeBlanc stated Westport is a nice community and it has a tremendous number of veterans and veteran's widowers in Town. Mr. LeBlanc noted that Ch. 115 is a good program, which is reimbursable, and Massachusetts is the only

state in the country to have this program, which is very different from other VA programs. Mr. LeBlanc stated he looked at the applications very quickly but there is a lot of candidates, which is a very good thing. The Board welcomed Mr. LeBlanc and wished him luck.

**Public Hearing – RE: Acceptance of Road Layouts for Kyle Jacob Road, Rach's Lane, Melissa Beth Way, Berard Court, Stella Lane, Rita Lane, Stonehaven Way and Lincoln Avenue.**

The public hearing was opened at 6:25 PM. Present were Planning Board member Jim Whitin, Town Planner Jim Hartnett and Highway Surveyor Christopher Gonsalves. Mr. Vieira noted that recommendations were received from the Planning Board, Highway Department and Conservation Commission regarding each of the roads (see attached).

**Kyle Jacob Road, Rach's Lane, Melissa Beth Way** – Mr. Hartnett stated these roads were part of the same subdivision, Brookside Woods. They were approved by the Planning Board in 2005 and the Planning Board released the surety in 2010, when the subdivision was considered complete, Tibbett's Engineering signed off and inspections were completed by the Planning, as statute calls for. The Planning Board is recommending that these three streets could be accepted at Town Meeting because the roadways satisfy the requirements for roadway construction under the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations for Subdivision Control.

**Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to place a warrant article for acceptance of Kyle Jacob Road, Rach's Lane and Melissa Beth Way for acceptance at Town Meeting. Second by Mr. Ouellette.

**Discussion:** Mr. Spirlet noted the memo from the Highway Dept. and stated some small items need to be completed before Town Meeting. Mr. Vieira he visited the roads today and had conversations with Mr. Hartnett because of concern over the size of the roads and cul-de-sacs but they are all done under the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board and they seem to be inline with the procedures that are in place but in going forward, there should be a discussion regarding the size of the road. Mr. Gonsalves stated he has spoken with the Planning Board and suggested that roads should be 26ft. Paved, this would be wide enough and sufficient enough to allow for plowing and public safety apparatus; he stated there is nothing that can be done with these roads but in the future perhaps there could be a compromise. Mr. Gonsalves stated as for the easements and vegetation, they need to be cleared out. Mr. Whitin stated some retention ponds can support vegetation such as trees because trees absorb water and get rid of moisture; if they are working as intended, they should be left alone; the outflow pipes should be cleaned, along with the catch basins on a regular basis. Mr. Whitin stated if the roads are accepted, then the Town will be the one paying for their upkeep, which is no different from what has been done in the past. Mr. Spirlet agreed, but stated the areas, drains and catch basins should be cleaned prior to acceptance. Discussion continued regarding drainage and road size; it was noted that clarification was needed from Conservation regarding the drainage questions once the snow melts. Mr. Vieira then called for any input from abutters. William Roberts, 28 Kyle Jacob Road stated in his opinion, the Town basically accepted the roads as they are today by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and they would like to move forward with this; the same concerns are shared but there is nothing that can be done about it at this time; so, he would like the Board to consider accepting these roads. Mr. Vieira stated it will be up to Town Meeting to accept the roads, the Board of Selectmen is only voting tonight to move this forward to Town Meeting, where the Planning Board or anyone else can speak on this, either for or against. Mr. Vieira stated that from until Town Meeting, there is time to solve any problems. Mr. Vieira called for a vote of the Board on the motion on the floor. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Rita Lane** – Mr. Hartnett stated Rita Lane is right off of White Oak Run, a subdivision, which was approved by the Planning Board in 2006. There is a punch list of items to be done; this is one of those streets that they could not address the punch list prior to Town Meeting and the Planning Board has not

released the surety as of yet. The recommendation from the Planning Board to the BOS is that this street not be accepted at ATM unless the roadway can satisfy the requirements under the roadway construction standards as stipulated in the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations for Subdivision Control prior to ATM. The punch list was reviewed and found to be relatively minor. Mr. Gonsalves agreed it was just minor items. Mr. Vieira then called for any input from abutters. Atty. Chip Mulford stated he was the trustee for Twin Pines Westport Realty Trust, the owner of the White Oak Estates subdivision and Rita Lane is a single roadway which serves eight homes. Atty. Mulford stated the Town is still holding \$75,000. surety with the developers, who are not going anywhere; due to the weather, they are trying to get inspections dealing with Tibbett's punch list of items; they will be going back before the Planning Board and they already have a Certificate of Compliance from the Conservation Commission. Atty. Mulford requested a conditional recommendation for placement on the warrant, so they can get back before the Planning Board before Town Meeting; this is still a raw road with one lot sold; Bristol Pacific is building these homes and following approval at Town Meeting, a spec home will be built. Mr. Whitin stated that \$65,000. plus was being held and the estimate from Tibbett's to fix everything on the punch list is approximately \$30,000. so there is more than enough being held.

**Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to place an article on the warrant conditionally based upon the recommendation of the Planning Board that the punch list be completed by Town Meeting. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Berard Court, Stella Lane, Stonehaven Way** – Mr. Hartnett stated that Stella Lane was part of the Sarah Ivy Estates and approved by the Planning Board a number of years ago. Mr. Hartnett stated there is one punch list item to be done and explained; this should not be a major problem. Mr. Hartnett stated that surety was still being held on these roads. Mr. Hartnett stated the recommendation from the Planning Board to the BOS is that this street not be accepted at ATM unless the roadway can satisfy the requirements under the roadway construction standards as stipulated in the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations for Subdivision Control prior to ATM.

**Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to accept per the Planning Board's recommendation with consideration of work being done between now and Town Meeting and place an article on the ATM warrant. Second by Mr. Sullivan. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sullivan questioned if there were any other road in the same situation as Stella Lane. Mr. Hartnett stated Berard Court and Stonehaven Way. Mr. Dutra **amended** his motion to include Berard Court, Stella Lane and Stonehaven Way. Second by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Vieira called for any abutter input. Bruce Wingate, 18 Stella Lane asked if there would be any changes to the cul-de-sac; Mr. Hartnett replied no. Mr. Wingate questioned placement of the mailboxes; Mr. Vieira stated that mailbox placement was up to the Post Office. Discussion ensued. Mr. Vieira called for a vote of the Board on the motion on the floor. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Lincoln Avenue** – Mr. Whitin stated the Planning Board is making a non-binding recommendation that Lincoln Avenue was constructed in accordance with the PB's Subdivision Rules and Regulations at the time the subdivision was released in 1974, however, the petitioners have not presented information to demonstrate that the road meets the construction standards as required in Section 0709 of the Town's Bylaws, therefore, the Planning Board is recommending the street not be accepted at ATM. Mr. Whitin stated that in 1988, this was submitted for acceptance but Atty. Carlton Lees wrote a letter to the BOS that the road not be accepted until it was brought up to standard. Mr. Whitin then reviewed the content of the letter describing what the standards were that were required for road construction. Mr. Whitin stated that to date, no test results have been presented to the Planning Board. Mr. Vieira stated this road has been there for a number of years with eight houses on it, it has a street name sign and there are mailboxes on it; there was a question as to whether this road was being plowed, so the Highway Dept.

was questioned and presently, the Highway Dept. does not plow it; Mr. Vieira stated he can't speak to previous years but there was a time when it was being plowed with Town vehicles; shame on us for plowing private roads but it is what it is, so the eight homes that are down there have some services. At this time, Mr. Vieira called for anyone for Lincoln Avenue; no one was present. Mr. Vieira stated he was sure there was no big cry from them to get it accepted or not because they probably think it is accepted. Mr. Whitin stated the residents of Lincoln Avenue are aware that it is not an accepted road. Discussion ensued. Mr. Vieira stated there is a large area in the back that is trying to be developed and he was assuming that the property is landlocked, so they would be using this road as access; could the Planning Board work with the developer to bring the road up to standard, which might solve the problem for everyone. Mr. Whitin stated he could not speak to this outside of the Planning Board's public hearings but there is a plan to use that road for access. Mr. Hartnett explained the procedure and stated this matter has been referred to Town Counsel. Mr. Vieira stated that at this time, the Planning Board is not recommending moving this forward to Town Meeting. Mr. Whitin stated that was correct. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to accept the Planning Board's recommendation. Second by Mr. Sullivan. Again, Mr. Vieira called on anyone interested in Lincoln Avenue. No response was received. Mr. Vieira asked who initiated the petition for Lincoln Avenue. Mr. King stated there was a signed petition with the required number of signatures that was submitted. Mr. Vieira stated this article can be placed on the warrant but not recommend it at Town Meeting. This will give time for the Planning Board to maybe work with the developer to the benefit of everyone. Mr. Dutra **amended** his motion with "to place an article on the warrant for Town Meeting subject to the Planning Board's non-recommendation for acceptance." Mr. Sullivan seconded the amendment. The Board voted unanimously in favor. The public hearing is closed at 7:15 PM.

**School Committee/School Superintendent – RE: Cont'd discussion of Cable TV Memorandum of Agreement; discussion regarding combined School-Town Department.**

Present: School Superintendent Anne Dargon, School Committee member Carolina Africano, Cable Access Coordinator Valerie Bain and School IT Robert Nogueira. Mr. King stated there was a meeting with Mr. Nogueira and Ms. Bain to set the framework of this proposal and they came up with an excellent idea for addressing the Community Cable TV. Ms. Dargon stated there have been several meetings with Ms. Bain, and part of the recommendation shows the excellent results; she looks forward to beginning this project. Mr. Ouellette stated the Cable Advisory Board voted unanimously on this proposal and would like to see this move forward. Mr. Spirlet stated this proposal will be tried for one year; one of his concerns was we are not sure of how much money would be received in 2015; we are supporting this person in the School Department to be hired to do all the technical stuff and the training but, if in fact, if we don't have the money in the Cable Revolving Fund, where will the money come from; he did not want the Town to be responsible, if the funding is there, he had no problem supporting it, if the funding runs out, where is it going to come from. Discussion ensued regarding the funding. Ms. Africano stated we will live within our budget and now, phone/internet will be taken out of the equation, so PEG will be fully funded. Mr. Sullivan questioned splitting of positions; Ms. Africano stated there will be no split, this is one entity. Mr. Vieira stated the Board was provided with an organizational chart. Mr. Ouellette then explained how the proposal will work. Ms. Africano stated that the power-point provided to the Board tonight is up online already for the public to view. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to accept the Cable Advisory Board's recommendation and approve the MOA for the Community Cable TV between the Westport Community School's School Committee and the Westport Board of Selectmen. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted unanimously in favor. Mr. King stated the warrant article for the Cable Revolving Fund will have to be increased, currently it is \$125,000. and needs to be increased to \$175,000.

**Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve the recommendation of increasing the Cable Revolving Fund to \$175,000. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Mark Souza – RE: Discussion regarding Tripp Farm.**

Present: Mark Souza, Jay Tripp, Ralph Souza, Edward Ferreira, Tom Lemieux and Wayne Curtis. Mr. Mark Souza stated there is ongoing issues with smell, a transfer station, feed business and bird feces; the same things keep happening but nothing is being done about it; there are flies and rodents; it is a continuing problem. Mr. Vieira stated he has spoken with the Board of Health and there are no outstanding issues; the same goes for the Agricultural Commission, who state that all issues have been dealt with. Mr. Ralph Souza stated the complaints came to his office about a year ago and were dealt with by Mr. Bobola at the time. Mr. Ralph Souza stated that all activities are legitimate; there is no proof of any zoning violations and he has spoken with Mr. Mitchell from the State. Mr. Ralph Souza stated that if the Tripp's have other land, they can process mulch. Mr. Spirlet stated the Board has to rely on the statements from the Board of Health, Agricultural Commission and the Building Inspector. Mr. Souza stated that he and his neighbors have complained and have gone to the State and an attorney; both say this is the first step before taking further action; that is why he is here tonight. Mr. Lemieux, 194 Old Pine Hill Road stated he lives within 200 ft. of the problem and on February 24<sup>th</sup>, he called the Board of Health and Mr. Schwartz arrived at his home and looked over the property; Mr. Schwartz stated he would have a response to his visit within two weeks but there has been no word yet. Mr. Vieira stated this is a farm with agricultural use. Mr. Lemieux stated that the Board of Health took pictures and saw birds and the feces on his property; also, while the BOH was at his home, Jay Tripp showed up too; the Tripp's are lousy neighbors. AgCom Member Edward Ferreira stated he has been out to the property a few times with the Board of Health and alone as the AgCom; the Board of Health says that things are under control; there has also been discussions regarding this matter during at least six meetings of the AgCom; so far, the BOH states there are no violations. Mr. King stated to Mr. Souza the BOS's jurisdiction is very limited over another elected board (BOH); other than providing a forum where this matter can be aired out, there may be some State agencies that have jurisdiction. Mr. Vieira requested the Board of Health be contacted on Tuesday, following this meeting, to obtain Mr. Schwartz's report from February 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Vieira also asked Mr. Ralph Souza to look into this and report back. Mr. Spirlet stated to Mr. Mark Souza, that if he did not feel he was getting the right response then he should go to Boston and file a complaint. Mr. Mark Souza stated he was but he wanted to give the Town a chance first.

**Discussion – RE: Post Retirement Benefits Report – Dan Sherman.**

Present: Dan Sherman, Director and Consulting Actuary of Sherman Actuarial Services and Finance Committee member John Miller. Mr. King stated the Town is acutely aware of our liability related to OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) and there were questions of how large, what it mean to our community, what do we do to address it and what is the best way to address it going forward. Mr. King stated that Mr. Sherman was present tonight to explain and answer questions. Mr. Sherman stated he spoke with the Town Accountant and found out that the Town does not have a plan to go forward. Mr. Sherman then began a very lengthy explanation of OPEB and started his presentation by referring to page 2 of the report to explain the Pay-as-You-Go (4%) and Full Prefunding (8%). Mr. Sherman then explained page 4 – Membership Data and Breakdown of Results. Mr. Sherman made suggestions of separating retirees from actives and to create two line items and also, that Trust Funds being created, which can be drawn on during lean periods. Discussion ensued. No votes were taken. Mr. Vieira requested that the reports be placed on the website for the general public to review. The Board thanked Mr. Sherman for coming in.

**Discussion – RE: Engineering Firms' Research on the Middle School options and potential costs.**

Mr. King reported there should be a proposal for the Middle School by the end of the week; there was PCB's in the ground which needs to be reported to the DEP and Mr. King stated he has contacted Dr. Dargon regarding this. Mr. Vieira stated that at some point, we will need to budget for this.

**Christopher Gonsalves, Highway Surveyor – RE: Hiring of a temp.**

Mr. Gonsalves stated that he needs to hire a temp due to having an employee who will be out for at least six to eight weeks on medical. Mr. Gonsalves stated he has money for a seasonal and he would like to put a temp also; that would be two people and his budget will cover it. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to accept the Highway Surveyor's recommendation. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Action Items**

1. Mr. King stated we have received a proposal from Harper's Payroll Service and we have confirmed that the funding is available, so he has authorized Mr. Gonsalves to proceed with the implementation; the Highway Department will be the initial site. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to accept the Town Administrators' recommendation of Harper's for the Time Clock System. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Vieira asked why just one department was being done and not a full implementation. Mr. King stated that we can't do all of it at once, it will be in steps. Mr. Spirlet stated we will probably need one more clock but the rest is on computers. Mr. Vieira stated this Board voted to implement the program; we need a commitment to move forward on this. **Motion** made by Mr. Spirlet to move forward with the total plan for all departments. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
2. Mr. Spirlet stated he would like to make a recommendation to all boards, committees and commissions via a memo that the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence be observed before all meetings; it can be either way, the Pledge of Allegiance or both. Mr. Spirlet stated we are not forcing them, just suggesting that it would be a nice thing to do, as for the Moment of Silence, someone is always losing someone. **Motion** made by Mr. Spirlet that a memo be sent out to all boards, committees and commissions to begin their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Second by Mr. Dutra for discussion. Mr. Dutra stated his concern was that we only do a Moment of Silence if it is an appropriate occasion and to have an obligatory Moment of Silence opens the door to misrepresentation as to what that Moment of Silence is for; he stated he had no problem making it standard procedure for the Pledge of Allegiance for all boards in Town. Mr. Spirlet **amended** his motion to only the Pledge of Allegiance. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to support a warrant article for \$6,500.00 – Waterways Fund for a new motor as requested by Shellfish Constable Gary Sherman. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
4. **Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to approve as written the warrant article for the Town Administrator position. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
5. The Board reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> draft 3/9/15 of the ATM warrant articles, making adjustments and finalizing the warrant. At this time, the Board addressed a memo from Mr. Gonsalves requesting another \$100,000. for Snow & Ice. **Motion** made by Mr. Ouellette to approve another \$100,000. for Snow & Ice in addition to the prior additional \$300,000. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Vieira stated that will mean, Article C – change Snow & Ice to \$400,000. and amend the total to \$538,770.00. Articles addressed, that were new to the warrant since last meeting;; Article J – two trucks for the Highway Dept.; Mr. Sullivan asked that Article L

be taken out – it was premature for this article at this time; and it was noted to change the revolving article for Gary Sherman due to his request tonight; Article W & X are just housekeeping issues, no changes there; an article is needed for the Cable Revolving Fund, not to exceed \$150,000. and an article to propose a change in the standard of width to 26ft. for roads (request from Gonsalves); Mr. King will work on both articles. Mr. King stated there is money in the budget for OPEB, does the Board want it in an article or in the budget; the Board responded budget. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve the warrant as submitted with amendments. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

6. **Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to approve of the binding question for 2015 Election Ballot Questions. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-opposed (Vieira).  
“Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond(s) issued in order to: (1) undertake Police Station Mold Remediation – Phase One, and (2) acquire and equip the following pieces of capital equipment: (a) Information Technology Department – Computer Systems, Phone System, and Copiers; (b) Highway – Freightliner Truck w/Plow and Sander, and Chipper; (c) School – Van and Pickup Truck; (d) Fire – Engine 4?”  
**Motion** made by Mr. Ouellette to approve of the binding question for 2015 Election Ballot Questions. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-opposed (Vieira).  
“Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund (1) paving the Macomber School parking lot, (2) a new well for Westport High School, (3) a new pickup truck for the Highway Department, and (4) cars/SUVs for the Fire Department for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and fifteen?”
7. **Motion** made by Mr. Ouellette to accept the resignation of John Rezendes from the Cable Advisory Board and to send a letter of thanks. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
8. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve, subject to the recommendations of Lt. Bell, the request for the “Westport Half Marathon” on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
9. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve, subject to the recommendations of Lt. Bell, the request for the “Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Bicycle Ride” on Saturday, September 19, 2015. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
10. The Board decided not to endorse the request of the Romeiros for their Annual Pilgrimage on Monday, March 16, 2015 per recommendation of Lt. Bell, due to road conditions caused by the recent snowstorms.
11. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve, subject to the recommendations of Lt. Bell, the request for the “Horseneck Half Marathon” on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
12. **Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to approve, subject to the recommendations of Lt. Bell, the request for the “Westport and Beyond 5K Road Race” on Sunday, May 24, 2015. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-abstention (Dutra).
13. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve, subject to the recommendations of Lt. Bell, the request for the “Horseneck Beach Road Race” on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

### **Appointments**

**Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to appoint Donat J. Dan LeBlanc as Graves Registration Officer. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted unanimously in favor.



## **Minutes**

**Motion** made by Mr. Sullivan to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2015. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports** – None.

**Question and Answer Period** – None.

**Board Members Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action** – None.

**Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting** – None.

## **Other Business**

1. Mr. Sullivan stated he attended a meeting of the Westport Neighborhood Association where Detective Majewski gave a great presentation of how to prevent crime.
2. Mr. Ouellette asked everyone again, to please slow down and to try to get the sidewalks cleared.
3. Mr. Vieira asked that consideration be given to lowering any snowbanks which have accumulated making travel site very difficult. Mr. Vieira stated that Mr. Gonsalves and his Highway Dept. crews were out again today, clearing the roads.

## **9:15 PM Executive Session**

**Motion** made by Mr. Ouellette to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21 to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining (Police, AFSCME, LAW) and to approve Executive Session Minutes of 02-23-15. Second by Mr. Spirlet. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Ouellette-aye. Mr. Spirlet-aye. Mr. Dutra-aye. Mr. Sullivan-aye. Mr. Vieira-aye. Chairman Vieira announced the Board would return to Open Session.

## **9:45 PM Open Session**

Mr. King announced the Board of Selectmen voted to ratify three tentative collective bargaining agreements with the Police Union, Law Union (Town Hall/Annex/Cemetery/Dispatchers) and AFSCME Union (Highway). The pay increases voted were Highway (first year 1% & second year 2%), Law (FY'16-2%) and Police (0% wage increase w/ some extension of benefits with the Quinn Bill for new officers and an additional holiday (day after Thanksgiving) and a 2% wage increase for FY'16). Also, Mr. King has asked the Board for consideration of additional compensation for the Highway Surveyor who has put in yeoman's hours because of this special winter we have experienced. **Motion** made by Mr. Spirlet that the Town Administrator come back to the next meeting with a recommendation. No motion required; this matter will be brought back to the next BOS meeting. It was recommended that the Town Administrator speak with the Highway Surveyor regarding compensation. Mr. Vieira stated if compensation is recommended, a source of funding needs to be identified.

## **9:50 PM**

**Motion** made by Mr. Ouellette to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting. Second by Mr. Sullivan. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

## **Adjournment.**

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED:**\_\_\_\_\_

R. Michael Sullivan, Clerk

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