Members present:

Christopher A. Rucho Siobhan M. Bohnson Barur R. Rajeshkumar Patrick J. Crowley John W. Hadley

Mr. Rucho convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

John Schlichte, 58 Central Street joined the Board. He stated that he is the former Chairman of the Cable TV Advisory Committee that more than doubled the amount of money the town received and he also served as the temporary PEG Coordinator. He has shared information about concerns he has with the WBPA-TV operations with the Board of Selectmen. This morning and for several months there have not been broadcasted bulletin schedules on channels 191 and 194. He would see these on West Boylston public access page where there were links to those channels. There are some easy ways to produce an alternative schedule because he is aware that the public access television was in the process of installing some new equipment. There have been some difficulties in getting that installed and working properly and it would have allowed us to automatically update a generic schedule for people to see. An alternate way would be able to know what you are going to be broadcasting you could list the shows. There are things he would not see because he has no idea of the schedule. There are things that could be looked at as potential changes. He understands there is always difficult with new equipment. He thinks a broadcasting schedule is critical and since it is something that can be done in an alternate way simply by making a little photo bulletin which could be put on a webpage as a bulletin that is displayed. Another concern was that he has been checking on things to see how things are going and it appears that a dozen bulletins were submitted for broadcasting and they are not being broadcasted. Previously, with the other system, we set it up so the Library and Senior Center could create their own bulletins and they would automatically be generated and put into the schedule. He thinks some of those people are still using that format. It lists 50 different bulletins so people could go and look at the bulletin any time they wanted to. He is pleased that the Board of Selectmen Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board meetings are on line. It is a big advantage for people from outside of the town who want to watch them when they want to. He would like to see the bulletins updated and the broadcast schedule up for everybody to see. He realizes it cannot be done automatically right now because of the new system but there are other ways that it could be up there. It should not take more than a day or two and this has been going on for four months. There are no questions from the Board at this time.

Read and acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion Mr. Hadley to approve the regular session meeting minutes of January 4, 2017, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Rucho, Rajeshkumar, Hadley and Ms. Bohnson are all in favor, and Mr. Crowley abstains as he was not present for the meeting.

Review and Vote to Approve Warrants for the Period Covering January 5, 2017 through January 18, 2017: Payroll Warrant FY2017 #14 & Payable Warrants for the Town FY2017 #28, and #29, Sewer Enterprise Warrant FY2017 SE-12 and SE-12A, School Warrant FY2017-S10, and Municipal Light Plant Warrant #14

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve the warrants as noted, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in

favor.

Central MA Regional Public Health Team Alliance Presentation

Karyn Clark, Director of Public Health for the City of Worcester joined the Board. As they provide public health services to seven towns they decided they would do roadshow for all of the communities within the alliance to talk in depth about the services they provide. She also brought along the members of her management team. She explained that West Boylston has an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Worcester to provide a wide range of services including environmental, health, housing, food inspections and title V. There is also a Community Health Plan that West Boylston is also involved with, which deals with substance abuse, and mental health. Worcester has a Medical Director, an epidemiologist on staff, and a very robust emergency preparedness program which meets quarterly with all the other member communities. They discuss what they want to do as a 7-community alliance and identify priorities. They have 25 staff members and are the first accredited health department in Massachusetts. There is good work happening with a lot of passionate people. Phil Leger is the Chief of Environmental Health. He has a 5-member team and is the regional public health specialist assigned to the town for 24-hour coverage. They attend all Board of Health meetings, have three nurses, a doctor and somebody who has worked in housing. The changed the age to purchase tobacco products to 21, provide consultation on various issues, and are always available to the office in West Boylston. Colleen Bolen is the Chief of Emergency Preparedness. She started back in 2002 when they were given bioterrorism funds. You have to be able to provide vaccinations to everybody in a very short period of time, and they had to come up with a plan to provide that service. Now emergency preparedness is a regional approach and they can provide even more services to the town. They have a Medical Reserve Corps and recruit and retain volunteers to help support with local operations should you need a sheltering operation for power outages, warming or cooling stations, or a boiling water order. They are here to help support the level of support the town needs. Each Board members was provided a bag with pamphlets of the various services offered and have been shared with the library and senior center. Dr. Alex Travis is Chief of Community Health. One of the things they have done is to do a comprehensive community health assessment with U-Mass and Fallon Health and 1,200 individuals completed the survey. They have a regional youth health survey that West Boylston does not participate in at this time, and a community health improvement plan to guide us to become a healthy community. They are capacity building and asking people to dedicate time and resources to try to make the community healthier. They are working on nine priorities and have a strong abuse program. They have been able to do some good work in West Boylston including a parenting form, which they worked with Police Chief Minnich on. They have one full time person who works on tobacco, a central mass suicide prevention program and a lot of great work is going on. They have an ongoing academic health coordinator and students who work on research projects and different types of assessments. There will be more in the coming year.

Ms. Clark added that they wanted to come to say this is what the Alliance is providing to the town and they offered to return. They asked the Board to look at the materials they provided and if there are people the Board would like them to connect with it would be very helpful to know. A lot of community health work requires coalition building. Opiod addiction is the number one public health issue. They need to know who they should be connected with in the town. She noted that Chief Minnich has been very involved with the drug issue. The message is there is a space for everybody to plug into it is about chipping in and they see it as a movement. Public health touches every aspect of

our life. They would like to build a partnership and get resources to people who need them. They would like to have the Board get more involved in the CHIP.

Mr. Rucho thanked them for their update. He added that he thinks everything must be running well because if not the Board of Selectmen would have heard about it. West Boylston Board of Health Chairman Bob Barrell states that the Alliance has expanded the ability of the Board of Health to open up the community. Health is everybody's business and he thanked them for the expertise they provide to the Board of Health. He added that the Alliance is allowing us to move forward and provides services to the town as we could not provide the services we get from these 25 people.

Colleen Abrams, President Wachusett Greenways - consider annual trail funding request

Ms. Abrams joined the Board and states her visit is for two purposes, one is to thank the Board and the other is to ask for help. In September of 1997, West Boylston was the very first town to open a piece of the Mass Central Rail Trail. She asked them to save the date of September 30th at 10:00 a.m. as there will be a 20 year dedication and celebration along with music followed by the Springdale Mill Celebration. Everybody who has participated will be invited. West Boylston actually built the trail and Ms. Abrams remembers assisting with fencing. Since then they have built 19 miles, 10 bridges and two tunnels and have eight to ten more miles to go. They will be working on a pedestrian/bicycle bridge on Route 140 with a combination of grant funds and Greenways money. They have been out there over the years with previous Town Administrators, DPW Directors and DCR staff. The DPW has done an excellent job with shoulder rolling and doing some mowing and leaf blowing. In 2008 and 2011 we had storms which required the assistance of a lot of volunteers and the DPW. Most recently the Municipal Light Plant did some trimming of branches over the trail that were dangerous. They appreciate that kind of partnership. The West Boylston portion of the trail gets the most use and as such they needed great portable toilet services. In the summer they are serviced two times a week and the goal is to keep good maintenance on the trail. Wachusett Greenways does the entry landscaping. They are asking for an annual donation of \$1,000 for care of the trail and they will ask all towns who participate. The town of West Boylston in the past assisted with postage on a random basis. A prior Town Administrator suggested they come in and ask for an annual maintenance request. So far all the eight towns have all voted to approve the request. In different towns the budget is handled in different ways. It is reimbursement for specific expenses.

Motion Mr. Hadley to give the \$1,000. Mr. Rajeshkumar asked do you get funds from the state. He also asked if we talked to DCA about the portable toilets. Ms. Abrams noted that DCR had one in this location they paid for, however, it was not working the way we needed to and we added one more. They help support but do not do the toilets now. The state DCR fish and wildlife do partner with us. This is not a state funded or managed trail but it is supported and there are some DCR trails in the state that they own and manage. The mission of the Division of Watershed Protection is to protect the water. They have worked with DCR since 1995 and have had a wonderful support and partnership.

Mr. Crowley asked if we agree to contribute the money it would it be for the West Boylston section of the trail. Ms. Abrams noted that we are regional, we go over the border, it varies with each town, and our goal is to unite as we are a trail. Ms. Bohnson asked you said this would be for maintenance but you said the maintenance gets done by a lot of volunteers, what would the money be used for? Ms. Abrams explained that the toilets cost \$8,000 a year and liability insurance is required because we have people out with chain saw and repairing things that need to be fixed. They are working to improve the overall maintenance of the trail and they do a lot of ditch cleaning and West

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Boylston has clay ditches which are difficult. Mr. Rucho asked of the eight towns, are the trails all owned by DCR? Ms. Abrams advised that they have an easement in Sterling, then DCR land and a combination of DCR and fish and wildlife. West Boylston is the only town owned section and the parking lot is on DCR land. Mr. Rucho states that he gets leery any time the DCR or anybody connected with them asks for money. Ms. Abrams explained that from the beginning we had this model and you need a broad support network. The DCR offers recreational trust grants, they get support from DOT state/federal grant supports. From the town, they ask for maintenance. They get donations from local businesses, local foundations and individuals with over 3,000 people contributing funds. Mr. Rucho asked why now as his concern is the funding request will increase. Ms. Abrams pointed out that membership base does not cover all their costs, no one gets paid, and they always intended to ask towns and this is the year they got out to ask. They have to hire somebody to come in and clean ditches because it is too hard to keep up. The plan is not to come back for more money.

Mr. Hadley feels everybody has to remember that the rail trail generates a lot of interest in this town. Motion seconded by Ms. Bohnson. Audience member Sandy Green asked if the group ever goes after grants from the rail trail conservancy. Ms. Abrams noted that they are a wonderful lobbying organization and we received mentoring from them. They received a Mass Office of Travel Tourism grant and will not stop gong for those funds for construction. The problem with that is it is a national grant and you spend a lot of time on it and it goes nowhere. They work with people they have a relationship with. Mr. Crowley states that he has a difficult time bringing himself to say we will use taxpayer money for a non-profit organization, however, he can rationalize this and he thinks the answer is yes, it is essentially a non-profit organization that is improving town owned land for us. Ms. Abram added that what they are doing is for everybody. Mr. Rucho thinks we should go to the legislature and get it funded through them as he foresees the \$1,000 growing in a few years. Ms. Abrams noted that membership is their job and they need an additional 1,000 members by the time they have their celebration in September. They have their campaign on their website. Vote on the motion - Ms. Bohnson, Messrs. Rajeshkumar, Crowley and Hadley yes; Mr. Rucho no.

Mr. Rucho asked how the town will fund this. Ms. Scheipers will determine that during the budget process.

Ms. Scheipers emailed the Board a letter of support to endorse a grant application going to DCR for trails. Wachusett Greenways is applying for \$100,000 and the funds will be used for a project in Rutland and Sterling.

Motion Mr. Hadley to sign the letter supporting the grant application, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Open Space Representatives to discuss using town-owned land at Tivnan Drive for a dog park

Vincent Vignaly, Chairman of the Open Space Implementation Committee and Michele Brown joined the Board. Ms. Brown has lived in town for ten years and recently noticed there was a town survey in 2016 and there was a section on open space with a question on what people think about a dog park, and an Open Space Committee member asked her to attend a meeting to discuss it. There are 567 registered dogs in West Boylston and 575 in Boylston. She thinks the town could benefit by the park. Mr. Vignaly noted that they are meeting on the update of the plan and last fall's survey resulted in a dog park being one of the top five issues. It is something people have interest in and are willing to put some of their own personal time into. As the proposed location is owned and under control by the Board of Selectmen they are requesting feedback. There are three potential locations with the most

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appealing being Tivnan Drive. It would be a one and a half to two acre location, close to Boylston and Shrewsbury. The Stanton Foundation will fund 90% of the construction costs, for the operation and maintenance of a park that can be used 365 days a year. They also have Capital Improvements Grants that the Stanton Foundation will award. Three separate grants equal to 5% of the hard construction costs to make capital improvements to the park no earlier than 12, 18, and 24 months after the park opens. Liability is the same as at other town-owned parks. A 5-member committee is needed with one member being a paid town employee, the site has to have water, and the facility has to be handicapped accessible. Dog park rules are enforced and posted for all users of the park to follow. Mr. Rucho asked how maintenance is funded. Ms. Brown notes that it would be included in the percentage of the money they fund. They would need somebody to empty trash and it could be funded through fundraising.

Mr. Crowley likes the idea, and asked if at this point they are asking for permission to pursue the grant. Mr. Vignaly noted that they are looking for input and whether there is another parcel of property that would be better. This parcel has no neighbors, the town issued two Request from Proposals and did not get a response. It is a 30 acre parcel and they would only need two acres for this project. They do not want to move forward without the blessing of the Board. Mr. Crowley noted that if the Board were to vote to endorse the proposal how is this going to be funded. He would need to see the numbers. Mr. Vignaly explained that the Stanton Foundation needs to speak with an employee. He likes the idea, however, they have nothing nailed down as to costs or layout. The biggest cost would be fencing and a solar opening and closing. He added that the Parks Commission received CPC funds for fencing around the parks. Now people are letting their dogs run lose on the ball fields and not picking up after them. They want to have a situation where there is a place for dogs to run off leash and this is not in the watershed. The initial step is Board approval to speak to the grant people.

Ms. Bohnson feels this is a tough one as she listens to people say we do not have enough fields for soccer and she also has a concern over funding, who will be there to open, and clean up and she doesn't think this will solve the issue of dogs running off leash at the parks. She is very concerned about the cost. If the was extra money within the town that would be different, and we have building needs. At this point she cannot say she is in favor of this. She is a dog lover but doesn't think this would benefit the townspeople and we would be spending a lot of money. Mr. Hadley thinks we should give them a chance to go forward and see what it will cost. Mr. Rajeshkumar also supports the dog park. He asked where the other 10% of the funding comes from. Ms. Brown noted that other towns have done fund raisers. Mr. Vignaly noted that right now we need to find out how much it will cost and the committee would look at different options for the 10%. They would build support for the 10% and right now they would like to be able to speak with the Stanton Foundation who pays 100% of the Mr. Rajeshkumar asked about maintenance and Mr. Vignaly feels it would be a volunteer design. group who goes out and does maintenance. A woman in the audience noted that in Maynard they have a park and it is a great group of volunteers. Mr. Rajeshkumar asked if other town come in would there be a membership costs. Ms. Bohnson asked if this use would have to go to town meeting. Mr. Rucho noted that a portion of the land is required to be for recreation. Mr. Vignaly advised it would need to go to town meeting if they were asking for funds and it is going to be part of the Open Space & Recreation Plan. Mr. Rucho is concerned that it is in the middle of nowhere and if Boylston and Shrewsbury are able to use it, will they help fund it. Mr. Vignaly added that in Mendon you pay \$2 for a permit he also suggested an additional \$1.00 for a dog license. He also suggested that when we put an RFP out on the property we could ask for a parking lot as part of the proposal. Ms. Bohnson thanked the group for all the time an energy they put into the project.

Motion Mr., Hadley to move forward with the dog park and approach the Stanton Foundation, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar. A woman in the audience asked if there is any DCR land available. Mr. Vignaly noted that Tivnan Drive doesn't have any neighbors, the other site in the center of town has neighbors who may not want a dog park. Tim Brown noted that two things about the Stanton Foundation are if you meet the criteria they will provide the grant and after twelve months you can apply for additional grants. Mr. Scheipers feels we might need to research the language in the deed for Tivnan Drive. Vote on the motion, Messrs. Rucho, Rajeshkumar, Crowley and Hadley yes, Ms. Bohnson no.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Presentation of Police Department Policy and Procedure No. 4.13, Identification Cards to the Board and presentation of updated Police Department Policy and Procedure No. 1.12, Eyewitness Identification

Ms. Scheipers explained that the two policies are being brought forward by the Police Department, both have been reviewed and accepted by the union. The Chief is asking for the Board's approval. These will replace existing policies.

Motion Mr. Hadley to accept Policy and Procedure No. 4.13, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Crowley to accept Policy and Procedure No. 1.12, seconded by Ms. Bohnson. The policy protects eyewitnesses in the process of providing testimony to keep them safe during the entire process and it also instructs the police on things they can and cannot do as well so it protects everyone involved. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Review of FY18 New Growth Taxation Revenue

The Assessors office is estimating New Growth at \$115,000 for FY18. In reviewing the new growth number against our policy we would be well under the limit of 1.5% of the prior year's levy limit with the inclusion the \$115,000 in the operating budget. We would only be at .72%. The Board of Assessors' office did say it may increase slightly after additional inspections of some of the properties still under construction as it is based on the amount of construction estimated to be completed by June 30, 2017.

2.Shibley Inquiry Responses

Ms. Scheipers has been working over the past months with the police associations to address the concerns raised by resident Craig Shibley had voiced the concerns that the Police Department had not received proper authorization from the Selectmen to join the Central Mass Law Enforcement Council known as CMLEC or sign the formal mutual aid agreement with them. He also alleged that police associates Mass COP Local 172 and the West Boylston Police Benevolent Association, Inc., both fraternal organizations not under the control of the town, had been inaccurately or inappropriately filing annual reports and IRS statements. Attached to the Town Administrator's report is a Findings report in response to those allegations and our findings. Ms. Scheipers noted that in going through analyzing what his concerns were on the key points he put forward he was correct. There were mistakes that had been made by the police association in their reporting over the years. We also found that the town did not properly authorize the paperwork to join CMLEC. The paperwork was signed by the Town Administrator and Chief of Police, however, in their defense, the cover letter sent with the agreement did not specific who must sign the agreement and the signature page did not include the heading on which signature was required. To correct the error Ms. Scheipers, at the recommendation of Town Counsel, had the Board discuss and vote the town's participation in CEMLEC at their November 2, 2016 meeting. Mr. Shibley asked about any potential liability to the town with participation in CEMLEC since 2008. Town counsel look at and there was no liability, there were no claims against the town, and any membership costs would have been approved by the Board of Selectmen because they review and approve the payable warrant. Additionally we had mutual aid agreements with those towns in place.

When it came to the police associations, with the help of Selectmen Crowley we were able to get information from the state and the association's tax accountant that there had indeed been some miss-filings with the state and there was identification number exchange and not properly used. The state has identified ways for that to be corrected. We will not need to refile and in the future the association will be working to get this correction resolved. Mr. Shibley did have some other issues with the department and Chief Minnich did ask Mr. Shibley to sit down with him to discuss other issues. At this time he has not taken advantage of that offer. Ms. Scheeipers asked the Board's approval to send the report to Mr., Shibley

Motion Mr. Crowley to submit the written report to Mr. Shibley, second by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

3.E911 Grant for Police Department

We received an E911 grant for the Police Department in the amount of \$23,583 which we can use to offset the costs of dispatcher's wages for the remainder of the time that our dispatch is still active as well as other police department expenses. We also received another grant for \$10,000 and it was specific for dispatcher training which we will not be able to take advantage of.

4. Holden Sewer Billing Update

We received payment from Holden for the FY15 bill in the amount of \$15,010 and the FY16 bills are in process and will be sent to Holden by the end of the week. Then we will start the FY17 billing process. There was a concern as to whether there might have been previous fiscal years bills and we will be looking at that this fall.

5. Internship Program Update

At this we have interest from Clark University and Assumption College and as of yesterday Worcester Street indicated an interest in working with us on our internship programs or for special projects. Ms. Scheipers will be attending a career fair at Clark University on February 8th and will be putting together an attractive booth. These are unpaid internships, however, in some cases the colleges do have eligible funds.

FISP UPDATE:

1. Approval of Invoices

Motion Mr. Hadley to approve R.A.C. Builders, Inc. Payment #1 in the amount of \$243,268, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve Cardinal Construction Payment #9 in the amount of \$13,802, seconded by Mr. Hadley, all in favor.

2.Discussion and vote recommendation of dates for the special town meeting and the town election for funding of full design of Senior Center

Ms. Scheipers proposes March 6th for the town meeting and March 8th for the special election.

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve the schedule, seconded by Mr. Hadley. Ms. Scheipers advised that the town meeting article and question were sent to town counsel and bond counsel. We will schedule this on our February 1^{st} agenda to approve and sign. Then the 35 day clock starts for the Town Clerk's special election. We will have no problem in meeting the deadlines for the March 6^{th} special meeting. The election will run from noon until 8:00 p.m. Vote on the motion – all in favor. Mr. Rucho reports that there will be a lot more information coming out.

3. Update on police station project.

Mr. Hadley reports that they met on Monday. The foundation is almost done, everything is going smoothly, and we are on schedule and on budget.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS:

1.Consider appointing Elizabeth Schaper to the position of Records Access Officer for the schools effective January 1, 2017 for a term to expire on December 31, 2017

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve the appointment, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

2.Consider extending the appointment of Richard Simmarano as PEG Program Coordinator until June 30, 2017

Motion Mr. Hadley to extend the appointment for 3 months. Mr. Rajeshkumar agrees with three months as well due to the fact that he has been doing two different job and a lot of things are backing up. Mr. Rucho noted that the Town Administrator is asking for six months so we can get through the issues and then move on. Mr. Crowley asked Ms. Scheipers if she would like the Board to vote on 90 days instead of 180 days. Ms. Scheipers feels 90 days would be cutting it too close to evaluate what is going on and the extra problems we have had with the Castus equipment which has taken almost every hour of his equipment coordinator and peg coordinator's time. She is not sure how long it will take to have this up and running to make sure the issue is solved. She feels she needs six months, has assigned him specific goals and feels she owes him that. Mr. Rucho has seen the emails going back and forth. Ms. Scheipers added that this has been a lot of work and everybody is working hard. Mr. Rucho thinks in the next six months we have to look at the whole cable access structure and how it is run. We will ask some towns how they run theirs.

Motion Mr. Hadley, in light of Ms. Scheipers comments, to concur with extending the term for six months, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor. Ms. Scheipers noted that he has been given specific goals on which she will evaluation his performance.

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS:

1.January 24, 1:00 p.m. - meeting with lock company to discuss options for town hall access

Mr. Rucho will be attending this meeting and will report back to the Board.

2. Overhead projector information has been provided to Mr. Rucho who will discuss with WBPA-TV

Mr. Rucho will work with the cable people in regards to installing units in both meeting rooms and wiring them into the cable. He will update as he gets additional information.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. February 28, 6:00 p.m. Complete Streets Prioritization Plan Public Meeting in conjunction with Open Space Hearing

Ms. Scheipers reports that the Transportation Committee met with staff from CMRPC and has identified areas in town that could be considered for the Complete Streets project.

2. Board of Health change in minimum age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 goes into effect on February 14, 2017.

3. Charter rate increase information has been placed on our website.

4. Senator Chandler will hold office hours at town hall on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m.

5. All islands/squares in town noted in the Board's Policy on Beautification of Town Squares and Islands Policy will remain with the businesses and groups who adopted them

Mr. Rucho would like to announce the business and groups at the next meeting. 6. February 7, 2:00-3:25 p.m. – Workplace Harassment Training for all employees at town hall

April 25, 6:00 p.m. – Conflict of Interest Law Training for all municipal employees and board/committee members, presented by David Giannotti Chief of the Public Education & Communications Division for the State Ethics Commission – in Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room– please email <u>nlucier@westboylston-ma.gov</u> if you are able to attend. We are required to have a minimum of 30 attendees.

7. Governor Baker has signed H 4761 establishing an appointed town clerk in the town of West Boylston

Ms. Scheipers will be meeting with the Town Clerk tomorrow to work out the details of the actual change over.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SELECTMENS REPORTS:

Mr. Hadley would like to schedule a public hearing to amend the Gateway Sign Policy

Mr. Crowley asked the Board to sign two proclamations; one for Kevin McCormick the Grand Marshal for the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade and another for Michael Casey the organizer of the parade. Ms. Bohnson noted that there will be a banquet on February 4th at the Wachusett Country Club. Tickets cost is \$40 each and people can call her at 508.835.2600 for tickets.

Mr. Crowley received a phone call at work this afternoon from somebody who works in Secretary Beaton's office in regards to the grant application for Goodale Park Project. He knew nothing about it and Mr. Crowley told him that we already provided a copy of the whole plan. He noted that at least the right people are talking and he believes this contact was as a result of a conversation the Board had with Lt. Gov. Polito when she came out to the town. He reported the conversation to the Chairman of the Parks Facilities Committee.

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Mr. Rucho would like to review sidewalk plowing in town noting that the vehicle is not doing a very good job. It does great where the tire area is but where the people walk it doesn't. He would like this on the next meeting. He also reported that with regard to the World Trade Center piece given to the town he reached out to Assabet and they have a gentleman who works there who is very excited about building a stand for our piece. His father helped build the World Trade Center and he reached out to a person who lives in town and works at Assabet. He will update the Board when he gets more information.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Rajeshkumar at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

Approved: February 1, 2017

Christopher A. Rucho, Chairman

Siobhan M. Bohnson, Vice Chairman

Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk

Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman

John W. Hadley, Selectman