

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Clark Room. Those present were Selectmen John Gorecki, Douglas A. G. Stevenson, Peter Scavongelli and Nathan Brown Vanessa Hunnibell Moroney. Town Administrator Timothy D. Goddard was also present. Selectman Moroney was not present.

Mr. Stevenson spoke about the recent passing of former employee Irene Blake. He said Irene was a resident of Carlisle for 50 years. Mr. Stevenson said Irene volunteered for many organizations and was a very active member of the community. He extended condolences to her family.

Also in Attendance:

Carlo Petruzzello, Carleton Road

Ray Bahr, Hickory Lane

Judy Asarkof, River Road

Judy Hodges, Lowell Street

Jerry Lerman, Minuteman School Building Committee member

Dr. Bouquillon, Superintendent of Minuteman Reg. High School

Judy Taylor, Minuteman Reg. High School Committee member

Ford Spalding, School Building Committee Chair

Carol Yelle, Cross Street

Community Input

Mr. Gorecki said the Center for Hope and Healing which is located in downtown Lowell is having their 10th *Annual Take Back the Night* event on April 16th for the purpose of providing to the Greater Lowell Area awareness of street violence and sexual violence. He provided contact information for the Center.

Dog Issues Working Group – Final Charge

Mr. Gorecki said the Board will review and approve the Final Charge for the Dog Issues Working Group and appoint members to same.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Scavongelli, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Dog Issues Working Group charge as presented at this meeting.

Mr. Gorecki requested that the Working Group post their meetings with the Town Clerk and take Minutes. He said they should provide information regarding this matter by January 2016.

Mr. Stevenson re-iterated that the Group should include at least three but not more than five members.

Mr. Gorecki said the Board has received several letters of interest from residents who would like to serve on this working group. He asked those present with this interest, to come forward and talk about their thoughts and concerns on the dog issues.

Judy Hodges of Lowell Street said she owns a dog and does not use a leash on her dog.

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Judy Asarkof of River Road said she owns two dogs. She is willing to discuss a leash law however she feels that this matter is more about educating the community.

Ray Bahr of Hickory Lane said he owns a dog. He said he walks his dog on Town owned land however when he is walking on the street, the dog is on a leash. Mr. Bahr said it is very important to educate the dog owners.

Mr. Scavongelli asked the above dog owners if there were any circumstances where they would support a leash law.

Mr. Bahr said all dogs are different and it is incumbent upon the owner to recognize whether their dog needs a leash.

Judy Asarkof said the Cranberry Bog is a popular dog walking area and this would be a good place to put a leash on the dog.

Judy Hodges said she does not support placing a leash on a dog at the Cranberry Bog. She supported putting up signs.

Mr. Petruzzello said his main concern was about dog owners picking up after their dogs.

Mr. Gorecki said he was impressed with the responses the Board heard this evening. He recommended appointing all of the people who spoke on this issue to the Working Group. There were two other responses from individuals who were not present. They were from Mollie McPhee and Susan Provenzano.

Mr. Stevenson suggested appointing Susan Provenzano as a member and Mollie McPhee as an alternate member.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Brown, it was unanimously **VOTED** to appoint the following individuals to the Dog Issues Working Group for a term that will end on June 30, 2015: Judy Hodges, Carlo Petruzzello, Judy Asarkof, Ray Bahr, Susan Provenzano and Mollie McPhee as an alternate member.

Minuteman Building Project Update

School Building Project committee member Jerry Lerman and Superintendent Dr. Edward Bouquillon, were present to discuss the Minuteman School Building project. Carlisle's School Committee representative to Minuteman, Judy Taylor was also present.

Jerry Lerman said he has been on the Minuteman School Building committee for three months. He said the purpose for this presentation is to provide information and solicit feedback. Jerry said after this presentation, he hopes those present will realize that something needs to be done at the Minuteman School and doing nothing is not a viable option.

Jerry said Minuteman is a career technical vocational school that draws students from 16 member towns and some communities that are out of district. He noted that the Minuteman School is 43 years old and the entire school is approximately 330,000 sq. ft. He spoke about some of the inadequate conditions at the school which include: not ADA compliant, poor air quality, and the HVAC and the electrical and plumbing systems are not up to code.

Jerry said the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) have placed the Minuteman School on notice that it will lose its accreditation due to structural problems. Jerry said the cost to do all the repairs so the School will function properly is \$100million.

Jerry said the School Committee has recently endorsed the adoption of a career academy model for Minuteman. It is a new approach to the education system. This model integrates curriculum and is designed for an open concept which enhances the education program and promotes collaboration.

In 2009 the MSBA Feasibility Study was started, the School Building committee was formed and consultants were hired. Jerry said this process has taken a long time. In 2014 MSBA granted a final extension to allow the process to continue until June 30, 2016. Jerry said if the project does not come to a conclusion by this date, Minuteman will fall out of the MSBA pipeline.

The current commitment from MSBA is a reimbursement rate of 40%. He said the School Building Committee has looked at a lot of options. He said if any one of the 16 member towns does not approve the school building project then MSBA will withdraw the reimbursement. Jerry listed five

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options that are being considered, but he noted that MSBA would fund only one of the first three options. The options were: 1) renovate the existing building; 2) renovation and addition to the existing structure; 3) building a new school; 4) repairing the existing building while making some educational improvements; and 5) repairs only. Jerry provided the costs and the time it would take to complete all four options.

Jerry said during March and April, the School Building Committee will be contacting all of the member towns and making presentations like this one to solicit feedback about the options. He said in May, 2015 the School Committee will vote one of the preferred options. Jerry said all of the options will be provided to MSBA in July, 2015 and they will choose their preferred option. He said assuming they choose one of the three options; in the spring of 2016 schematic design plans will be brought to the Annual Town Meeting of all sixteen district Towns. Jerry said in order for this project to proceed, all 16 member Towns have to vote in favor of it. He said if this project is approved at all 16 Town Meetings, the construction of the new school could begin in 2018.

Jerry re-iterated that we need to do something now to address the maintenance and safety problems at the school and create a positive working environment for students now and for the future.

Jerry asked the Board for their comments, feedback and recommendations.

Mr. Gorecki asked why they are asking for a design for 628 students and not 435. Dr. Bouquillon said in the beginning, MSBA asked them to look at two models; one at 435 and the other at 800. Dr. Bouquillon said they will present 3 enrollment options [435, 628 and 800] to MSBA. Dr. Bouquillon added that the School is not sustainable at the enrollment number of 435. He said they can't operate a school with 16 programs with only 435 students however he believes they can increase the enrollment to 628.

Mr. Stevenson wanted to know what amount the out-of-district students will be paying toward the new school. Dr. Bouquillon said they estimated that it would be \$4,000 in addition to the State's tuition per student.

Mr. Stevenson said his concerns were about how this project will be funded and the number of out-of-district students attending the school. He said presently 40% of the students are out of district. Dr. Bouquillon estimated that out of the 628 students, the percent of out of district students would be 8 to 9%. Dr. Bouquillon said it will take a five year transition to where there will be less out of district students.

Mr. Scavongelli said he supported option three because it would provide the most benefits for the least amount of money and it would take less time.

Mr. Gorecki said the numbers seem very high for half the number of students, noting that the CCRHS's new building cost less. Dr. Bouquillon said they are building two high schools in one.

Mr. Stevenson asked if any progress been made to encourage out district communities to join the district. Dr. Bouquillon said although Cambridge does not very many students, they have expressed interest in being a full member. He also mentioned Watertown. He said they send many students to Minuteman and it would financially better for them to enter the district.

Mr. Brown asked about the three different enrollment numbers and the five options for the school building project. He wanted to know if MSBA would review and choose from fifteen different options. Dr. Bouquillon said MSBA will look at a total of nine models.

Judy Taylor said that the Minuteman School was built in the era where construction has not held up. Carol Yelle of Cross Street said we have a responsibility to provide a technical school to our children. She urged the Board to support building a school without boundaries and that is also ADA accessible.

Mr. Gorecki said if he had to choose, it would be the new building. Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Brown agreed. Mr. Scavongelli gave his preference earlier, which was the new school.

Ford Spalding, chair of the Building Committee spoke to the Board about the questionnaire provided to assist the Committee in determining what individuals want them to do. [Attached hereto]

Annual Town Meeting /Election Warrants

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Mr. Goddard presented the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the Board to sign. He added that the Warrant booklet has been sent to the printer and one proof has been provided to him for review. Mr. Goddard said the Warrant is also posted on the Town's website. The Board will review the motions and assign the articles at their meeting on April 14th.

Amendment to Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Agreement

The Board reviewed and discussed the second Amendment to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail inter-municipal agreement with Acton and Westford. Mr. Gorecki said the MassDOT is funding an extension of the rail trail and the State will pay about 110% of the expected project costs. The agreement states that Carlisle agrees to pay its proportionate share of any amounts over the expected costs. Mr. Goddard said the Town of Acton is the lead community for this project. This phase of the trail is about four and one-half miles; the Town of Acton's portion is 4.2 miles. It was noted that all three Towns need to sign this agreement in order for the extension to move forward.

Mr. Gorecki said we would be authorizing the Town of Acton to act on our behalf with the State.

Mr. Stevenson expressed concern that this agreement is extremely open-ended. His concern was over what may go wrong when the construction begins, that is, unforeseen problems that may arise.

Mr. Goddard said all three Towns have environmental insurance in case something arises in the soil.

Mr. Gorecki said Carlisle will be responsible only for what occurs on its portion of the rail trail.

Mr. Goddard said he will consult with Town Counsel regarding the Town's exposure in this matter. The agreement will be addressed at the Board's April 14th meeting.

Interim CCTV Agreement

Mr. Gorecki said the Town entered into an agreement with CCTV, Inc. in 2005 for PEG access. The Agreement with CCTV, Inc. has expired and we are in the process of negotiating a new contract. He referred to the letter that was provided from CCTV which states that both parties agree to extend the aforementioned agreement until a formal agreement is prepared.

Nathan noted that if we do not come to an agreement with CCTV, the Town of Carlisle has the ability to not enter into a new agreement.

On motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Scavongelli, it was unanimously **VOTED** to endorse the letter extending the agreement/contract between the Town of Carlisle, Massachusetts and CCTV, Inc. as presented at tonight's meeting.

Appointments

The Board was in receipt of a letter from Jason Chandonnet indicating that he would like to be appointed to the Technology Committee. Mr. Brown said the committee has not met recently however he spoke with Jason Chandonnet last Friday about his interest in the Technology Committee. Mr. Brown said he would recommend his appointment to the committee and there has been some informal feedback supporting this appointment from the committee.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Scavongelli, it was unanimously **VOTED** to appoint Jason R. Chandonnet of Koning Farm Road in Carlisle to the Technology Committee for a term that will end on June 30, 2015.

Town Administrator Report

1 Nomination of Animal Inspectors. Mr. Goddard the Board is required to annually nominate any individuals they wish to appoint as animal inspectors. He said both Deborah Toher and Lawrence Sorli have indicated they are interested in being nominated for reappointment.

On a motion made by Mr. Scavongelli and seconded by Mr. Stevenson, it was unanimously **VOTED** to nominate Deborah Toher and Lawrence Sorli for the position of Animal Inspector and their names should be submitted to the Department of Agricultural Resources for confirmation.

2 Mr. Goddard attached to this report a document prepared by AECOM regarding the Police Station site. He said a number of years ago contamination was found in the groundwater at this site and the

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Town has been required to submit an updated report to the Department of Environment Protection every five years. Mr. Goddard said according to AECOM, the condition has neither improved nor deteriorated in the past five years and their recommendation is to continue monitoring the groundwater. He added that AECOM is available to meet with the Board to discuss the report and future actions on this site. Mr. Stevenson asked for the Water Quality Sub-committee to review this report.

3 Mr. Goddard said the Board has received a request from a film production company to film an interview with a Harvard professor who is a Carlisle resident at the Great Brook State Farm. He said the film company will have to coordinate with Great Brook State Farm relative to this matter however he asked the Board if there were any local requirements for this event. There were none.

4 Mr. Goddard presented a copy of a letter from MassDOT relative to assistance the Town will be reimbursed for road repairs resulting from the recent harsh winter season. He said the Town of Carlisle's share will be up to \$38,933.00.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Gorecki reported on this morning's Financial Management Team meeting. He said FEMA has decided to treat all four (4) snow storms as one. Mr. Gorecki said the Town of Carlisle could obtain a reimbursement of up to 75% of the cost of snow removal that was expended. He said the snow and ice deficit is now \$60,000.

Mr. Gorecki noted that our insurance provider MIA will reimburse the Town for damage to the server and Fire Alarm system due to the snow storm. That amount will be about \$31,000.00.

In regard to the Town Meeting Warrant, Mr. Gorecki said the Finance Committee has voted to support all of the financial articles. It was noted that the Finance Committee's Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on Monday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Heald Room.

Mr. Gorecki reported that the Community Preservation Act reimbursement for this year will be approximately 18%. He noted that the reimbursement received last year was 30%.

Mr. Gorecki said the last day to register with the Town Clerk in order to participate at Town Meeting is April 8th. The last day to register to vote at the Town Election is April 16th.

Executive Session

At 9:40 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stevenson to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 30A §21(a) paragraph 3 to discuss litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigation position and that afterward the meeting will be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and the following roll call vote was taken: Gorecki – aye; Stevenson – aye; Scavongelli – aye; and, Brown – aye.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Arena