
Selectmen's Minutes 01/31/2018

Minutes of Meeting – January 31, 2018; meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Warren Archey; Channing Gibson; Ed Lane. Absent: Ken Fowler
MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to accept the Minutes of January 10. 4/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: None.

Consent Agenda: A Hold was placed on the Affordable Housing Trust Appointment and the Wild Thing Events.

MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to approve the consent agenda as follows:
accept donations to the Fire Department; authorize a sandwich board sign for Gateways Inn; grant temporary sign requests to Spirited; approve becoming a Tanglewood Business Partner and purchasing advertising space in their musical programs at a cost of \$750, and to waive our rights to any tangible items; appoint Jeanette Chague and Suzanne Pelton to the Historical Commission; appoint Lyndsay Broom as BHG alternate. 4/0 vote. CG stated how great it was that a new face is seeking to become involved with the Town. MOTION by CG, seconded by EL to appoint Carol Haythorne to the Affordable Housing Trust, replacing Deborah Ferro Burke. 4/0 vote. Becky Cushing from the MA Audubon Sanctuary gave a brief overview of the Wild Thing events. MOTION by EL, seconded by CG to grant permission for the 3rd Annual Wild Thing events on Sunday, 6/24. 4/0 vote.

The CAO shared a power point presentation on his proposed FY19 budget with the Board. Total amount to be raised is \$28.3M; total operating budget is \$23,354,955 with the capital budget at \$1,221,200 for a 2.5% levy increase over FY18. Free cash is at \$3.1M, Stabilization \$669,463, Water Enterprise Retained Earnings \$1,012,946, Wastewater Enterprise Retained Earnings \$637,740, OPEB \$3,630,877 and excess level capacity \$1,643,481. He went on to state that the Town is in a strong financial position with an S&P AAA bond rating. DR asked if he could receive a balance sheet on a quarterly basis. School Superintendent Tim Lee was asked to explain how his department is handling their capital projects. DR asked how the Town is doing with solar; we are just starting to see the results over the past few months. It was agreed to move the budget onto the Finance Committee for their review.

BOS Reports: CG mentioned that the CPC met and approved all applications. At the BRTA, there is a potential for a strike, although the vote has been postponed. If they do go on strike, the entire transit system will shut down. He also mentioned the Rest of River report and what it could mean for the Town. WA stated that he was impressed with the budget document and presentation. Also, he still would like to involve the Governor in the Rest of River citing of waste disposal. EL stated that the DPW is planning work for the coming year. DR stated that he is keeping current on the library transition, and the LLA is working hard to come up with their funding commitment and the transition to town employees continues to go smoothly.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.

Minutes Taken By: _____ Minutes Accepted By: _____
Mary Ellen Deming Clerk
Director of Administrative Services Board of Selectmen