

Board of Selectmen

March 9, 2017
Regular Session 9:00pm

Present: Mr. Paul Healey, Chairman; Mr. Paul Gannon; Ms. Mary Power; Mr. Tom Mayo, Assistant Town Administrator.

Approval of Minutes

No Minutes to approve.

Questions from the Public Regarding Items not on the Agenda

Mike Mullaley, 14 Cushing Ave, spoke regarding natural-gas compressor station proposed for North Weymouth. Mr. Mullaley provided the Board with handouts for the record. He asked the Board to issue a non-binding resolution opposing dangerous proposal for compressor station.

Comments were shared by the Board.

Warrant Articles

Consideration of new language for Article P – Disposal of Surplus Supplies

Tom Mayo presented.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to recommend favorable action on Article P. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Forecast Update

Tom Mayo presented. There were questions and comments from the Board.

Education Budget

Linda Kutsch, Chair of the Advisory Committee Education Subcommittee, provided the board with the subcommittee's FY18 Education Budget recommendation. Ms. Kutsch also shared a subcommittee recommendation for a Town-wide discussion focused on budget sustainability and allocation of revenue, leading to the development of a multi-year financial management plan/vision.

There were questions and comments from the Board on both recommendations.

Dr. Galo joined Ms. Kutsch to address questions.

A motion was made by Mary Power to accept the Advisory Education Subcommittee budget Request in the amount of \$49,713,724. Paul Healey seconded. The Board voted 2-0 to support the Advisory Education Subcommittee recommended budget amount. Mr. Gannon stated that he was uncomfortable voting on a recommended budget without input from the School Committee. Mr. Gannon voted No.

Capital Outlay Budget

Presented by Tom Mayo

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to support the recommendation set forth by the Capital Outlay Committee in their final report. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Additional Funding Requests for FY18 Budget

Tom Mayo recapped permitting dollars anticipated for large projects within town. There are three projects anticipated totaling \$837,000 in one-time permit fees.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

VOTES

A motion was made by Mary Power to increase the Town Accountant Department Budget by \$24,057. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to increase the Public Works - Drainage Department Budget by \$50,000. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Mary Power to increase the Public Works - Snow Removal Department Budget by \$50,000. Paul Healey seconded. In favor, 2-0. Paul Gannon not in favor.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to increase the Elder Services Department budget by \$1,700. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to increase the Police Department Taser Program Department Budget by \$10,000. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Mary Power to increase the Animal Control Department Budget by \$3,750. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to increase the Selectmen Department Budget by \$60,000. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to increase the Fire Department Budget by \$62,396. Paul Healey seconded. In favor, 2-0. Mary Power not in favor.

Majority voted \$261,903 in additional requests FY18.

Appointments

There were no appointments.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Tom Mayo announced that Article EEE (Zoning Board) has been withdrawn from the Warrant.

Paul Gannon thanked colleagues for their work during the budget process.

Mary Power gave a shout out to the high school teams that competed in post season play. Ms. Power also made mention of Hingham's very strong music program - 600 students participate.

Paul Healey echoed Mary Power's sentiments about Hingham's music program. Mr. Healey congratulated Eileen McCracken for being appointed Citizen of the Year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20p.m.

Approved March 23, 2017

Sally Sinclair

Documents: (A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office).