# BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

**Members Present:** Antone C. Vieira Jr., Chairman

Richard M. Spirlet, Vice Chairman

Steven J. Ouellette Craig J. Dutra

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

**Absent:** R. Michael Sullivan, Clerk

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.

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

Acknowledgments & Recognitions - None.

# **Town Administrator Report**

<u>Water Matters</u> – Mr. King wanted to remind all water customers, that their water bill will be doubling due to having to confront the THM problem. The good news is that the THM's are significantly below the range, however, the DEP is requesting the Town to take steps, especially if the THM levels can't be controlled. Informational / no votes taken.

<u>Police Station Feasibility Study RFQ</u> – Mr. King stated the RFQ is complete and will be advertised next week and has been sent out to several MA architects known to have completed designs for police stations and public safety buildings. Informational / no votes taken.

<u>Designer Selection Board</u> – Mr. King stated there are no specific qualifications but it would be helpful to have individuals who are architects, builders or experienced in the building trades. Mr. Spirlet stated that the Long-Term Planning Building Committee members, Bill Gifford and Ed Brum would be good for this. This will be posted on the website for applicants. Informational / no votes taken.

<u>Donation of Property</u> – Mr. King stated he is researching the donation of property offer from Stafford & Barbara Hart and will have a report at the next BOS Meeting. Informational / no votes taken.

<u>Soccer Field Project</u> – Mr. King stated work has begun on the Russell Davis field for a new soccer field. Informational / no votes taken.

<u>Net Metering Services</u> – Mr. King reported that the initial Schedule Z has been prepared and submitted for the PPA's with Borrego. Informational / no votes taken.

<u>DEP Cease & Desist Order for Beach Avenue</u> – Mr. King stated an appeal has been filed by K&P to the Cease & Desist Order filed by DEP. A meeting has been arranged in Lakeville on Thursday, 09-24-14 to hopefully get this issue resolved. Informational / no votes taken.

<u>Plugged Town Hall Sewer Drain</u> – Mr. King stated there continues to be a problem with the toilet in the Town Hall basement. After snaking and camera work, it was determined that paper towels were causing the backup. Mr. King is looking into the purchasing and installation of electric hand dryers and removal of the paper towel dispensers. Informational / no votes taken.

<u>Master Plan Workshop #2</u>– Mr. King also reminded everyone of the Master Plan Workshop scheduled for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Westport Library from 9AM to 12:30 PM.

<u>319 Project</u> – Mr. King stated he has provided the Board with an update outlining the various options that the Town has to address this project; the DEP is anxious to know if the Town is going to proceed or not proceed. Informational / no votes taken.

# **Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports** – None.

### Board of Health – RE: FY'15 Budget Cuts and Vacation/Sick Leave Policy.

Present: Dr. Colletti, BOH Chairman and James Walsh, Sr. BOH Agent.

Budget Cuts: Mr. Walsh asked if a date has been set for a Special Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Vieira stated there has not been any discussion and at this point there is none scheduled for this Fall but we can anticipate with contracts being settled, we may be looking at spring. Mr. Walsh stated that essentially, the BOH was giving the BOS a heads-up because we had some budget cuts from the BOS and last fiscal year, the BOH had to reduce existing manpower by 50% for one agent and reduced employee hours at the Landfill; we are looking to restore back to the original manpower, so in anticipation, the BOH has prepared articles to take to the Town Meeting floor; also, with two employees out sick at the Landfill, we had to hire out a part-time worker during the summer and Mr. Walsh stated with himself having to switch out of departments and working seven days a week; there is no wiggle room with the tipping fees and the cost of trash disposal going up and we basically have no cushion to absorb those impacts. The disposal fees have gone up twice in the past fiscal year and we are anticipating another increase as the State becomes more and more restrictive on how we dispose of trash. Mr. Colletti stated by February, there will be a shortfall in salaries due to the circumstances outlined by Mr. Walsh; we worked as much as we could with the FinCom on this but however, the actual facts are coming in and by February 15th we won't be able to cover our BOH agents; we have transferred \$5,000. from the BOH to cover the workers at the transfer station. Mr. Colletti stated this was just a courtesy to the BOS, that if there is a STM, the BOH was going to try to get additional funding; no other department in Town cut like the BOH did at \$56,000 between two budgets. Mr. Vieira stated all of our budgets were set back in July for 12 month period and all departments made cuts with the departments deciding how they were going to cut; we talked about a balanced budget back in December and the Board of Health, in negotiations with the Finance Committee came up with a different model of how they were going to balance the budget and as elected officials, you are entitled to do that. We are now three months into the year and there are similar issues with other budgets in town. Mr. Walsh stated this was not for any additional funding, only to restore from last fiscal year. Mr. Vieira stated that if the BOH was looking to restore funds, they needed to come up with the source of funding to do that. Mr. Spirlet stated the BOH is the first Town-side department to come forward to restore, other departments are staying within their budgets, now, if there is going to be a problem with the landfill from now until then, it is something that we should look into for privatization. Mr. Dutra stated that his concern is that the structure in the BOH created this problem as much as anything else; Mr. Walsh was being paid double time to cover for the employees at the Transfer Station, we should not be paying a senior department head double time to cover an entry level or next to entry level position. Mr. Colletti asked who they were going to get to cover. Mr. Dutra stated that is the problem and he was not sure if the Transfer Station should be under the BOH and he has held this opinion for a long time. We need to take a look at the structure of Town government, if we had a Department of Public Works that included Highway, Cemetery and Transfer Station, we would have a number of like compensated individuals with complimentary skills and seasonal variations to cover for each other. Mr. Spirlet stated that privatization of the Landfill was extreme but he would support the Transfer Station coming under the Highway, like a DPW and maybe this would allow us to hire another person. Mr. Colletti stated he had no problem with the Highway Department taking over. Mr. Walsh stated he was not paid double time, he was paid regular OT rates and if the Highway were to take over, you would be paying OT due to the Transfer Station being open on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Colletti stated the BOH did hire a part-time person from the Highway Dept. and he was paid out of the BOH. Mr. Quellette stated the idea of a DPW was kicked around a number of years ago and the Town's people did not support it but now, we are hearing reasons why we should create a DPW. Mr. Vieira stated he supported what Mr. Dutra is talking about but Town Meeting said no and that we had to operate within our budgets. Mr. Colletti stated that when the BOH worked with the FinCom they were counting on normal circumstances, it was not because of mismanagement but due to extenuating circumstances. Mr. Vieira

stated that back before July, we asked you to work with the Highway Department; we have a limited resource in dollars but at Town Meeting, we were told to work within those figures. Mr. King stated he would be happy to work with the BOH on stretching those dollars. Mr. Spirlet asked if closing the landfill one day a week would help. Mr. Colletti stated sure, it would reduce salaries. Mr. Vieira stated this has nothing against the leadership of Mr. Colletti or Mr. Walsh, they are doing a great job, but the Town needs to realize we can't operate as we did in the past.

<u>Vacation/Sick Leave Policy</u>: Mr. Walsh asked why this was sent out; the BOH votes during Open Meeting, on all vacation requests; having to fill this out is an additional burden. Mr. Vieira stated as a Board, we decided to look at policies in Town; we need to deal with records maintenance and are responsible to our employees and the State. Mr. King is responsible for Human Resources because we don't have an H/R department so we needed to make a central file to maintain these records. Mr. Colletti stated this information is given with the payroll. Mr. Vieira stated departments, including the BOH needed to be upgraded in the payroll department; we needed a standard and one that was fair to all the organization including Mr. King. This is not a reflection on anyone but it is a reflection on the Executive Branch and the need for accountability. Mr. Spirlet stated that FLSA has kicked up a lot and we are creating a centralized file; we are just following compliance issues and showing who requested and who signed off on it. Mr. Vieira stated that when asked, we need to be able to provide the paperwork. Mr. Colletti stated it was not explained to them like this, it just seemed like more information was being sought.

In another matter, Mr. Colletti stated that perc tests are backlogged to November which is resulting in delayed income, so they are still keeping their other agent full-time, we can't do without. Mr. Spirlet stated he is generating enough income to cover. Mr. Colletti stated that at another time, there needs to be a meeting with the BOH, BOS and Police Department regarding the Animal Control because he is still getting calls on Saturday and Sunday and there needs to be more changes to the job description. Mr. Vieira suggested that the BOH should work with the Town Administrator, Police Chief and Animal Control Officer. Mr. Colletti stated he has no problem with the ACO, she is doing a great job, but the job description needs to be changed.

# <u>Public Hearing – RE: An application request of Ernest S. & Jacqueline Medeiros for a six-month seasonal trailer permit for recreational purposes to locate a trailer on 225 East Beach Road. The property is known on Assessor's Map 76A, Lot 135.</u>

The public hearing was opened at 6:38 PM. Present: Jacqueline Medeiros, applicant and Charlene Wood, representing applicant. Ms. Wood stated this was a transfer of the permit, the applicant has purchased the property and would like to finish out the rest of the season properly until November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Ouellette questioned the on-site septic system; Ms. Wood stated the on-site system passed. **Motion** made by Mr. Spirlet to approve the transfer of a six-month seasonal trailer permit for Ernest and Jacqueline Medeiros at 225 East Beach Road. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan). The hearing is closed at 6:40 PM.

# <u>Irene Buck, Westport Cultural Council – RE: Report of Rogers Williams University Community Partnership Project award</u>.

Present: Irene Buck. Ms. Buck stated the Council has been awarded the Rogers Williams Community Partnership Student Internship project for this fall in the amount of \$4,300.00 to be used to leverage support, along with funds from the Helen Ellis foundation. We will be looking at a needs assessment and planning with the students. We will be focusing on identifying all the neighborhoods in Town, of what really matters, of the cultures in Town and what is really Westport; we welcome any ideas that the Board of Selectmen have; we want to know what is Westport, who we should be talking to; we want to hear from everyone in Town, we want to make sure that everyone's perspective on art and creativity are included. Art really has an effect on the community both socially and economically and the outcome of

this project will add data for the Town's Master Plan. Also, it is application season, we have an open meeting scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>, for anyone who is interested or anyone wanting to apply; if anyone has questions about what it means to submit an application, we are holding a special session at 5:30 PM prior to the regular meeting to answer any and all questions and for those who are returning applicants, we have the application online on our website and the State's website. Finally, the WCC has taken the responsibility to contribute to the Master Plan because arts was left out of the prior Master Plan; people from Boston and Providence are starting to pay attention to us because they are recognizing Westport as a creative place, just look around at places such as the Deedee Shattuck Gallery and pay attention to the signs for the Southcoast Artistry. Ms. Buck noted some important dates coming are the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for any applications and the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting for Community Input for the arts and culture section of the Master Plan. Mr. Spirlet suggested that Ms. Buck should attend the Business-to-Business at White's on Thursday nights, the Westport Women's Club and the Council on Aging, where she can talk about the WCC and its' plans. Mr. Ouellette asked if Ms. Buck had heard word about an Arts District near the Westport Factory; Ms. Buck said there has been talk but nothing has taken shape, perhaps after the Master Plan is done.

# Tony Connors – RE: Electric Vehicle Use Plan.

Present: Tony Connors. Mr. Connors stated the State is giving us \$7,500 and Nissan has a new program where they will deduct \$7,500 from the cost of an all electric vehicle which means \$15,000 off of a \$28,000 to \$30,000 car. Mr. Connors stated he talked with the Dartmouth dealership, who has come under new ownership over the past two weeks (Tasca) and have driven a car. They will lease us for three years, a 2015 Nissan Leaf with the guick charge package for \$189 per month and 12,000 miles per year. Mr. Connors stated that we have talked about the Building Inspector using the car as an example and he spends about \$400 a year in reimbursements, and there was mention that he goes down rutted roads, but even if he used it only half the time, we would more than break even. The Building Inspector does inspections in the afternoons so that would leave the vehicle available for use in the mornings by anyone else, such as the Town Administrator or other inspectors. The charging station is not an issue at all with \$15,000 coming from the State; this is more than enough to buy a very good charging station and to pay for the electrical upgrades required. Mr. King has picked out a spot for this, in the back of the Town Hall, right near the electrical box for the Town Hall and the Town Hall itself will benefit by the upgrade in electrical service. Mr. Connors stated the Energy Committee is always looking toward the right thing to do; this is not just the right thing to do but it is economically advantageous. Mr. Connors asked the Board to support this idea. Discussion continued. Mr. Vieira stated in summary, the lease would be for 3 years at \$189 per month, with an allowance of 12,000 miles per year and the charging station and upgrades would be covered by the \$15,000 grant being provided by the State. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to accept the grant subject to full compliance with the procurement laws for the lease of an electric car. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan). Mr. King stated this could be off of the State bid list or we could do a standard procurement for the lease. Mr. Dutra stated that it made sense to direct the use by the Building Inspector and he would direct the Town Administrator to oversee the use of it. Mr. Vieira stated that one of Mr. Sullivan's concerns would be the use; the model will be for the Town Administrator use in the mornings and the Building Inspector use in the afternoons but all means we are not buying a vehicle that will not be used.

# <u>Christine Quinn, COA Director – RE: Discussion of Nutrition Program Meals Site Manager position.</u>

Present: Christine Quinn. Mr. King stated that the Senior Center is a meals site. The COA is redoing this operation at the Senior Center and the position of Manager will no longer be at this site so we will need to hire someone, a part-time person to continue this program at the Senior Center. This position

will oversee the preparation, distribution, ordering of meals, food handling standards and communications with the Bristol Elders Services Nutrition Office. Ms. Quinn stated the salary has not been determined yet but the position will be less than 20 hours per week, between 15 to 19 ¾ hours. Ms. Quinn stated they are looking at the School Department for salaries which start at \$13.00 per hour up to \$14.97 per hour. Ms. Quinn stated that they still need to go to the Finance Committee but the COA has sufficient funding in the Revolving Fund to cover this. Mr. Vieira stated they did not need to go to the FinCom but they do need to go before the Personnel Board, as long as they work within their existing budget. Mr. King stated he will work with Ms. Quinn on this position.

**Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve the posting of the Meals Site Manager subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, which is customary. Second by Mr. Ouellette. <u>The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan)</u>. Mr. Ouellette asked that the hours be clarified before posting.

# <u>Tim King – RE: Recommendations for enforcement of parking at Cherry & Webb, Beach Avenue, Head of Westport and Hix Bridge Landing.</u>

Mr. King recognized Tim St. Michel for helping out as a Volunteer Parking Clerk at Cherry & Webb Beach.

Parking at Cherry & Webb and East Beach: Mr. King stated the Police Chief will not present. Mr. St. Michel stated he volunteered after Mr. Hancock could no longer do this job. He was trained by Lt. Bell and was issued a vest, radio and a book of parking tickets. Mr. St. Michel stated he began July 1<sup>st</sup> and mostly he has been at Cherry & Webb; he has written about 15 tickets and he has asked others to leave if they did not have a beach pass. There is a camera at Cherry & Webb, and when Mr. St. Michel arrives, he contacts the Police Dept. who then monitors the area while he is there. As for writing tickets, Cherry & Webb is very easy but East Beach is a different story with the beach goers right there. Mr. St. Michel stated that so far, so good. He has even spoken to a couple of fishermen and dogwalkers about disposing of their waste. Mr. St. Michel stated he intends on continuing this work. Mr. Vieira stated that a lot of enforcement is really informational. Mr. St. Michel stated that during the summer, there is close to 200 cars that go to the beach and the Police Department has done a magnificent job this year. Mr. St. Michel stated that between himself and the Police Department, they are all watching and keeping things in order. Mr. St. Michel stated that people leaving the beach, who have passes are stopping and thanking him for watching.

Parking at Hix Bridge, Beach Avenue and Head of Westport: Mr. King reviewed the Police Chief's responses for parking issues on Beach Avenue and the Head of Westport. Mr. Dutra stated there is issues happening with clusters of cars (the church and kayak store) and the travel vortex of people going to the Head Store and then there will be the Watershed people. Mr. Dutra stated that all constituents should be at the table and there should be traffic counts; he agrees with the Police Chief that certain days there is congestion and the rest of the time, it is periodic due to a burst of energy. Discussion continued regarding traffic in the this area and review of the Police Chief's memo. Mr. Vieira stated he appreciates what the Chief and Police Department are doing but this is a low priority area, and should be, with having to deal with other issues in the Town; there is another way to resolve this and Mr. St. Michel is a good example; a little enforcement down at the Head and with Mr. King taking the lead with signage and in working with the Safety Officer and putting recommendations together, if the Board is comfortable with those, we should put them to the test for the short term at least. Perhaps we could identify a couple of other folks for enforcement at the Head because it maybe a little premature to discuss long-term solutions; Mr. Vieira stated we do need more enforcement at the Head but he was very comfortable with Mr. King working with the Police and Highway on this before the winter weather settles in. Mr. Spirlet stated he has no problem with looking at other people, such as Arthur Caesar who has applied. Mr. King stated he will expedite the signage with the Highway Department and keep working with the Police Department and will report back to the Board in one month. Mr. Ouellette asked Mr. King to look into moving back the boulders on Drift Road.

## Discussion – RE: MOA for Beach Avenue turn-around.

Due to Mr. Sullivan being absent, this matter will be held on until the next BOS Meeting.

# <u>Discussion – RE: MMA Fiscal Policy recommendations.</u>

Mr. Vieira stated this was informational for the Board, whereas he will be attending the Fiscal Policy Committee meeting on Tuesday, 09-23-14 at 10:00 AM regarding the Draft Legislative Package for the 2015-2016 Season. No actions were taken.

#### **Action Items**

- **1. Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve the renewal of a Shellfish Aquaculture License for Kristen Fennelly. Second by Mr. Ouellette. <u>The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan)</u>.
- **2. Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to accept a \$300.00 donation to the COA Clinic Gift Account to be used to purchase food for the annual senior picnic from the Friends of Westport COA. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).
- 3. Mr. King stated he is presenting a License Agreement for the Use of Town Property, the Hix Bridge Landing, for three parking permits to be used by non-resident Rowing Club members, which will expire June 30, 2015. This is for the request received from Dharma Voyage, Inc., Ben Booth. The Board reviewed the agreement and made some minor adjustments. Motion made by Mr. Spirlet to amend the cost of the permit to \$25.00 each for a total cost of \$75.00. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan). The times of use will be amended to Monday 7:30 9:30 AM, Wednesday 5:30 7:30 PM and Thursday 7:30 9:30 AM with No Holiday Use. Motion made by Mr. Dutra to approve the License Agreement for Use of Town Property, with amendments, with Dharma Voyage, Inc. for their rowing club. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).
- **4.** Mr. King stated he supported the E-911 Coordinator's recommendation. Discussion ensued regarding the name change request. **Motion** made by Mr. Spirlet to accept the name change from Lisbor Lane to Stonehaven Way. Second by Mr. Vieira. Discussion ensued. <u>The Board voted 1 in favor, 1-abstention (Ouellette) 2-opposed (Dutra, Vieira) and 1-absent (Sullivan)</u>. Motion fails. Mr. King will send a letter explaining the process for Town Meeting.
- 5. Motion made by Mr. Dutra to approve the request and accept the Police recommendation for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Bicycle Ride with the recommendation of Lt. Bell that fewer detail officers are needed than the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen because they have far fewer bicyclists coming through Town. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1absent (Sullivan). Discussion: Mr. Spirlet noted that with the last ride through Town there were a number of complaints, such as riding two and three wide and not following the rules of the road. Mr. Spirlet also stated that he would like to see the Board, in the future, take a vote regarding rides through Town due to the fact that in the past, a couple of days before a race/ride, there has been spray painting of the roads for directions in bright orange, yellow or green, which is defacing Town property. If needed, one of the race organizers could be placed at certain points to give direction, put signs that can be removed or if there is spray paint on the road, at least someone could come back after the race and use black paint to cover over the bright color used because it leaves our roads looking terrible. Mr. Dutra stated that the Highway Surveyor and Police Dept. need to meet in the off-season to come up with some recommendations and standards for road races in Westport. Mr. King stated that it could be incorporated in the standard licensing agreement. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to put into the licensing agreement, a policy standard for road races in Town. Second by Mr. Spirlet. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).
- 6. Motion made by Mr. Ouellette to accept the resignation of Christine Quinn as COA Director

- and to send a letter of thanks. Second by Mr. Spirlet. <u>The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).</u>
- **7. Motion** made by Mr. Spirlet to award the bid to Tasca Ford for the purchase of the Cemetery Department One-Ton Truck with dump body and snow plow. Second by Mr. Ouellette. <u>The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).</u>
- **8. Motion** made by Mr. Ouellette to award the bid to Hi-Way Safety Systems for road line striping. Second by Mr. Spirlet. <u>The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).</u> Mr. Ouellette stated the following roads are to be line striped: Adamsville, Blossom, Charlotte White & Charlotte White Ext., Cornell, Davis, Drift, Gifford, Horseneck, Main, Old Bedford, Old County, Reed, Robert, Hix Bridge and East Beach Roads.
- **9. Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve two One-Day Liquor Licenses for the Holy Ghost Club for October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> both being fundraisers. Second by Mr. Ouellette. <u>The Board</u> voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).

### **Appointments**

- 1. **Motion** made by Mr. Spirlet to appoint Kylie Ouellette to the Recreation Commission. Second by Mr. Dutra. The Board voted 3 in favor, 1-abstention (Ouellette), 1-absent (Sullivan).
- 2. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to appoint Maurice E. May to the Open Space Committee as the Water Resources Management Committee Rep. Second by Mr. Ouellette. <u>The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).</u>

#### **Minutes**

1. **Motion** made by Mr. Dutra to approve with amendments the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2014. Second by Mr. Ouellette. The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan). Amendments were submitted by Mr. Sullivan: Page 3: delete "supports this" and insert "shares Chairman Vieira's concern"; and insert "however, that". Page 4: insert top of page "Mr. Sullivan suggested that Chairman Vieira would be a good choice to represent the Board given his concerns about the process. Chairman Vieira declined." Page 5: delete "his opinion is", delete "piled" and insert "as piling"; insert "and beyond the scope of the original concern." Under appointment #3 – insert "Chair agreed to write a letter thanking the applicant and informing her that no vacancy currently exists."

### **Question and Answer Period** – None.

<u>Board Members Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action</u> — None. <u>Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting</u> — None.

### **Other Business**

- 1. Mr. Spirlet stated he received a complaint via email as to why the BOS and the Cable Advisory are changing from Charter to Comcast. Mr. Spirlet wanted everyone to know it was nothing to do with the Town, it is out of our hands, they have gone national and this is done with the State. Mr. Ouellette stated he has gotten tons of complaints against Charter with being on the Cable Advisory Board.
- 2. Mr. Ouellette stated a lot of input is needed from the Water Resource Committee regarding the water bill issues in the north end and the Rte. 177 issues talked about with the Economic Development on Thursday; is this something that will be taken up anytime soon. Mr. Vieira stated Rte 177 will be on the next agenda and as for the water issues, we made sure that letters went out to the water customers before the next billing. Our position as a Town is a little bit different with our contract with the City of Fall River. We have had a site visit to the FR Plant. We have tried to negotiate with the State who wants us to put up a water treatment plant, which we are continuing to fight.

- The good news is that all the things we have done so far are working but they are short-term and flushing is not an option. Mr. Ouellette stated he would still like to see a loop option and we had a cooler summer than normal, which has helped.
- 3. Mr. Dutra stated there has been correspondence regarding the Teachers and School Department and there is nothing the BOS can do until the negotiations work their way through. There is a concern of the "work to rule" among some parents in regards to after school activities and they are asking what can be done. Those positions are posted internally and if there is no response internally, then it goes out for external posting to Town residents and perhaps then the Town can put up a link on our website directing interested individuals with certain talents and expertise to apply to these positions for after school activities that are posted on the School website. Mr. Vieira asked Mr. Dutra if he thought that was something the Board should be involved in because he would like to see it stay at the school level especially with negotiations; typically, we handle the Town side and the School handles the School side; as Town participating individually, we should be doing anything we can but as a Board, we could use the website but some may view it as taking a side wall to advertising. Mr. Dutra stated this would reach out to residents who don't have children in the school system and do have skill sets which could be used for after school activities; these would be people who would not be going to the School website because they have no reason to. Mr. Spirlet stated it would be like providing some advertisement for those positions, without us getting involved in negotiations. Mr. Vieira stated he could see that side of; if the Board agreed, a link can be put on the website.
- 4. Mr. King gave a status update regarding the 319 Grant. Mr. King stated there are several options available and the DEP wants a firm commitment from the Town on this project. Discussion continued regarding the history of the grant. Mr. King stated he has been trying to get this resolved and is still in negotiations with State officials; we will have to come up with additional resources and we have to make a decision of what to do with the Middle School. Mr. Spirlet stated we should stop where we are and make everything whole; we should not keep chasing any more money. Mr. Ouellette asked for a summary to be reviewed for next meeting in order to vote on this. Mr. Dutra stated he agreed with Mr. Ouellette. Mr. Bill Harkins, WRMC stated information on this has not come before the Water Resources Committee and asked if we have met the State's requirements. Mr. King stated no, but he has calls in and is waiting to meet with Mr. Harper. Mr. Vieira stated we can't commit, we don't have the money; we need to negotiate with the State while an internal audit is being done. Mr. Harkins stated the Water Resources should be part of the process and then they will be able to make their recommendations to the BOS. Discussion continued. Motion made by Mr. Spirlet that the Board does not move forward with this and allow the Town Administrator to do his best in dealing with the DEP. No second was received. Discussion continued and resulted in a special meeting to be determined for next Monday regarding this matter.

### **Executive Session**

8:10 PM

The Executive Session was held on – Minutes for approval will be brought to the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Ouellette to adjourn the Board	d of Selectmen meeting. Second by Mr. Spirlet.
The Board voted 4 in favor, 1-absent (Sullivan).	
Adjournment.	
Respectfully submitted,	APPROVED:

Diane Pelland

R. Michael Sullivan, Clerk