



Town of West Newbury Board of Selectmen

Monday, March 19, 2018 @ 6pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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Meeting Minutes

Chairman Archibald called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. In attendance were David W. Archibald, Chairman, Glenn A. Kemper and Joseph H. Anderson, Jr. Others in attendance were Town Counsel Michael McCarron.

Selectman Kemper moved to go into executive session under MGL Chapter 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 to review executive session minutes dated February 20, 2018 and March 5, 2018. Second by Selectman Anderson with a unanimous roll call vote: Anderson – aye, Archibald – aye, Kemper – aye.

Chairman Archibald called the open meeting back to order at 7pm.

Regular Business:

In attendance Supt and Business Manager

A. Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School: FY'19 Budget

Superintendent Maureen Lynch presented a proposed budget and discussed West Newbury assessment. West Newbury's assessment will be approximately \$100,000 less than the previous year due to a lower enrollment. Strategies for increasing the visibility of the programs were discussed.

B. Police Department: Hiring Reserve Officers

Chief Reed gave the qualifications and recommendations for the hiring of Reserve Officers Mark Brewer and Kyle Scopa.

Selectman Anderson motioned to approve the hiring of Reserve Officers Mark Brewer and Kyle Scopa. Second by Selectman Kemper. Motion passed 3-0-0.

C. Capital Improvements Committee: Annual Budget Report

Richard Preble presented the annual CIC report to the Town and gave the scoring of 4 capital items on the warrant.

D. FY'18 proposed Warrants/Budget:

Community Center Committee Chair Vanessa Graham presented a rationale for maintaining the operations line item for the committee and removing the warrant article

Police Department Chief Reed presented recommended reductions to the proposed FY 19 police budget.

Bicentennial Committee Co-Chair K.C. Swallow discussed a more detailed presentation of planned events for the town's bicentennial celebrations and their proposed dates.

Selectmen Archibald described how with the expected revenues we would be able to fund the Stabilization account at \$300,000 and still be below a 2% tax increase as there is approximately \$621,000 in revenue available over expenses.

E. DPW: Snow and Ice Removal Account

Selectman Anderson moved to declare a snow and ice emergency. Second by Selectman Kemper. Motion passed 3-0-0

F. Personnel Policy Update: Social Media Policy and Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

The Board decided to update the policy when the Executive Administrator returns from vacation.

G. Update on the Page School

DPW Director Gary Bill presented an update on the school reconstruction.

H. Selectmen Meeting minutes dated February 20, 2018, February 24, 2018 and March 5, 2018

I. Payroll and Invoice Warrants

Selectman Anderson motioned to approve the payroll warrant. Second by Chairman Anderson. Motion passed 2-0-1 with Selectman Kemper abstaining.

Selectman Anderson moved to approve the invoice warrant. Second by Chairman Anderson. Motion passed 3-0-0.

J. Follow up meeting assignments

K. Placing items for future agendas

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Archibald, Chairman