

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Working Session
Town Hall Conference Room
Minutes of April 3, 2013

Chairman Eldon Goodhue called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Goodhue, were Martha Morrison, Dick Gandt, Laura Powers and Ken Vogel. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance.

362 Boston Street: Selectman Morrison made a motion to waive the Building Inspectional Service Department fees for the demolition of buildings at 362 Boston Street, seconded by Selectman Gandt; so voted: 5-0. Selectman Gandt reviewed fees related to the project and tax revenue: waived Building Demolition fee of \$240, waived Conservation Commission Bylaw fee of \$2,160, and Kopelman & Paige LLC fees estimated at \$1,633 paid by the Town. The donor has paid all FY2013 taxes. Estimated loss of future tax revenue, based on the property's 2013 assessment of \$264,500 and the town's tax rate of 15.95, will be \$4,220 per year, except that within two (2) years, as an unbuildable parcel with no grandfathered structures, \$21 will be estimated taxes per year.

Insurance Budgets: Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve the revised FY14 budgets for Insurance-Life Medical and Medicare, and for Insurance Liability-Accident Workmen's Compensation, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 4-1, Chairman Goodhue opposed.

2013 Annual Town Warrant: Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented, seconded by Selectman Vogel; so voted: 5-0. Selectman Powers reported that the Finance Committee voted no action on Article 32, expressing the lack of an implementation plan and that timing is not correct for this article. It was suggested that the cover should have "In Focus" in quotes.

2013 Special Town Warrant: Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the 2013 Special Town Meeting Warrant as amended, seconded by Selectman Vogel: so voted: 5-0. The date in the footer needs to be changed. There was a discussion regarding the Alfalfa Farm Winery citizen petition and how the Board would present the technical issues presented by the petition.

Current Police Department Budget: Selectman Vogel explained the Police FY13 deficit budget. Selectman Vogel explained that he has been working with the Chief to reduce the amount needed. Ms. Wilder explained that the Finance Team is researching funds for transferring at the Special Town Meeting that can cover some of the shortfalls found in the Police budget.

At 5:25 PM, Selectmen Gandt made a motion to adjourn and Selectman Morrison seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Per the Open Meeting Law, the documents that were either distributed to the BOS before the meeting in a packet, or at the meeting were:

1. Agenda
2. Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Special Town Meeting Warrant
3. Police Department FY13 Budget

Approved as amended at the May 13, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

<p>Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.</p>
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