

Selectmen Minutes March 5, 2018

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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order with all members in attendance.

Town Planner, Jim Kupfer, appeared before the Board to discuss "Priority Development" in Town. The discussion is part of the planning grant which was awarded to the Town in order to develop a comprehensive approach to economic development. Mr. Kupfer stated the Planning Board had taken up the discussion last month and he wanted to share the information with the Selectmen. Mr. Kupfer presented maps which identified industrially zoned parcels on Pearl St, Maple St. and Rte. 140. Mr. Kupfer explained these parcels have been viewed as properties that will have interest from developers.

Mr. Soter expressed his interest in seeing infrastructure planning to proceed especially along Rte. 140 to prepare for development impacts and to share the cost of solutions with developers as was done with the Campanelli project.

On a Connor/McNulty motion, the Board unanimously voted to support the recommendations as presented by Mr. Kupfer.

Mr. DiMartino appeared before the Board to present the Water, Sewer, and Highway budgets. Mr. DiMartino stated the Highway budget is nearly level- funded; however funding has been reallocated throughout by re-aligning various accounts. Mr. Soter questioned whether rate increases will be necessary in any of the enterprise funds. Mr. DiMartino answered there is no proposed fee increase; however one may be necessary next year. Mr. Fraine stated the Trash enterprise would not require a rate increase. Mr. DiMartino stated the issue with the TTHM water quality issue has improved with the last quarters testing. Specifically, levels are now down to an acceptable level. He further stated we will remain in non-compliance until we attain a yearly average which is in compliance. Mr. Connor asked what the status of the contracted street sweeping would be for the coming year and why Bellingham received a bid for this service while other Town's did not receive bids. Mr. DiMartino stated the incumbent firm is the only company he is aware of doing municipal sweeping and this company may very well not bid on Bellingham this year.

On a Martinis/McNulty motion the Board unanimously voted to transmit the FY 19 budget of Water, Sewer and Highway to the Finance Committee.

On a Spencer/Conner motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the February 12th minutes.

Mr. Fraine provided the Board with an update on cable negotiations which are scheduled before the Board on April 23rd. Mr. Fraine stated he would have a contract award for solid waste for the Board's consideration at their March 19th meeting.

On a Spencer/McNulty motion the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denis Fraine, Town Administrator