

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 25, 2015

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

ATTENDANCE: Douglass Lawrence, Warrant Committee; Chief Peter McGowan, Dover Police Department; Ford Spalding, Minuteman Regional School Representative; Martin Pillsbury, Metropolitan Area Planning Council; Paul Dell'Aquila, Metrowest Regional Collaborative

PRESS: Maureen Sullivan, Dover-Sherborn Press

Ford Spalding re Minuteman Regional Vocational School

Mr. Spalding provided the Board with an update on the status of the regional agreement and the proposed building project. The proposal to amend the regional agreement will no longer be pursued as several communities in the district have either voted against a new agreement or have taken no action. The proposed building project will go forward under the old regional agreement, and the 16 communities must vote on the project by June 30, 2016 or risk losing reimbursement by the state for 40 percent of the project costs. The Minuteman School Committee is considering an alternative voting method by which there would be district-wide voting by the residents of the 16 communities, with the decision being carried by majority vote. Mr. Spalding asked for the Board's opinions on this voting method. Mr. Dawley felt that the voice of Dover would not be represented, and a district-wide vote would force the building project onto the town, thus putting Dover in an uncomfortable position. Mrs. Hunter noted that it has been a frustrating two years attempting to get the amendment passed by all towns and get the school built. She believes the alternative voting method would produce the worst outcome for Dover as it is such a small town and even though residents will be voting, it would not have an impact on the result. The Minuteman School Committee will be meeting over the next two months to further discuss this

issue, and Mrs. Hunter will compose a letter to them expressing the Selectmen's concerns.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council re Pre-Hazard Mitigation

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act requires towns to adopt and update a Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation grants. Dover's first plan was adopted in 2009, and it now must be updated as part of FEMA's requirements. Representatives of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and the Metrowest Regional Collaborative presented a brief Power Point presentation which outlined Dover's existing mitigation tools and measures for specific natural or manmade hazards, defined what preventive actions are being taken now to prevent loss of life, injury, and property damage, and what long-term strategies are being put in place for the future. Working with the Town, MAPC will, by the end of August, update and finalize the mitigation measures and submit the plan to FEMA for review and approval. Once approved by FEMA, the Selectmen will vote to adopt the plan which will be in place for five years.

Appointments

Over the next two to three months, the Selectmen will be actively seeking volunteers to fill expired term positions on various town boards and committees. If interested, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at 508-785-0032, x221 or e-mail mdisciullo@doverma.org.

Mrs. Hunter moved to reappoint Dee Douglas and Hadley Reynolds to the Town Report Committee, both for three year terms effective July 1, 2015 and expiring in June of 2018; seconded by Ms. McCann; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Hunter thanked and commended Kathy Weld and the Town Report Committee for their outstanding work preparing the comprehensive 2014 Town Report.

Ms. McCann moved to reappoint Kate Faulkner and Amey Moot to the Conservation Commission, both for three year terms effective July 1, 2015 and expiring in June of 2018; seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

Ms. McCann moved to appoint Sarah Monaco to the Conservation Commission until June 30, 2016 to fill the unexpired term of Ms. McCann who has been elected a Selectman, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

Declare Surplus Item

A freezer at the Council on Aging at the Caryl Community Center is in nonworking condition. In order to properly dispose of Town-owned property, it must be declared a surplus item(s) by the Board of Selectmen. Karl Warnick, Superintendent of Building Maintenance, asked the Board to declare the freezer a surplus item.

Mr. Dawley moved to deem the freezer at the Council on Aging at the Caryl Community Center as surplus, seconded by Ms. McCann; it was unanimously voted.

Other Business:

Special License(s)

Four Special Licenses were delineated: June 15 at Elm Bank; June 24 at Mass Hort; July 17 at Kraft Hall, and July 26 at Elm Bank.

Mr. Dawley moved to approve, two retroactively, the Special Licenses as delineated, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

Approve June 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Ms. McCann moved to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting; seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

Citizens Comments

Mr. Dawley heartily congratulated the Dover-Sherborn High School lacrosse team, coaches, and everyone associated with the team for winning the Division III state championship and noted that it was their third championship in five years.

Mr. Lawrence informed the Selectmen that the Town of Sherborn is exploring ideas for switching from West Suburban Health Group to GIC for their insurance needs. Sherborn is considering three options. The first is to remain with West Suburban and its benchmark plan, the second option is to move to GIC, and the third option would be to request quotes directly from other insurance carriers. Mr. Lawrence outlined briefly the pros and cons of each option as well as potential increases in costs, deductibles and savings. Mr. Dawley thanked Mr. Lawrence for the update and congratulated him on assuming the role of Chairman of the Warrant Committee.

Adjournment

At 7:25 PM Mr. Dawley moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Hunter; it was unanimously voted.

DOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robyn Hunter, Clerk