

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 10, 2015

At 6:30 PM Chairman Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order with members James P. Dawley, Jr. and Robyn Hunter present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Mona DiSciullo, Administrative Assistant.

ATTENDANCE: John Cone, Geoffrey Merrill, and Kathryn Cannie, Warrant Committee; Candace McCann, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee

PRESS: Maureen Sullivan, Dover-Sherborn Press

Appointment

Paul Tedesco retired as the Hazardous Waste Coordinator in February of 2015. Mrs. Lisbon thanked him for his many years of service and dedication to the position.

Mr. Dawley moved to appoint Craig Hughes as the Hazardous Waste Coordinator for a three-year term expiring in 2017 to fill the unexpired term of Paul Tedesco, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon warmly thanked Craig Hughes and his staff for a truly exceptional job performed in clearing ice and snow from the roads and walkways. She lauded the staff as a wonderful team led by a wonderful leader.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to appoint Margaret Crowley as an Emergency Management Deputy Director, retroactive from July 1, 2014, for a three-year term expiring in 2017, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

Jim Repetti's term as an Emergency Management Deputy Director expired in 2014, and it has been decided that this position will be eliminated. Jack London will continue in his role as Emergency Management Director, and Jim has graciously offered to continue in his role as the Town's ham radio operator. The operator does not need to be a member of the Emergency Management Team as this position works directly with the Chief of Police in case of an emergency.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Presentation

The Town continues to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), primarily retiree health insurance, as part of the Town's annual operating budget. As is required by law, an analysis of funding the OPEB liability and the Town's contribution must be undertaken every three years. Hence, Dover contracted with Mr. Parker Elmore of Odyssey Advisors who appeared before the Board to present the results of an in-depth analysis. The liability was valued at around \$6.4 million in FY 2014 and the OPEB trust fund ended that year with approximately \$3.5 million. Dover is doing an outstanding job managing OPEB, and the Town's current funding of 55.5% of this obligation places it among the best funded comparable AAA communities.

Discuss Ballot Questions(s)

The Warrant Committee has determined that there are no Ballot questions.

Approve Water Study Committee Charge

The Board of Selectmen has made a commitment to the citizens to explore Dover's water issues and to determine the impact of development on the water supply. They are in the process of forming a Water Study Committee of three to four people who will be charged with researching issues critical to Dover's water supply. These issues include the quantity and quality of water sources, hydrology, aquifers, the impact of growth on supply and quality, and ecosystem impacts. The goal of the Committee is to report to the Board by December 31, 2015 their recommendations on how to proceed. Justine Kent-Uritam and Boyton Glidden have been confirmed as Committee members. The Board urged interested citizens and those with hydrology, geology and scientific backgrounds to join the Committee. Please contact the Selectmen's office, if interested.

Mr. Dawley moved to accept the Water Study Committee Charge, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously approved.

Other Business:

Special Licenses (3)

Three Special Licenses were delineated: March 18 at the Connors Center; March 24 at the Connors Center, and March 25 at the Connors Center.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to accept all licenses as delineated, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously approved.

Snow and Ice Budget Authorization

Due to the challenging winter, the Superintendent of Streets is asking for an additional \$75,000 for the Snow and Ice Budget to cover actual and anticipated costs associated with the winter season.

Mr. Dawley moved to approve an additional \$75,000 for the Snow and Ice Budget, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

Prior Notice – Building Maintenance

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve a Prior Notice in the amount of \$13,394 for the Building Maintenance–Caryl Community Center budget for costs to repair damage caused by pipe failure in an inside wall and by breaching support failure, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

Approve February 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Lisbon moved to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously approved.

Citizens' Comments

Mrs. Lisbon again reminded the citizens that the Warrant Committee will be hosting an Open Hearing on Monday, March 16 at 7:30 PM in the Great Hall. The purpose of the Hearing is to review the Warrant Articles and budgets in preparation for the Town Meeting in May. This is an opportunity for citizens to attend, and the Committee appreciates hearing the concerns and comments of the residents.

Residents were also reminded that the Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7 PM in the Alan Mudge Auditorium at Dover Sherborn Regional High School.

The Town Caucus was held on Monday, March 9 for the purpose of nominations for open positions on elected boards. The positions to be voted on at the Town Election on May 18th are listed in the Town's Warrant. At present, Candace McCann is the nominee for the open Selectman's position, and with the exception of one individual, all other current committee members are running for re-election. The Board is grateful for the dedication and commitment of these individuals to the Town.

Mr. Dawley thanked the Caryl Management Advisory Committee and Chairman Kathy Weld for hosting an informative Open House at the Caryl Community Center on March 7. Visitors learned about the educational, recreational and community programs offered at the Center, and the Committee prepared an outstanding informational presentation and exhibit regarding the facilities upgrade project and the future potential of the building.

Adjournment

At 7:35 PM., Mr. Dawley moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

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James P. Dawley, Jr., Clerk