

MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MAY 29, 2012

At 6:30 p.m., Chair Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order with members Joseph M. Melican and James P. Dawley, Jr. present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator.

**ATTENDANCE:** Police Chief Peter McGowan; Superintendent of Streets Craig Hughes; Chip Spalding; Kathleen Mitchell; Giles Mosher; Joan Panek; Randy Robinson (abutters); Scott Seidman (Park and Recreation); Rich Oasis (Park and Recreation) and John Cone (Warrant Committee)

**PRESS:** Ben Paulin (D-S Patch), Sarah Freedman (D-S Press)

**Reorganization of the Board**

In keeping with annual tradition following Town Election, Mrs. Lisbon called for a reorganization of the Board.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to nominate Mr. Dawley as Chair of the Board of Selectmen for a one-year period, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Dawley nominated Mr. Melican as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

**Vote on Dedham Street Corridor Recommendations**

Chief McGowan presented a summary of the items which were identified at the last Selectmen's meeting as action items.

**Double lines:** Highway will update roads as they are repaved to comply with MUTCD (Massachusetts Uniform Traffic Code) regulations. Most main roadways are already double lined.

**Stop Signs/Stop Lines:** To be relocated wherever possible. Some trees removed to allow this to occur. Some signs will remain slightly off due to snow removal concerns.

**Triangular Crosswalk markings:** To be applied at Dedham Street and at library crosswalks for now; these will be used as test sites.

**Vegetation:** Trimming to be done annually or as needed. Pine branches blocking a crosswalk on Dedham Street have already been trimmed.

**Pedestrian Barrel:** Moved to school side of Dedham Street.

**Speed signs:** Yellow advisory signs could be erected on Dedham Street for 30MPH. The white signs are statutory, and very enforceable; the yellow signs are advisory and less enforceable.

**Haven Street turns:** Added to Police Department directed patrol sheets. Enforcement is to be stepped up. Recessed reflective material can be put into the Haven Street/Dedham Street bump-out to make it more visible at night.

**Raised crosswalk:** Added a second crosswalk to list of objectionable crosswalks. The Board will consider raising pavement to smooth access or outright removal.

**Crosswalk paths:** Both crosswalks have pathways leading to the tennis courts or Caryl Park that are sub-standard. Highway Department to rework pathways, or incorporate pavement paths if/when crosswalks are worked on.

**Cross Street:** Enforcement is to be stepped up. The intersection of Cross/Centre to be looked by Chief McGowan and Mr. Hughes for re-striping, painted islands, etc.

**Crosswalk Signs:** To be repositioned at far crosswalk.

**Dedham/Centre Streets:** Discussion on signage, as there are many signs in that area, and it was suggested to perhaps consolidate signs.

**Miscellaneous:**

**A:** Suggestion for Crosswalk signs at each crosswalk.

**B:** Increased police presence/enforcement to deal with speed issue should crosswalks be removed. A plan for this is to be devised.

**C:** Fence at Chickering lot will be repaired and signage added.

Mr. Dawley stated that many of the items on the list are maintenance issues that the Superintendent of Streets can take care of. More signage at Dedham and Centre Streets to be taken under advisement for now.

There appears to be no clear answer as to whether the raised crosswalks have caused a reduction in speed. There is no guarantee that the noise problem will abate by removing the raised sidewalks.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to remove the two raised crosswalks, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Chief McGowan stated that there will be an increase in speed as a result of removing the crosswalks. The department cannot have a 24 hour/day presence at that location, and will do the best that they can to re-educate the public, and retrain them with the speed trailer, but speed will be a problem.

The 30 mile per hour advisory signs will be put up to help with education.

Mr. Hughes asked about the characteristics of the crosswalks once the speed bumps are removed. Should the red brick imprint remain, or just painted lines?

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No work will begin until after July 1, but he will try to have the work done by the start of the next school year. The decision was made to retain the red brick imprint, though there will be a rumble similar to the rumble strips on the highway.

Mr. Dawley thanked Chief McGowan and the Superintendent of Streets for the incredible amount of work done on this issue over the past year.

**Board's FY13 Meeting Schedule**

It was moved by Mr. Melican that the summer meeting dates would be June 13, June 27, July 18, and August 21, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

The remainder of the year's meeting schedule will be September 13, September 27, October 11 and 25, November 8 and 20, December 5 and 13, January 2, 17, 31, February 14 and 28, March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25, and May 6 and 21.

**Other Business**

**Special License**

Two special licenses were discussed: June 13 and July 1 at Elm Bank.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the two special licenses, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously approved.

**Reserve Fund Transfer**

Due to water leaks which needed repair in the Town water system this past Spring, there were unanticipated expenses associated with the water and the repairs associated with it in the amount of \$14,545.25.

Colonial Water agreed to waive the first month of water billing, but have not discussed subsequent months.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer for the Water Department in the amount of \$14,545.25, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

**Approve April 25 and May 17, 2012 Minutes**

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the minutes of the April 25 minutes of the Dedham Street site visit, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the minutes of the May 17 minutes, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

**Citizens' Comments**

Rail Trail Committee meeting was held the day after the Town Meeting. A webpage has been put together, as well as an email list through Constant Contact

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on the Town website for citizens interested in receiving updates on that committee's activities.

Mr. Melican said the Board would like to encourage citizens to get involved and volunteer for committees.

Mr. Dawley reminded the citizens about the Memorial Day Celebration to be held at the Town House on Wednesday, May 30.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Lisbon moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

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Joseph M. Melican, Clerk