



Town of West Boylston
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting September 27, 2017; 7:00 p.m.;Rm 210 Town Hall

Members Present John W. Hadley, Chairman Christopher A. Rucho, Vice Chair Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman Siobhan M. Bohnson, Selectman
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Members NOT Present

Invited Guests:

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 7:05 pm

Public Hearing to consider adopting a Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy

Mr. Hadley opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and Mr. Rajeshkumar read the following notice. Public notice is hereby given, in conformity with the requirements of the General Bylaws of the Town of West Boylston, ARTICLE XXIII - PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE, that the Board of Selectmen will meet on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of considering adopting a Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy. The meeting will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, #210 of the Municipal Office Building, 140 Worcester, West Boylston. For additional information, or to review the proposed information, please contact the Office of the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator at 774.261.4012. All interested persons, groups, and agencies are invited to attend. September 13 & 20, 2017.

Ms. Scheipers explained that this item is before the Board this evening as it is one of the necessary action items we have to complete to meet the 5 criteria to make us eligible to apply for Green Community status. The policy says we agree that we will that moving ahead we will purchase fuel efficient vehicles. The good news is that policy allows for exemptions and almost all of our vehicles, with the exception of four are not exempt. Three of which belong to the school and the other is a pickup truck assigned to the DPW. We will be asking for funds to purchase a new DPW pickup at the October town meeting. That vehicle will be in compliance with the Policy as it gets 14 miles per gallon.

Mr. Crowley asked if FISP is aware of the stretch code change. Ms. Scheipers advised that it requires a certain level of efficiency within a building and you look to maximize the efficiency. It has to be inspected to make sure it meets the necessary efficiencies. The cost is about \$1,500 for residences and the home owner can apply for a rebate.

Motion Mr. Rucho at 7:16 p.m. to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Crowley to adopt the policy as presented, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Revised Proposed Street Paving List and vote to sign Chapter 90 request forms

DPW Director Vernon Jackson joined the Board to request approval to use Chapter 90 funds for three road projects in town. He proposing Thomas Street from the bridge to the Church, a portion of Prospect Street in the Franklin Street area and two segments of Woodland, one at 190 and the other at Prospect. It will be mill and paving during the first two weeks in October, a two-day project. The Woodland/Prospect Street square paving will be done inhouse. It will sent out a reverse 911 notice to the residents on Newton, Prospect and Goodale Streets. He will also send out a message for the Route 140 closure, post information on the website and list serve. Ms. Bohnson suggested signage at the top of Goodale from Holden. Mr. Jackson will consult with the police chief for his recommendation on detours. Mr. Jackson has amended the Chapter 90 request forms and is requesting \$263,000, a high estimate to make sure he has all he needs and whatever funds are not used with flow back to Chapter 90. Our remaining Chapter 90 balance will be \$177,000. In the future when voting on Chapter 90 expenditures, Mr. Rucho would like to have the balance in the account.

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve the projects as described, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Mr. Jackson also requested permission to use Chapter 90 funds in the amount of \$10,000 for line painting.

Motion Mr. Crowley to approve use of the funds, seconded by Mr. Bohnson, all in favor.

2. Consider voting to approve, close and sign warrant for October 16, Semi-Annual Town Meeting

Article 1 - Authorization to hear the reports of officers and committees of the town

Standard Article - Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 1 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 2 - Authorization to pay bills from previous fiscal years

Standard Article – we know of no bills at this time.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 2 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 3 - Modify Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations and other necessary adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2018 budget

Standard article and thus far we have three accounts we need to adjust; Cemetery Wages, Cable budget and Conservation Commission wages.

Motion Ms. Bohnson to include Article 3 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

Article 4 - Application of bond premium.

We have been advised by Bond Counsel that by accepting this statute it allows us to take premiums received from Bonds or Notes and apply them towards project costs.

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 4 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Article 5 – Authorization to purchase replacement ambulance.

This is to replace our ambulance and we will use ambulance received reserved for appropriation in the amount of \$295,000. We have adequate funds reserved for this purchase.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include Article 5 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 6 – Vote to borrow funds for replacement fire truck purchase.

This would replace Engine 3, with a cost of \$575,000 and will be funded by debt coming off the books from a street drainage project. No additional cost to tax payers and will be a five-year borrowing. Ms. Bohnson would like to know if we will be trading in the truck being replaced.

Motion Ms. Bohnson to include Article 6 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 7 - Authorization to purchase replacement truck for the DPW.

This vehicle and be funded through the Capital Fund at a price of \$42,000.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 7 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

Article 8 – Authorization for parks improvements.

These funds, \$35,000 will resurface the tennis and basketball courts.

Motion Ms. Bohnson to include Article 8 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 9 – Vote to appropriate funds for Community Preservation Fund projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

This is article is for the Affordable Housing Trust and is in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 9 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

Article 10 - Authorization to expend WBPA-TV Receipts Reserved Funds.

The will fund some equipment and system upgrades. They do not yet have a dollar amount.

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 14 on the warrant, seconded by Ms. Bohnson, all in favor.

Article 11 - Authorization to expend Sewer Enterprise Funds.

This will fund year one of the I&I plan with a small cushion and the funding will come from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 11 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Article 12 – Use of Free Cash for Library phone system installation

We will need \$1,500 for this article.

Motion Ms. Bohnson to include Article 12 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Article 13 – Authorization to transfer funds to the Stabilization Fund

This is a standard article and we are estimating our Free Cash to be in the range of \$700,000.
Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 13 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

Article 14 – Authorization to transfer funds to the Capital Investment Fund.

This is a standard article.

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 14 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar, all in favor.

Article 15 – Authorization to amend the Personnel Bylaw.

This will allow the Personnel Board to make changes in position grade assignments rather than town meeting vote.

Motion Ms. Bohnson to include Article 15 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Article 16 – Authorization to amend the Personnel Bylaw.

This will change the way overtime is calculated on weeks where you have a holiday. The majority of the instances where this would occur is with the Cemetery workers. Currently they have to work 40 hours to get overtime for Saturday work. This change would allow them to receive an overtime rate for Saturday work in a week where there is a holiday. Ms. Bohnson asked if it is the standard throughout the town. Ms. Scheipers noted that usually the Cemetery is under a union so it is handled differently.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include Article 20 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Article 17 – Authorization to amend General Bylaws.

This is to accept the Stretch Energy Code as a town bylaw. We will have a presentation at the October 4 Board meeting.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar to include Article 20 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Article 18 - Authorization to amend General Bylaw

This was a request from several citizens, it is not a citizen's petition, but it was a request. Mr. Crowley does not think we should have this on the warrant, it is a legal product, the voters spoke, and now we are turning it around and saying we do not care what you said. He will speak against this at town meeting. Ms. Bohnson agrees with Mr. Crowley. Mr. Rucho thinks we should let town meeting voters decide.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 18 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rajeshkumar. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Hadley, Rucho and Rajeshkumar yes; Mr. Crowley and Ms. Bohnson no.

Article 19 - Authorization to amend off street parking section of Zoning Bylaw. This will reduce the allowable truck limit.

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 20 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Article 20 - Authorization to amend signs and billboards section of Zoning Bylaw. This will

remove the limitation that allows only text messages on digital display signs.

Motion Mr. Crowley to include Article 20 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Consider signing Informational Mailer for town meeting

Board members recommended including language to encourage residents to clear around fire hydrants in their neighborhoods after a snow storm.

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the mailer with that amendment, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to Adjourn at 7:37 p.m.: Mr. Crowley

Seconded: Mr. Rucho

Result: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: October 4, 2017

Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

John W. Hadley, Chairman

Christopher A., Vice Chairman

Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk

Siobhan M. Bohnson, Selectman

Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman