

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Natick Town Hall

October 6, 2014

6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Joshua Ostroff at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Joshua Ostroff, Charles M. Hughes, Nicholas S. Mabardy, Richard P. Jennett, Jr, John Connolly

ALSO PRESENT: Martha L. White, Town Administrator for Operations; Donna Challis, Executive Assistant

WARRANTS: Payroll warrants were signed by the Board of Selectmen on October 6, 2014 in the amount of \$1,184,648.64. This figure was included in total warrants signed by the Board of Selectmen of \$2,605,516.53.

In addition to the moment of silence customarily observed for the men and women serving in the military, a moment of silence was observed for the passing of Edward Jolley, the President of the Natick Veterans' Council and for James Lavezzo, long-time Town employee and active member of the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to executive session minutes. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. At 6:30 p.m. the Board entered into executive session after announcing that the meeting would return to open session.

The open session was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. White reported the receipt of a complaint of an Open Meeting Law violation. The complaint was associated with the locking of Town Hall. Last week the building locked at 8:00 p.m. and someone tried to get into the Planning Board meeting and couldn't. The problem has been fixed temporarily to ensure that the building stayed open beyond regular meeting hours and for a long-term fix, a system was ordered today to allow meeting members to control the door locking.

Mr. Ostroff inquired if the remedy was something that needed to be developed in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office. Ms. White advised that she would develop a response to the AG's Office in conjunction with the Planning Board Chair that outlined both the temporary and permanent remedies. She hoped those remedies would solve the problem with the Attorney General.

Mr. Connolly inquired as to the time when the person tried to get into the building and was told by Ms. White that it was somewhere after 10:20 p.m. The person had been attending another meeting which adjourned at that time, went outside, and tried to come back in to go to the Planning Board meeting.

Asked if the Planning Board knew of the violation, Ms. White said not as of yet. She would be reaching out to the Chair of the Planning Board tomorrow.

2. Mass DOT was holding a hearing on the design of the Marion Street bridge October 7, 7:00 p.m. in the Edward H. Dlott meeting room.
3. Ms. White introduced the new Bacon Free Library Director, Meena Jain. Ms. Jain expressed her pleasure with being at the Bacon Free and noted she enjoyed the people in the community and collaborating with the different entities.
4. The State election was November 4. The deadline to register October 15.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

a. Appointment of Fire Chief

On behalf of Elaine White and Judy Ritchie, Judy D'Antonio presented the Board with a petition of 400 signatures in support of the appointment of Interim Fire Chief Richard White as the new Fire Chief.

Ms. D'Antonio recognized there was a procedure that needed to be followed, but the 400 petitioners were asking that the Board keep in mind the following as they followed the procedure:

- Rick White was born and bred in Natick
- Rick White was a long time member of the Natick Fire Department

- Rick White has shown fine leadership qualities during the time he has been interim chief

b. Wheeler Lane

Wheeler Lane resident Walter Salanda, appeared before the Board to request assistance in getting his road fixed. It was in deplorable condition and had not been resurfaced for the past 40 years and was very dangerous. He understood Wheeler Lane was a private street owned by Stanley Gentleman Trust, but a spokesperson for the Trust told him they had offered the street to the Town at one time and the Town did not take it.

Mr. Ostroff explained the Town's responsibilities to ensure safe passage for emergency vehicles and snow plowing.

Mr. Salanda pointed out there was a development off Appleton that has increased the traffic and the street has gotten worse and worse and he wanted to know how the Trust could be compelled to resurface it.

Mr. Ostroff advised that it would have to be discussed with the DPW and Town Counsel for possible remedies. Mr. Ostroff also gave Mr. Salanda his commitment that he would at least discuss the matter with the administration and Counsel.

c. Economic Development Planner

Erica Ball inquired as to the status of hiring a new Economic Development Director. Ms. Ball felt this was a crucial point for the Town and this was a long time to be without an Economic Development Planner.

Ms. White advised that applications have been received and were being reviewed. Interviews would probably be held the week after this.

WHAT'S NEW: SEMINAR ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW

Filling in for the Town Clerk who was out-of-town on a family matter, Ms. White noted that a seminar conducted by an official from the State Ethics Commission was being held in Town Hall on October 15. A flyer had been distributed to staff and volunteers and the point being stressed with staff was that the basics of the law was very straightforward but there were many nuances where there could be missteps. Attendance was recommended.

JOINT INTERVIEW WITH THE NATICK HOUSING AUTHORITY TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE NATICK HOUSING AUTHORITY

a. William Grogan

Joining the Board were members of the Natick Housing Authority - David Parish, Chair; Erica Ball, Meg Kiely, Ann Vinick

At 7:26 p.m. Mr. Parish called the meeting of the Natick Housing Authority to order.

Mr. Ostroff explained the process for filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Jeanne Williamson Ostroff and opened the questioning by asking Mr. Grogan to give a brief history of his background and why he was interested.

Mr. Grogan stated that he was an eleven year resident with a strong sense of civic responsibility and given his background in affordable housing felt this was an area in which he could lend his expertise. He had a law degree and was serving as Planning Officer and General Counsel of Urban Affairs. He has been involved in affordable housing and economic development for 19 years.

Prior to his current position Mr. Grogan noted that had been an associate in a nationally known real estate law firm specializing in areas of affordable housing and finance.

Having had the opportunity to read his background, Mr. Parish thought Mr. Grogan was an extraordinary match and he was enthusiastic to have him serve.

Mr. Mabardy clarified that there were no other candidates. Mr. Ostroff confirmed that to be correct. The position was advertised a month ago with a deadline for submission last Wednesday.

By paper ballot, the members of both the Natick Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint William Grogan to the Natick Housing Authority to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jeanne Williamson Ostroff.

At 7:39 p.m., Mr. Parish moved to adjourn the meeting of the Housing Authority. Seconded by Ms. Ball and unanimously voted

Documents - Copy of the notice of vacancy; Notice of resignation submitted by Jeanne Williamson Ostroff, letter of interest and resume submitted by William Grogan

FAMILY PROMISE: APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Carol Brodrick of Family Promise explained that in July the Board granted a one day alcohol license for a fund raising event being held on November 1. At that time the event only consisted of a food tasting with no entertainment. One of the volunteers offered the services of her band and the plan was now to have live music and dancing so she was back before the Board for a one day entertainment license.

Mr. Connolly disclosed that he shared a friendship and a business relationship with this organization.

While Ms. Brodrick's cover email was in the packet, the actual request was not. The Board agreed to table to the next meeting in order to receive the official paperwork. Ms. Brodrick was advised that she would not have to attend the meeting.

Document - email from Carol Brodrick; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

UNITED WAY: APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Representing the United Way of Tri-County was Jen McCada.

A motion was made by Mr. Mabardy to grant the United Way a one day entertainment license for a fund raising event to be held at the Crowne Plaza, 1360 Worcester Street on October 24, 2014 subject to compliance with the recommendation of the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously voted.

Prior to the motion Mr. Hughes pointed out that this was the location at which a similar party was held where there was a criminal action and lawsuit pending. He acknowledged that it had nothing to do with this applicant.

Mr. Ostroff advised that he would speak to the manager at the Crowne Plaza plus there would be a Police detail on hand.

Document - letter from Sandra Baldi of the United Way of Tri-County; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon.

APPLICATION FOR COMMON VICTUALER'S LICENSE: ARGO TEA

Representing Argo Tea Café was the manager Jay Egerling.

Mr. Egerling noted that Argo Tea was looking to open in the Natick Mall across from the Apple Store. Argo Tea was based in Chicago with 20 locations plus 6 in New York, 1 in Washington and some throughout the world. This was the first in Massachusetts. They hoped to open October 18 but were still in the final work to be done.

The Board unanimously voted to grant Argo Tea Café a common victualer's license for premises at the Natick Mall, 1245 Worcester Street, Suite 5562.

Documents - Application filed by Argo Tea with supporting documentation

ANGELO & GARIF, INC. D/B/A AGOSTINO'S RESTAURANT: APPLICATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

George Souliopoulos appeared before the Board to request an entertainment license for the purpose of having live entertainment in the lounge area of the restaurant once or twice a week. He was looking to have karaoke, Trivia, a DJ, one or two person singing or playing musical instruments, but no bands.

Mr. Hughes inquired as to which nights and Mr. Souliopoulos replied Friday and/or Saturday.

In his recommendation to the Board, Lt. Brian Lauzon raised a concern about the use of the public sidewalk outside the front door by people smoking and suggested that an area may be designated away from the public. Mr. Ostroff asked if he would consider posting a sign to that affect, and Mr. Souliopoulos indicated that he would. There were 3-4 different spots where people could go.

Mr. Connolly stated that he has a friendship and a business relationship with the applicant.

Mr. Hughes moved to approve an entertainment license for Agostino's Restaurant, 23 Washington Street, for Friday and Saturday evening limited to a DJ, Karaoke, a one or two person singing or playing musical instruments. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy and unanimously voted.

Document - Letter from George Souliopoulos; email from Lt. Brian Lauzon

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: GENERAL ON PREMISES RULES & REGS

The Board unanimously voted to reopen the public hearing on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Mr. Ostroff highlighted the draft changes since the last meeting, noting that all of the changes were discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Hughes felt the wording regarding the closing was backwards. The way it was written permitted the service of alcohol 15 minutes after everything was over, but the Board's last call policy was a half hour before closing. Why was alcohol being served after?

Mr. Jennett explained that at the end of a show there was a small period of time during which a patron may buy a beer and stay for another 15 minutes. It was a social activity. TCAN didn't close at the end of a show. After the show people hang around for a while.

Mr. Hughes questioned how people hanging around after a show to have alcohol was what TCAN was set up to do. Mr. Jennett responded that alcohol was an amenity. TCAN was an entertainment business and a social event and sometimes after the show there was a meet and greet with the artist or people would stay to buy DVD's, T shirts, etc.

Mr. Hughes pointed out that people licensed to serve alcohol as their business model had to stop serving a half hour before they close. Mr. Jennett countered that TCAN didn't close at the end of the show and the intent of these rules & regs was to put a limiter on it since there wasn't a fixed closing. The thought was that the Board didn't want people hanging around like a bar which was the purpose of having a limitation.

If the rules & regs had a half hour prior to the door closing, Mr. Ostroff didn't want a situation where every two weeks TCAN was back before the Board seeking an exception. He preferred to have a limiter in the rules & regs to cover that.

Ms. White asked if TCAN, under their one day licenses, was currently allowing the service of beer & wine for a short duration after the show concludes. To the best of Mr. Jennett's knowledge that was what was done. This would be a continuation of that.

Mr. Hughes did not have the same memory of the previous discussion and still felt the rules & regs as drafted were backwards from the Board's other policies. He was also concerned that TCAN only had a service bar and the draft rules & regs had language prohibiting a service bar.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennett to table discussion and continue the hearing to the meeting of October 14. Seconded by Mr. Connolly and unanimously voted.

Mr. Ostroff requested that any members get their concerns or comments to him by tomorrow.

Document - Draft rules & regs for General On Premises licenses

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: PARKING & DEVELOPMENT RFP

- a. Consideration of Calling Special Town Meeting
- b. Home Rule Petition for Middlesex and South Avenue sites
- c. Capital Request for Parking Consulting/Engineering Services

Mr. Ostroff referred to a memo that discussed what had been learned in the past two weeks. It was discovered there was a flaw in the legislation approving the home rule petitions that would allow for a long-term lease of the Middlesex Ave and South Avenue parking lots so an RFP could not go forward at this time. At a staff meeting the issues in play were discussed and the consensus was the recommendation reflected in the memorandum - a special town meeting would be required for the Board to request corrected legislation, to seek any appropriations for proposed services if required, to consider short term zoning changes, should they be recommended, and potentially to hear a report from the Parking Advisory Committee. Because of the calendar of elections and holidays, a suitable date for a special town

meeting was Tuesday, November 18.

Mr. Hughes noted that if a Special Town Meeting wasn't called and it waited until the Spring Annual Town Meeting and then needed to go to the legislature, the zoning changes probably wouldn't happen until the fall.

Mr. Jennett didn't think the zoning changes were impacted by the legislation. The legislation just clarified that it was for a 99 year lease. It was his understanding that the zoning changes could proceed immediately.

Mr. Hughes explained that the plan was to do a whole rewrite of the Zoning bylaw in the spring and the hope was the Planning Board would approve the zoning map this fall. That would be complicated if everything was being talked about at the same time. These changes and the zoning rewrite weren't necessarily connected, but it would be confusing talking about all of this at one Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to call a Special Town Meeting for November 18, 2014 with the warrant to open October 23 and close October 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The notice to be posted October 21. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

In discussion of the motion Mr. Connolly inquired as to the cost of a special town meeting and was told by Mr. Ostroff that it was a couple of thousand dollars.

Mr. Connolly then asked if the work of the Parking Advisory Committee had been a waste of time.

As a member of the Parking Advisory Committee, Mr. Jennett said he was disappointed there was a legal situation discovered in the process. The RFP was the issue, not what the Parking Committee did. The purpose was to make recommendations for the parking management and there was a tremendous amount of research and recommendations put forward.

Mr. Jennett added that there was frustration on his part with the discovery of this defect but he would rather have it done right than be deeper into the process and find there were errors.

Assuming that staff and Town Counsel had been involved with the original petitions, Mr. Connolly questioned what happened.

Mr. Ostroff acknowledged that mistakes were made. The review of the articles should have happened 3.5 years ago. After going through Town Meeting typically things went through the legislature and got examined but it didn't happen then either. Mistakes couldn't be undone and to accomplish this goal, this was what had to be done.

Mr. Jennett didn't think the finger could be pointed to one individual, but it was frustrating. Each of the steps on the agenda have come about because of a legal process that should have been done three years ago.

Mr. Connolly wanted to be sure it was done thoroughly this time. He felt like the Board may be rushing again but would support the Board's decision if the members felt it had been vetted as much as it could be.

Deputy Town Administrator for Operations William Chenard was asked to speak to the concerns of moving too fast and he responded that if what was being talked about was the lot reconfiguration, it would be a challenge to get the reconfiguration done in a timely manner for the Finance Committee to review and present a recommendation to Town Meeting. If talking about the legislation, he believed it could be pursued. He didn't anticipate any problem with the deeds.

Mr. Ostroff noted that all of the lot reconfigurations did not need to be accomplished for Town Meeting to proceed.

Mr. Jennett wanted to make sure to get it right this time.

With respect to the capital request, Mr. Ostroff noted there was an appropriation of \$41,000 and he thought that would be sufficient to cover any expenses.

Documents - Memo from Joseph Ostroff; copies of proposed warrant articles for Middlesex Ave and South Ave
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING - INFINIUM (TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 38)

Mr. Ostroff suggested that should the Board want to act on a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement with Infinium Metals, that the Town Administrator be authorized to negotiate and present the recommendation to the Board. This was on the FinCom's agenda for October 16 so there would need to be a quick turnaround. This was a great opportunity, but it had to happen fast or it would be pushed back to the Spring Annual Town meeting. He wanted to at least get it initiated.

The article was filed by the Chair of the Economic Development Committee Paul Joseph as a citizen's petition because it was not received in sufficient time for the Committee itself to sponsor the article. Asked if the Economic Development Committee vetted this, Mr. Ostroff wasn't prepared to say how much they had vetted it. The preliminary application was received from the Mass Office of Business Development.

Mr. Jennett, who also serves as the Selectmen's representative to the Economic Development Committee, referred to an email from Mr. Joseph advising that the committee unanimously recommended an agreement with Infinium should one be reached. If an agreement were reached the Committee also recommended 100% tax relief on the additional investment for a period of 20 years.

Mr. Hughes explained that a TIF agreement had to be approved by Town Meeting, but had to be negotiated by the Board. He participated in the negotiations with MathWorks and it didn't happen in seven days. He didn't think there was time to reach an agreement with Infinium by October 16.

Ms. White pointed out that a lot of specifics would be needed in order to negotiate, i.e. the company having a definitive site.

Planning Board member Julian Munnich was of the opinion that the language in the article made it in actionable by Town Meeting. As of 5:00 p.m. this afternoon there was nothing filed at the Town Clerk's Office. The public notice was irreparably flawed and Town Meeting could not act under Article 38.

Mr. Ostroff agreed that if there was a representation in an article about plans being available, those plans needed to be available at least by the time the warrant was posted, but there was nothing to prevent the Board from negotiating an agreement.

Mr. Connolly got the impression that Mr. Munnich saw this coming (article being in actionable), but didn't say anything prior to this. Mr. Munnich responded that he was so busy with other articles that he only got to this part of the warrant over the weekend and picked up on it.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board unanimously voted to begin negotiations with Infinium for a TIF agreement.

Documents - Copy of the warrant article; memo from EDC Chair Paul Joseph; copy of slide presentation

PARKING METERS: FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Ms. White explained that MAPC was applying for a Community Innovation Challenge grant to support the implementation phase of parking meter collective procurement. Natick could sign on and if awarded the grant communities that meet certain criteria would be eligible to receive a grant of approximately \$20,000 to use toward the capital cost of parking meters purchased through MAPC procurement.

Mr. Chenard felt there was nothing to lose.

Mr. Mabardy pointed out the paperwork indicated that the paperwork had to be signed by October 3, but Ms. White advised there was a little flexibility in that date.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to sign onto the Community Innovation Challenge.

Document - email from Police Chief James Hicks; email from Community Development Director Patrick Reffett; document to sign on to participate

Article 8 - Amend By-Laws: Adoption of a Ban on the Use of Polystyrene (Styrofoam)

Article 9 - Amend By-Laws: Adoption of a Ban on the Use of Pesticides - Lawns, Fields

Mr. Ostroff reported that the Finance Committee had no action on one of the articles and referral to the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, and sponsor on the other.

The sponsor has said he was agreeable to a referral and would put that in a memo, but nothing was received.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to recommend referral of Articles 8 and 9 to the Board of Health and sponsor.

Document - copy of warrant article; FinCom questionnaire Article 8; FinCom questionnaire Article 9; motion for Article 8; motion for Article 9

Article 13 - 22 Pleasant Street Rezoning Study Committee Update

Julian Munnich, Vice-Chair of the 22 Pleasant Street Rezoning Study Committee advised that the committee was looking for a report to be presented and accepted by Town Meeting plus the committee was requesting their charge to be extended for a further period of time.

The committee began late in July and has collected quite a large amount of material.

Mr. Hughes moved to recommend that Town Meeting hear and accept the report and extend the committee through the spring. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Mr. Ostroff inquired if there had been full participation by committee members and Mr. Munnich replied that there had been no impediment to getting a quorum.

Documents - copy of warrant article; FinCom questionnaire; court decree on variance for 22 Pleasant Street; Article 13 motion; questions to Town Counsel; Survey plans for 22 Pleasant Street

Article 14 - Committee Article

Mr. Ostroff was aware of two committees wishing to give a report: the MBTA Advisory Committee and the Strategic Planning Review Committee.

Mr. Hughes moved to support action for Town Meeting to hear reports. Seconded by Mr. Connolly and unanimously voted.

Document - Copy of warrant article

Article 15 - Study Committee: Swain House and Appurtenant Land

Mr. Ostroff reported that the Finance Committee voted favorable action for Article 15.

Kenneth VanBlarcum explained that the purpose of this article was to study all aspects of the Sawin House in an independent way and report back to Town Meeting next spring. The intent was for this to be an independent study group with no agenda or format. The only amendment was the Finance Committee recommendation of adding a member of the Friends of Shaw Park to the three members of the public.

Mr. Connolly suggested saving a lot of time if the assumption was that this group would come up with the recommendation to save the Sawin House.

Mr. VanBlarcum acknowledged there was a lot of interest in saving the Sawin House but the idea was to look at what could be done at that site. He didn't know what the recommendation for the House would be.

Mr. Connolly was under the impression that the Sawin House was to be demolished, but Mr. VanBlarcum advised that Audubon Society made it clear they have no intention of demolishing it. It was understood that the House was not welcomed on Broadmoor property and they (Audubon) want the Committee to look at all aspects.

Mr. Jennett commented on there being no timeline in the article and Mr. VanBlarcum reiterated that the intention was to report back at the next Town Meeting.

Peter Golden added that the intention was to report at the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Hughes inquired as to what indication there was that Broadmoor would cooperate with anything and Mr. Golden agreed it was a conundrum. With a committee appointed by the Moderator, Mr. VanBlarcum hoped Broadmoor would be willing to come to the table and work with the committee.

In response to Mr. Hughes' point that Audubon hadn't worked with us up until this date, Mr. VanBlarcum noted that they (Audubon) worked closely with the Historical Society. The issue for the Audubon Society was financing. They looked at the Sawin House as a huge financial burden.

Mr. Ostroff inquired if there had been any consideration or discussion with the Audubon Society about asking them to have a representative on this committee. Mr. VanBlarcum responded that they had not been asked.

Mr. Ostroff thought dialog with the Audubon Society was crucial and it may be wise if the Committee specified that Audubon have a member on it. He also questioned a member of the Friends of Shaw Park as he didn't know what that meant.

Mr. VanBlarcum noted the addition of a member of the Friends of Shaw Park was added by the Finance Committee with no objection from the sponsors of the article, but he agreed it was rather nebulous as to the meaning.

Mr. Jennett was concerned with the stipulation of three residents from South Natick - that was probably not a balanced opinion of the use of Shaw Park going forward.

Former member of the Planning Board and member of the Historical Society Board Ken Soderholm spoke to Articles 15, 16, 17 and gave a brief background of the proposal to move the Sawin House to Shaw Park. He was OK with the study committee being proposed, but thought the Historical Society already did most of that study. If the committee was going to be formed, he wanted to ensure that it was independent. He was also struck by the nature of the debate at the Finance Committee and didn't understand how Broadmoor and the Historical Society were painted as the bad guys. This was a private building on private land with no legislative protection.

Mr. Soderholm confirmed that Broadmoor has been very cooperative and was willing to delay any demolition. The problem with them was financial and spending the money to fix it up and not having any use for it.

Resident Candy Hulton thought the Friends of Shaw Park liked the idea of preserving the Sawin House, but Natick open space should continue to be open space and she didn't understand entertaining the idea of any group using that open space.

Mr. Ostroff noted that Ms. Hulton's remarks were more akin to Articles 16 and 17 and asked if she had any comments about Article 15.

Ms. Hulton responded that she was in favor of preserving the Sawin House but the question was where to put it. She didn't think the issues could be totally separated. There was property in South Natick to lease and yet the Historical Society only wants that space.

Ms. White told the Board that she could attest to the Audubon Society doing a tremendous amount of research to determine the condition of the Sawin House and potential use within their mission and after fairly exhaustive research they cannot use the house. A lot of the research a study committee would do was already done and she questioned if it would be a productive study when the owner of the property made a conclusion.

Mr. Ostroff pointed out that Audubon may have done a fairly extensive study but it wasn't a public body and it wasn't information to which the Town had access. He agreed that people with good intentions haven't been treated fairly throughout this process and he has seen the people at the Historical Society and the Audubon Society do nothing but good. He was comfortable supporting the article, but would suggest there be one member nominated by the Audubon Society and that the member of the Friends of Shaw Park be deleted. A further recommendation would be to delete the provision that the committee make a recommendation to state and federal bodies.

With the makeup of the committee, Mr. Jennett saw the Audubon Society being asked to come forward to give information and explain their process. Someone

nominated by the Audubon would be taking control out of the Moderator. He was in favor of the committee but didn't want a high concentration of members from one side of the Town.

Mr. Connolly stated he would support a committee, but didn't know why a committee was needed. He didn't see why the sponsors of the article just didn't go talk to the people at Broadmoor.

A motion was made by Mr. Ostroff to amend the Finance Committee recommendation to delete reference to a recommendation being made to state and federal bodies and ask that a report be made to Town Meeting. In addition the composition be changed from four members of the public to three plus one representative nominated by the Audubon Society. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy. No vote was taken as a subsequent motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennett to support the recommendation as written with no other organizations nominating members and to ask that the committee report its findings to Town Meeting and eliminate the report to state and federal bodies. Seconded by Mr. Hughes. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jennett, Mr. Connolly voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Ostroff and Mr. Mabardy were opposed.

In discussion of the two motions, Mr. Jennett felt the Moderator should make the decision on the committee and in making his appointments he could consider all of the discussion.

Town Meeting member Peter Golden thought the removal of the state and federal bodies was a disservice.

In support of his motion, Mr. Ostroff was of the opinion that Broadmoor was the owner of the house for 50 years and should be part of the talks.

Mr. Hughes, however, was of the belief that the committee was supposed to be independent and putting on people from the Friends of Shaw Park or the Audubon Society would mean people with a vested interest.

Documents - Copy of Warrant Article; FinCom standard questionnaire

Articles 16 - Home Rule Petition: Use of Shaw Park for Cultural, Educational, Historical Purposes

Article 17 - Home Rule Petition: Long-Term Lease of a Portion of Shaw Park for Cultural, education or Historical Purposes

Having spent a lot of time in South Natick, Ken Soderholm saw Shaw Park as a vastly underutilized piece of property. The Historical Society was directly across the street and needed more space and moving that building directly across the street made sense. Other areas were looked at, but they didn't make sense. He realized there were a few hurdles to clear to use Shaw Park and it would be difficult if there was a lot of opposition, but he didn't think having the house there would preclude any other activity and would enliven the area.

Mr. Connolly felt an agreement was close and he was surprised that the caliber of people involved couldn't pull it all together. Mr. Soderholm thought that it may come together in the end.

Mr. Ostroff recalled having this discussion on December 16 and the Board voting to authorize the administration and Town Counsel to advance the project without making a recommendation. He brought these articles to the Board to move this forward, save what could be saved of the Sawin House, and use an underutilized park. There was no way of knowing that would have happened, but it would be good for Town Meeting to move forward to have that option.

Mr. Ostroff noted that he would not offer a motion but would second one.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennett to recommend favorable action of Articles 16 and 17. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy for discussion. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Mabardy, Mr. Jennett voted in favor. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mabardy were opposed. Following comments from Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Jennett moved a second motion for Article 17.

Mr. Connolly moved to recommend No Action on Articles 16 and 17. Seconded by Mr. Ostroff. No vote was taken as a previous motion passed.

Speaking to his motion Mr. Jennett stated that he firmly believed in preserving history. He saw the plan being put forward by the Historical Society as a tremendous improvement on a parcel that has been dormant for

many years. He didn't think it was taking away from open space and thought it was important to continue to preserve history. He urged support of the article to keep it moving forward. If it passed nothing had to happen but if not another year would be lost.

Mr. Mabardy favored moving it forward.

Mr. Ostroff suggested a couple of things for the motion for Article 17 - to give Town Meeting authority over any deal that may be struck; to require the Board of Selectmen to lease a portion of the park for the preservation of historic and cultural diversity. He noted that Steve Evers, the sponsor of the article agreed that language was beneficial. If it went to Town Meeting, Mr. Ostroff said he would make sure to bring it up.

With respect to his motion for No Action, Mr. Connolly said he promised a lot of people and would do his best to keep his word. He was still baffled why all these intelligent people couldn't sort it out.

Mr. Jennett moved to support the Finance Committee's recommendation of Article 17 which did not include Mr. Ostroff's comments. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy. The motion passed on a 3-2-0 vote. Mr. Ostroff, Mr. Mabardy, Mr. Jennett voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Connolly were opposed.

Mr. Connolly repeated his motion of No Action on Article 17. Seconded by Mr. Hughes. As the previous motion passed, no vote was taken.

Document - Copy of warrant articles; Finance Committee Standard Questionnaire for both articles; EEA Land Distribution Policy; Historical Commission Written Presentation; update on the status of 79 South Street

Following a ten minute recess, the meeting was resumed at 10:00 p.m.

Article 18 - Codification of Town of Natick Home Rule Charter

Ms. White noted that to help Town Meeting understand the codification changes that were not substantive, the plan was to provide a red line version, but General Code was not prepared to provide one for the publication of the warrant. No Action was being sought on the article.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the Board unanimously voted to support No Action on Article 18.

Document - Copy of warrant article; Finance Committee questionnaire

Article 19: Appropriation to Audit Conservation Fund

Article 20: Establish Study Committee: Conservation Commission Fund

Articles 19 and 20 were discussed simultaneously.

Ms. White, the sponsor of Article 19, believed that it was best to have a professional audit look at the expenditures out of the Conservation Fund. She also believed Articles 19 and 20 went hand-in-hand.

Mr. Ostroff asked if Ms. White thought it would be best to wait to see what action Town Meeting took with Article 20 and consult with the committee first to see if an audit was needed. Ms. White noted that it couldn't be done without an appropriation.

Julian Munnich, the sponsor of Article 20, reported that after the third hour the Finance Committee opted to go the Route 20 route. The FinCom spoke of the importance of the sequence and what was required to occur was a management report and any auditing would happen after that. The FinCom only had one amendment - to add a member of the Audit Advisory Committee to the committee membership.

Mr. Munnich noted that the FinCom's difficulty in discussing Article 19 was that there was no motion presented prior to the meeting and there wasn't anything at the time the warrant closed.

With respect to an outside auditor, Mr. Munnich agreed that it may be appropriate to do that but to do it prior to a report and a segregation of funds would hamstring what a truly independent audit could do. If there were to be an audit it should be after the Article 20 report. He pointed out that Article 20 also had the ability for an appropriation of funds and the FinCom allowed for a diminimus amount of funds. If through the process of the report it was determined that an audit should occur before Spring Annual Town Meeting, there could be a reserve fund transfer or the Finance Committee had the authority to have an audit conducted.

Mr. Ostroff asked if Mr. Munnich would object to Town Meeting funds being expended under the Board of Selectmen and the Audit Committee.

If the Selectmen were to make that recommendation, Mr. Munnich recommended that it be done under Article 20. The FinCom added that if the services of an outside consultant were needed, they be engaged under the Finance Committee and appropriated \$1,500. If the Board anticipated it may be more than that, that was the place to put it.

Ms. White pointed out that a reserve fund transfer as suggested by Mr. Munnich would not be appropriate because it was not an unforeseen expense. She further pointed out that two motions were on the FinCom floor - one didn't stipulate under who's authority an audit would be engaged and one stipulated it would be under the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee's authority. The sum of positive votes from those two motions was greater than 8 (the number required by the FinCom to be considered a vote), but it was split between two motions and neither carried.

It was Mr. Jennett's understanding that the FinCom was in favor of an audit, but in favor of Article 20.

Ms. White noted that she was not keen on the language in Article 20 that the audit determine the nature of revenues and expenditures to and from said fund. She believed a group of volunteers could not sufficiently do that and that was better work done by an auditor. She also thought it should be mandated that the committee report to the Conservation Commission along the way. There should be more of a partnership.

Asked for his comments, Mr. Munnich replied that the reason to bring people on the committee was for them to report back to their groups. He couldn't imagine the Conservation Commission would assign someone to a committee and not hear back from them. As to the reference about a group of volunteers, Mr. Munnich noted that he served on the Planning Board and he was currently before a group of volunteers. It was vetted by a group of volunteers on the Finance Committee and would be decided by a group of volunteers in Town Meeting.

Ms. White assured the Board she meant no disrespect to the hard work of volunteers, but it required a certain level of expertise and she wasn't sure what the makeup of the committee would be. She was baffled as to why there would be an objection to a full and independent audit.

A motion was made by Mr. Connolly to support Article 20. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy and after some discussion voted unanimously.

In making the motion, it seemed to Mr. Connolly that Mr. Munnich was after something.

Mr. Munnich explained that the specific reason it was set up as an independent study committee was because there was a difference of opinion. There was no prejudice to the conclusion. There were no answers pre-wired into it.

From what Mr. Munnich stated, Mr. Jennett assumed there were some issues with the use of the money and he (Mr. Jennett) was concerned and would like to know the issues and why this was being looked at.

Mr. Ostroff explained there have been some statements made about the allowable use of the Conservation Fund that people have taken strong exception to, i.e. improvements to open space vs acquisition. To do the best justice to the extraordinary effort to obtain and use those funds for the benefit of the community was his motivation to support this.

With respect to Article 19, Mr. Ostroff said he would ask Town Meeting to take Article 20 first and then appropriate funds under Article 19 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and study committee.

Ms. White questioned if it was practical to have an audit report to two entities.

Deputy Town Administrator and Finance Director Jeffrey Towne noted that he hadn't seen that (report to two entities) before but it was not impossible particularly if the report was through the Board of Selectmen or if the Finance Committee were to do an audit it would be to them. An independent audit would be a public document.

Mr. Hughes didn't see this as money expended under two different committees. The Board of Selectmen was the Chief Elected Official and the contract would be under the Board with the report to the Board and made available to the study committee.

Mr. Jennett inquired as to whom the study committee would report and was told by Ms. White that it would be Town Meeting. In follow-up Mr. Jennett asked if the study committee thought an audit was needed would they have to come to the Board and make a request.

Mr. Munnich's reading was that the study committee wouldn't be engaging anything. The Finance Committee was the Town's auditing body. Discussion continued on an appropriation. Mr. Hughes pointed out that Town Meeting could see the \$1,500 recommended under Article 20 as a ceiling, but an independent audit would cost \$5,000-\$10,000. If \$5,000-\$10,000 was needed, Mr. Munnich felt there would be time to go to Spring Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Towne didn't think \$1,500 was nearly enough and stressed the need to have clarity at Town Meeting so Town Meeting knew what it was voting. As to his recommendation, Mr. Towne thought it would depend on how far back it was going. If going back to 1998, it would depend on how clear the data was. Both the Comptroller and he had to be involved to pull the information available.

Mr. Ostroff suggested that perhaps the work of the committee needed to get underway before the audit, but Mr. Towne noted there was a lot of data gathering needed by the Comptroller's office.

Ms. White added that the auditors had to know the revenue sources and the expenditures for each year and how that matched up. On a year-to-year basis it had to be determined if the funds were spent in accordance with the restrictions applied to them. State law was quite clear and the local restrictions were in the Zoning Bylaw. Money came in through the Planning Board but once that came in it was in the control of the Conservation Commission. Her personal view was there was no concern with respect to the state restrictions but the local restrictions had to be looked at.

Mr. Ostroff asked if Ms. White supported a favorable action without knowing the scope or was it safe to allow the committee to begin its work and request an appropriation in the spring.

Ms. White didn't know how the committee could accomplish its objective without doing what she just explained.

Mr. Jennett noted the amount of pre-work to be done before hiring someone for an audit and suggested the committee could pull together the request for information, organize it, and identify issues for the purpose of an audit.

Ms. White was concerned with managing the time of the staff in the Finance Department effectively.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to table consideration of Article 19 to October 14 and to request a more defined idea of the cost of an audit. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy and unanimously voted.

Documents - copy of the warrant articles; FinCom standard questionnaire for Article 19; Natick Zoning Bylaw density regulation; MGL law pertaining to Conservation Funds

Article 39 - Authorization for Selectmen to Establish a Tax Increment Financing Plan Standard for Designated Retail, Restaurant, and/or Manufacturing Uses Within Natick Downtown Mixed Use Zone

Article 40 - Authorization for Selectmen to Establish a Tax Increment Financing Plan Standard for Designated Retail, Restaurant, and/or Manufacturing Uses Within 1/2 Mile Radius of Natick Center (Intersection of Rte 27 and Rte. 135)

Paul Joseph, sponsor of Articles 39 and 40, explained that Town Meeting was being asked to endorse a methodology and establish a process by which Town Meeting could look at the proposals. The articles only differ in terms of their geography. The intent and wording of the articles were the same. Town Meeting was being asked to endorse a TIF standard consistent with the type of jobs the Town would like to see using a widely used classification system and then what incentives the Town would be willing to provide. A TIF was a specific tool and should be used for specific purposes. The Economic

Development Committee unanimously voted to endorse Articles 39 and 40.

Mr. Joseph noted that these articles weren't quite a resolution and not quite binding action. The goal was to get a process for Town Meeting to provide guidance on priorities which did not constrain the Board to do anything beyond its power. It demonstrates that the Town was not only open for business, but was rolling out the red carpet.

Mr. Connolly thanked Mr. Joseph for his efforts and a lot of nice work.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board unanimously voted to recommend favorable action for Article 39.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board unanimously voted to recommend favorable action for Article 40.

Document - copy of warrant articles; FinCom standard questionnaires for Articles 39 and 40

Article 32 - Capital Equipment

Article 33 - Capital Improvement

Deputy Town Administrator for Operations William Chenard advised that just over \$1.7 million was being requested in capital equipment and just over \$2.4 million in capital improvements. The financial management principles say that 6% should be spent on capital. The past years have been just below, but this year will be just above. The Finance Committee voted to recommend both articles as presented.

Mr. Hughes was concerned with borrowing for a couple of items that were \$100,000 and Mr. Chenard responded that it was a balancing act. The administration was trying to preserve funds in the capital stabilization fund and if interest rates were higher, the recommendation probably would have been to take more from there. With the desire to reduce the debt exclusion, they were looking to retain funds in Capital Stabilization.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to recommend favorable action on Article 32 in the amount of \$1,717,800.

With respect to Article 33, Mr. Chenard noted there were several recurring items. One significant change was in the I&I grant from the MWRA. This was a zero percent interest loan paid over 10 years.

Mr. Hughes noted that under Water & Sewer \$125,000 was being borrowed over five years. Mr. Chenard responded that if the Board wanted to change that, he would be happy to ask the Finance Committee to review. The administration was looking at retained earnings and looking at maybe making no adjustment in the spring, but that was the Board's call.

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to support favorable action of Article 33 in the amount of \$2,422,050.

Mr. Ostroff was glad to see the redesign process of Main Street on the list.

Documents - Copy of warrant articles; 5 year capital plan

SIGN WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER STATE ELECTION

The Board unanimously voted to sign the warrant for the November State Election. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Document - election warrant

2015 LICENSE FEES

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to schedule a public hearing on October 20, 2014 for the 2015 license fees.

Document - List of current fees; survey of surrounding towns

PACKAGE STORE LICENSES: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO SUNDAY HOURS

- a. SLJ Beverages, Inc. d/b/a D&L Liquors
- b. Fannon's Liquor Store
- c. Middlesex Liquors d/b/a Kentucky Spirits

In accordance with the recently amended Sunday Blue Laws, Mr. Mabardy moved to amend the Sunday hours for D&L Liquors, Fannon's Liquor Store, and Kentucky Spirits to allow for an opening at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Seconded by Mr. Hughes and unanimously voted.

Documents - application submitted by D&L Liquors; application submitted by Fannon's Liquor Store; application submitted by Kentucky Spirits; copy of ABCC directive; copy of notice sent to package stores

DISTRIBUTION OF DRAFT TAXI CAB RULES & REGULATIONS

The Board received draft taxi cab rules & regulations prepared by the Police Department.

Document - Draft rules & regs

JAMMS, INC. D/B/A NATICK CAB: TRANSFER OF CAB LICENSE

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the transfer of a taxi license held by Natick Cab from Cab #6 TA21688 to Cab #20 TA21688.

Document - Letter from Dan Gilbert, Natick Cab Company; inspection report from Lt. Brian Lauzon; copy of certificate of registration for new cab

RENEW RAILBANKING

Mr. Hughes moved to request a six month extension to negotiate the CSX right-of-way. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Mr. Mabardy inquired if the Wonder Bread spur was included. Mr. Ostroff advised that it was not. That spur was not subject to railbanking.

Document - Copy of previous letter filed with Federal Department of Transportation

NATICK CENTER MBTA STATION: RFP FOR BICYCLE RACK LOCATION

Mr. Ostroff noted the MBTA would provide bike racks for the Natick Center station, but there was no suitable land at the station. He proposed the development of a proposal to circulate to landowners close to the station to see what could be done to install bike parking.

Mr. Mabardy asked if there would be any obligation to the taxpayer and was told by Mr. Ostroff that it could involve a couple of thousand dollars to rent some parking spaces to use for bicycles. It would be consistent with the Town's policy to encourage more bicycles.

Mr. Mabardy raised the possibility of permit bicycle parking and Mr. Ostroff thought that was possible.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Connolly, Mr. Ostroff advised that he was just looking for the Board to give staff the authority to draft an RFP to move forward.

Mr. Connolly moved to authorize the Town to develop an RFP to explore bicycle parking near the MBTA station. Seconded by Mr. Mabardy and unanimously voted.

Document - Memo from Joshua Ostroff

STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE: ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ostroff reviewed a summary of the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Review Committee:

1. Develop a comprehensive planning proposal to develop a unifying community vision
2. Continue to promote collaboration and organize collaborative events while comprehensive plan development was in progress
3. Review the report including notes from the November 2013 all-boards conference
4. Actively participate in cross-board collaboration

Mr. Jennett inquired as to what the committee was trying to accomplish and Mr. Ostroff responded that a lot of initiatives come forward but there was not a governmental process to evaluate what the community wants. A master plan involved that. The SPRC would develop a proposal to bring to the sponsoring boards with a recommendation for how the Town would coordinate all of its planning efforts. It would reflect community participation. It was not an obligation to spend money.

Mr. Jennett pointed out that there hadn't been a master plan done since 1970. To him a master plan included zoning, housing, industry and a review of what the community had for capacity and he wasn't sure a volunteer committee could get into all of that.

Mr. Ostroff advised that the Planning Board has approved this report. The other sponsoring boards in addition to the Selectmen - Conservation Commission, School Committee, Finance Committee have not had it on their agenda. There was no specific timeline.

Noting the lateness of the hour to be discussing a master plan, Mr. Hughes suggested tabling this item and putting it on at the beginning of a future meeting.

Mr. Ostroff noted that he was the chair of the SPRC and would like to give Town Meeting a report on what the committee had accomplished to date.

Document - SPRC report and recommendations

APPROVAL OF EXEMPTION FROM TOWN OF NATICK BYLAWS ART. 41, S.4: DANIEL REARDON, GINA-MARIE ZAMBARANO, JULIE KADLIK

Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, moved to grant Daniel Reardon, Gina-Marie Zambarano, and Julie Kadlik an exemption from Town Bylaws Article 41, s. 4 so that in addition to their primary employment with the School Department they can work in a second capacity with the Schools. Unanimously voted.

Documents - Memo from Marianne Davis, Public Schools Human Resources Director; disclosure forms filed by Daniel Reardon, Gina-Marie Zambarano, Julie Kadlik

ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT: 17-19 WILLOW STREET

In a memo to the Board, Town Engineer Mark Coviello advised that the property owner at 17-19 Willow Street was granting the Town an easement that was necessary for the proposed drainage improvements in the area of Willow Street and the CSX right-of-way. This was the last of two easements needed by private property owners for the Town to continue with drainage improvements.

Mr. Hughes moved to accept a drainage easement from Daly-Natick, LLC, the owner of property at 17-19 Willow Street. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Document - Memo from Town Engineer Mark Coviello; copy of easement; map of easement site

ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT: NORTH MAIN STREET

In a memo to the Board, Town Engineer Mark Coviello advised that the property owner at 103 North Main Street had granted the Town an easement that was necessary for the proposed roadway improvements at the intersection of Kansas Street and North Main Street. This was the last easement needed from private property owners to continue with the planned improvements.

Mr. Hughes moved to accept a construction easement from Susan Mary Whalen and Barbara Jean Allen, Trustees of the Whalen Realty Trust for property at 103 North Main Street. Seconded by Mr. Jennett and unanimously voted.

Document - Memo from Town Engineer Mark Coviello; copy of easement

AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SEND (2) LETTERS TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING THE RELEASE OF BOND AUTHORIZATIONS

As drafted by Mr. Ostroff, the Board unanimously voted to authorize a letter to be sent to the Governor requesting the release of the appropriations in the Environmental Bond bill for the development and maintenance of walking trails. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

As drafted by Mr. Ostroff, the Board unanimously voted to authorize a letter to be sent to the Governor requesting the release of the appropriations in the Transportation Bond bill for the construction of the Cochituate Rail Trail. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Documents - Draft letters from Joshua Ostroff

PROPOSED LETTER TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

The Board unanimously voted to send a letter to Zoning Board of Appeals members concerning attendance at meetings. The vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett.

Documents - Letter drafted by Joshua Ostroff

COMMUNITY INNOVATION CHALLENGE GRANT: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Ms. White explained that The Metrowest Collaborative has asked communities within their region if they were interested in establishing a regional collaborative to prepare for new EPA stormwater permitting requirements. After consultation with the Town Engineer, she recommended that Natick participate

Mr. Jennett inquired about matching funds and Ms. White advised that the Town had to contribute \$5,000, but the Town Engineer felt those funds would be available from the stormwater budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes to authorize the Chair to sign the paperwork for Natick to participate in the community innovation challenge grant application. Seconded by Mr. Connolly and unanimously voted.

Documents - Memo from Town Administrator Martha White; challenge grant tasks; Challenge grant application

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Mabardy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2014 meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Mabardy, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting.

NATICK SERVICE COUNCIL: REQUEST FOR BANNER

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Natick Service Council's request to hang a banner across Main Street for the period of October 20-29, 2014.

Document - Letter from Laura Mann, Director of Development and Outreach Natick Service Council

NATICK RECREATION & PARKS: REQUEST FOR COMMON - SPOOKTACULAR

On a motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jennett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Recreation & Parks Department's request to use the Common on October 25, 2014 for the annual Spooktacular.

Document - Memo from Jon Marshall, Director Recreation & Parks

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

a. Update on DPW Director Selection

Mr. Mabardy requested a report on how the Town was going about recruiting and selecting the DPW Director.

In response Ms. White advised that applications were being accepted and being reviewed, but they were looking to receive more.

b. Economic Development Planner

Mr. Mabardy asked for the status of filling the Economic Development Planner position and was told by Ms. White that it was pretty much the same as the DPW Director position. She believed there was an adequate pool of candidates to begin interviews.

Ms. White added that the focus was on the Council on Aging Director and the Sustainability Coordinator.

c. Lake Street, LaGrange Street, Washington Avenue

Mr. Mabardy noted that residents of this area would like to be updated on the Mill Creek project and felt they were not being included.

d. Executive Assistant - Selectmen's Office

Mr. Mabardy noticed the absence of Amanda Leshowitz, the new executive assistant in the Selectmen's office. Ms. White advised that she had accepted another position.

e. PAYT

Mr. Ostroff informed the Board that he had been interviewed on CBS bragging about pay-as-you-throw.

f. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Mr. Ostroff reminded the members of the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Dinner being held at the Community Senior Center on October 15.

g. Selectmen's Association Conference
Mr. Ostroff noted the Selectmen's Association conference being held in Franklin.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.



Nicholas S. Mabardy, Clerk