



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

Select Board/Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting February 28, 2022; 5:30 p.m. 140 Worcester Street West Boylston, MA 01583 Selectboard Meeting Room #210
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Members Present Christopher A. Rucho, Chairman Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Vice Chair Kristina Pedone, Selectwoman
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Members NOT Present: Patrick J. Crowley, Clerk Michael J. Kittredge III, Selectman

Invited Guests: Nancy Lucier, Town Administrator
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Others Present:

Meeting Called to order at 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Recommendation from Town Administrator Sub-Committee for Search Consultant:**

Ms. Pedone stated the sub committee met and they reviewed proposals from three consulting firms and based on price and overall process they would like to recommend to the Selectboard, Community Paradigm Associates. She explained they have done work in surrounding towns. She stated the other firms were; Municipal Resource Inc, and the Collins Center. Ms. Pedone explained the proposal includes one year of coverage so if a candidate does not work out, they will cover the cost of a new search.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar moved to approve, Ms. Pedone second.

All in favor

Approved

Ms. Lucier stated the next step is to request a Reserve Fund Transfer with the Finance Committee.

- **Consider Voting on use of ARPA Funds:**

Ms. Lucier stated she previously reported the Town is receiving \$2.4 million in funds and will need to be used by December of 2026 but needed to be committed by December of 2024. She stated the goal will be to use these funds for infrastructure and non-budgetary items. She explained they had previously used APRA Funds for the MS4 Permit in the amount of \$238,000. She would like the Board to approve the use of \$100,000 to finalize line striping and crosswalk painting, \$30,857.64 for the membership in the Worcester Health Alliance, \$30,000 to repair the street sweeper, \$100,000 for OPEB liability, and \$150,000 for refurbish fire ladder 2. She explained

using the APRA funds for these allowable expenditures the town will be able to build up reserves with Free Cash. She explained the APRA funds are not transferable into stabilization or capital investment.

Motion Ms. Pedone moved to approve the ARPA Funds, Mr. Rajeshkumar second.

Mr. Rucho asked if the Finance Committee is involved, Ms. Lucier stated it is a recommendation of the Town Administrator and approved by the Select Board. She explained she did discuss with the Finance Committee her proposed use of the funds. Mr. Rucho would like the input of the Finance Committee. Mr. Rucho asked how much has the town allocated of the funds, Ms. Lucier stated just these requests to date and would like to take it slow as this is a one-time opportunity.

All in favor

Approved

- **Consider Approving Film Permit for Honest Scholar Productions, LLC for Tuesday, March 1, 2022 Event:**

Ms. Lucier stated this request is for March 1, 2022 from 6 to 8 p.m. and is a similar request as they had prior. She explained it is being reviewed and signed off on by the Police, Fire and DPW.

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar moved to approve, Ms. Pedone second.

Mr. Rucho would like to add to a future agenda to discuss the fee, Ms. Lucier stated the current fee is \$25 per day.

All in Favor

Approved

Motion Mr. Rajeshkumar moved to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.; Ms. Pedone second.

All in favor

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Faye D. Zukowski, Municipal Assistant

Christopher A. Rucho, Chairman

Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Vice Chairman

Patrick J. Crowley, Clerk

Michael J. Kittredge III, Selectman

Kristina Pedone, Selectman