

Chairman Dworman called this Selectmen’s Public meeting to order at 5:30PM.

MINUTES: The Board reviewed the Selectmen’s Public Meeting minutes dated 08/28/17.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Public Meeting minutes dated 08/28/17 as presented. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board reviewed the Selectmen’s Non-Public Meeting minutes dated 08/28/17.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Non-Public Meeting minutes dated 08/28/17 as presented. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CHECK REGISTER/POLICE DETAILS: The Board reviewed the check register dated 08/30/17 – 09/08/17 in the amount of $658,739.19 and the police special detail list in the amount of $2,820.00 dated 08/23/17 – 08/31/17.

It was noted that Chairman Dworman reviewed the accounts payable prior to its approval at this meeting.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve and sign the check register dated 08/30/17 – 09/08/17 in the amount of $658,739.19 based upon his prior review. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve and sign the police special detail list as presented. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS: The Board reviewed correspondence dated September 11, 2017 to the Trustees of the Trust Funds requesting the withdrawal of $16,619.50 from the Police Department Building long-term maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, which was established and approved by the voters at the 2016 Town Election via Warrant Article #8, to cover costs associated with the recent replacement of the heating/air conditioning system and hot water heater located in the Police Station.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve and sign the correspondence to the Trustees of the Trust Funds requesting the withdrawal of $16,619.50 from the Police Department Building long-term maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, which was established and approved by the voters at the 2016 Town Election via Warrant Article #8, to cover costs associated with the recent replacement of the heating/air conditioning system and hot water heater located in the Police Station as presented. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CLARK & RODAM ROADS: The Board reviewed correspondence dated September 6, 2017 from Michele Pergola, First Vice President of the East Boston Savings Bank in regard to the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. 1072, revised April 8, 2014 for the development of Clark and Rodam Roads, representing acknowledgement of the receipt of their check for the total amount of $19,500 to close out the Letter of Credit to be used toward the final drainage work, paving, etc. in order for the Town to accept both roads as Class V, Town maintained roads.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED for the Chairman to sign the correspondence dated September 6, 2017 from Michele Pergola, First Vice President of the East Boston Savings Bank as described above. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.
Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to go into a nonpublic session at 5:40PM under RSA 91-A-3, II: para. (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. The Board was polled and the results of the poll were: Matthew B. Dworman –Yes & Erin J. Pettinato – Yes.

The Board was polled & determined the divulgence of the information would render the proposed action ineffective & the information will be withheld from the public during the public meeting Minutes of September 11, 2017. The results of the poll were: Matthew B. Dworman –Yes & Erin J. Pettinato – Yes.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 5:50PM. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

DEPT. HEAD MEETING: Chairman Dworman called the annual Department Head Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Chairman Dworman stated the 2017 total budget was $2,875,041 plus warrant articles of $91,000 equals $2,966,041 and mentioned the 2016 tax rate was set at $24.79 per thousand and the 2017 tax rate will be set in October with the final tax bills to be mailed in November and due in December.

Chairman Dworman stated the total tax rate isn’t solely based upon the budget of the Town, it also includes the school and county tax rates, asked if anyone foresaw any big ticket items requested for their 2018 budgets and all in attendance replied, no.

Chairman Dworman continued if the health insurance rates go up, they will have to revisit the health care plans offered for full-time employees of the Town, adding the new rates are not available to them until late in October. He added the Board recognizes the importance of good health insurance for the employees, but the cost must be considered.

Chairman Dworman asked if there would be any new warrant articles for 2018 and Ms. Waldron replied, the usual, and Fire Chief Warren stated the Fire Department may consider presenting a warrant article for a design plan for a future new Fire Station.

Chairman Dworman stated the Town Hall Committee did a lot of research and polled voters at the last Town election and the consensus was the majority of the townspeople want the Town Hall building used for something, but not sure what. He added that one idea was because the Town Hall is post and beam construction, the pieces can be moved like Legos and with the Fire Department capital reserve fund to build a safety complex, they could combine the parcels and make the Town Hall part of the complex using the bones of the building.

Chairman Dworman continued the Selectmen recently met with a construction management company to discuss what it takes to do a feasibility study.

Nancy Parker asked if a new Fire Station could be located at the site of the Town Hall or on the same lot as the Police Station and Chairman Dworman responded they could possibly combine the buildings, adding the Fire Department must be located in the center of Town.

Chief Warren stated if anyone has ideas for him to throw them at him, adding they are looking for a location to build because the Town does not own the current Fire Station and he is trying to look at the future.

Chief Warren continued if the new Fire Station is located in the center of Town, they could potentially also use it for Town elections and with the rules of safety changing, they want to do what is best for the Town.

Chairman Dworman stated they want to start a conversation of the future years and they hope by Town Meeting to have a discussion and begin by having a warrant article to get a study together and although the Selectmen have the authority to expend money, they must talk to the voters.

Chief Warren stated some ideas tossed around are using the back of two bays of the current Fire Station as a highway shed or as a museum for the Historical Committee. He added the Fire Association is on board with using the building for a good purpose.
Chairman Dworman stated the construction management company they spoke with does a lot of big projects and they are considering a feasibility study and obtaining a couple of ideas with options and cost estimates.

Chief Warren added they thought of maybe using some of the existing Fire Department area for parking.

Chairman Dworman stated the Master Plan talks about creating a centralized village. He added the rumor mill is already churning, but the Selectmen will do nothing until the Town is part of the discussion and have voted.

Chief Warren stated he wants to look at the top three of four plans, meet with the Selectmen and the Planning Board, then reach out to residents with door-to-door visits, place information on the website, then speak with the 55+ communities in order to make educated decisions.

Tracy Waldron replied they are welcome to meet with the residents at the Library and Ms. Pettinato added they will definitely have a community night in the future at the Library.

Chief Warren stated the cost of bringing the Town Hall up to code must be considered and Mark Brinkerhoff added the sills and beams may be rotted.

Mr. Brinkerhoff stated they could make the Town Hall into a salt shed because the tent they are using now is 11 years old.

Chairman Dworman stated the Town Hall is a beautiful building, but it does not receive as much use as it used to, these ideas are something to keep in mind and they welcome the ideas of others.

Ms. Courchesne informed Chairman Dworman she heard back from Town Counsel in regard to their solar power purchase agreement and they may need a 2/3 vote to approve it, but she will ask Revision Energy for their thoughts. She added they may look at a warrant article for 2018 and she will research it.

Chairman Dworman asked if anyone had additional comments and there being none, adjourned the Department Head Meeting at 6:30PM.

**NONPUBLIC SESSION:** Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to go into a nonpublic session at 6:30PM under RSA 91-A-3, II: para (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public. The Board was polled and the results of the poll were: Matthew B. Dworman –Yes & Erin J. Pettinato – Yes.

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Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 7:00PM. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**CALENDAR:** The following dates were noted: 09/12-Bills Due 12:00PM, Fire Training 7:00PM, 09/13-Fire Officers Meeting 7:00PM, 09/17-Power of the Past Meeting, 09/19-Bills Due 12:00PM, EMS Training/Kingston Fire Station, 09/20-Bi-Weekly Timesheets Due 8:00AM, Cemetery Trustees Meeting 7:00PM, 09/21-Planning Board Meeting 7:00PM, 09/22-Grange Meeting 7:30PM, 09/25-Selectmen’s Meeting 5:30PM, Special Bulky Pick-up 7:00AM Curbside.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Public meeting at 7:00PM. Ms. Pettinato seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryll A. Hurteau, Town Office Manager