

Chairman Dalpe opened the meeting at 6:15 PM and invited those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Selectmen A. Frawley (arrived at 6:23 pm), L. Dalpe, J. Knowlton, N. Rosenthal and D. Stewart; Town Manager R. Nunes and Executive Assistant, Colleen Lieb.

This meeting was recorded by MCAMM for broadcast on Comcast and Verizon.

BUDGET REVIEW

Alex Magalhaes – Superintendent and Nadine Rose, Bristol Plymouth High School were present for the discussion. There is a review of the Bristol Plymouth Assessment for the FY '20 budget with a total of \$2,642,292.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on the Bristol Plymouth Assessment for FY '20 budget with a total of \$2,642,292.

R. Nunes reviewed with the Board the Unclassified FY '20 budget with a total of \$3,772,514.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on the Unclassified FY '20 budget with a total of \$3,772,514.

Chris Peck, DPW Director, was present for the discussion. There is a review of the FY '20 DPW Administration budget with a total of \$19,950.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board unanimously to recommend favorable action on the FY '20 DPW Administration budget with a total of \$19,950.

At 6:23 PM Selectmen Frawley steps onto the Board.

Mr. Peck reviews with the Board the DPW Highway FY '20 budget with a total of \$1,475,415. There is discussion on the Snow and Ice budget, it is noted that there were still some funds in the account just prior to the last storm. It is estimated that there will be deficit spending but it does not appear that it will be significant with the winter being almost over.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board voted to recommend favorable action on the DPW Highway Department FY '20 budget in the amount of \$1,475,415.

Mr. Peck reviews with the Board the Tree Warden FY '20 budget with a total of \$12,600.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board voted to recommend favorable action on the DPW Tree Warden FY '20 budget in the amount of \$12,600.

Mr. Peck reviews with the Board the Sanitation Enterprise System FY '20 budget with a total of \$1,165,222. He notes that hydraulic lines now have to be replaced in the trash trucks; there is an increase in maintenance for it. Selectmen Knowlton asked about the recycling and how the Town is doing in light of the inability to get rid of recycling these days. Mr. Peck speaks about Waste Management and the agreement with the Town.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sanitation Enterprise System FY '20 budget with a total of \$1,165,222.

Todd Goldman, Wastewater Superintendent, was present for the discussion. There is a review of the Wastewater Enterprise FY '20 budget with a total of \$3,355,053. He speaks to the Board about the Department of Revenue guidelines that state the revenues are to meet the operating expenses. He requests that he be allowed to charge Waste Management, per the landfill agreement, 2 cents per gallon for leachate. He also requests to increase on septage to 7 cents per gallon.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on the Wastewater Enterprise FY '20 budget with a total of \$3,355,053.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Frawley and seconded by Selectmen Knowlton, the Board voted unanimously to charge Waste Management per the landfill agreement a charge of 2 cents per gallon for leachate and to increase the septage rate to 7 cents per gallon both to be effective on May 1, 2019.

Mike Bumpus, Water Superintendent, was present for the discussion. There is a review of the Water Enterprise FY '20 budget with a total of \$4,411,996.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on the Water Enterprise FY '20 budget with a total of \$4,411,996.

UNANTICIPATED

Selectmen Frawley references the Planning Board Meeting that was held last Tuesday where MassDOT met with them. He explains that after that meeting he put in a request to the Chairman, well within the timeframe required to have an item placed on the agenda but the item was not put on. Chairman Dalpe explained that she extended an invitation to Jean Fox to attend tonight's meeting but Ms. Fox was not able to attend. She further noted that she has put the discussion on for the 18th of March when it is hoped that Jean Fox will be able to attend and

speak with the Board. Selectmen Frawley states that he has spoken with Ms. Fox and she isn't able to attend next week's meeting either.

Selectmen Knowlton explains that it just makes sense to have the discussion when all the parties are at the table. Selectmen Stewart makes the point that there is no harm in having a discussion now and that our discussion schedule does not have to revolve around MassDOT.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Frawley and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unfavorably (2-3-0) to have a discussion about the SouthCoast Rail proposed project.

Chris Peck, DPW Director, provided an update on the Interim Rotary Project, which has been deemed successful by MassDOT and has cut down on some of the traffic. He noted that there is still some loam and seeding, general clean up and removal of signs to be done before the project is complete.

ANNOUCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chairman Dalpe congratulated the MHS Music Department for their Pop Concert held on Friday night in honor of the 350th celebration. A great time was had by all.

Selectmen Frawley thanks the Friends of the Middleborough Cemeteries for their Candidate's Breakfast held on this past Saturday. He also thanks Richard Oakley and the team of 'Borobot who are doing their next round of classes with ten students participating in the SEAPEARCH robotics program that is seeded by the Navy.

MINUTES

Upon motion made Selectmen Frawley and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2/25/19 minutes as presented.

WARRANTS

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman or her designee to sign the warrants for week ending 3/16/19.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion made by Selectmen Rosenthal and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the tie in to the water line @ 16 Bridge Street, Lakeville and place an article on the STM Warrant.

Discuss Traffic Concerns at Rt. 105 & Mayflower Avenue

Ron Schmidt, 80 South Main Street, presented his request to the Board to consider some changes to the parking on Main Street at the Rt. 105 and Mayflower Avenue intersection. He expresses concern that the parking along South Main Street will be used for long term parking. If the cars are in the spaces regularly, the decreased visibility will present a greatly increased risk of auto accidents with cars entering and exiting South Main Street and pedestrians crossing the road.

Mr. Schmidt also noted that MassDOT identifies South Main Street at Mayflower and Courtland as a Highway Safety Improvement Program Crash Cluster for 2013-2015. He further references the obstruction of visibility with the vehicles parked on both sides in that area.

Chief Perkins, Police Department, explained that there are procedures in place right now for parked vehicles. He notes that there has always been parking on South Main Street and that the Police Department is enforcement, they do not make the rules.

Selectmen Rosenthal speaks about how this appears to be a traffic issue and referenced the fact that 80,000 vehicles travel that stretch of road every week with an average of 11,000 a day.

Chris Peck, DPW Director, confirms that the parking spaces have always been there and that he did just recently have fresh lines put down. He noted that they used to be "T"s and "L"s but this time he instructed them to fully line the spaces. He noted that there was some initial discussion about mitigating the increased traffic going through Rt. 28 for the train station and with the new station proposed MassDOT should be contacted to look at the possibility of a light at that intersection.

The Board discusses reaching out to MassDOT and to SRPEDD to see if they can help assess if a traffic light is warranted. Chairman Dalpe suggests reaching out to both to inquire.

The Chairman opened the discussion up for public comment.

Alan Melchior, 83 South Main Street, spoke in support of banning overnight parking. He explains that the parking spots are too close to the driveway and roadway intersections, which makes it extremely difficult to exit to the road or driveways. He referenced the construction trucks parking on the street during construction and the limited site lines.

Jackie Schmidt, 80 South Main Street, expressed concern with the pedestrian conditions, especially when they do not cross in the cross walk. She notes the difficulty in exiting her driveway and not being able to see people who are attempting to cross because of the cars.

Mike Rosseau, 76 South Main Street, noted that there are several places in Town that do not allow overnight parking from 10 PM to 6 AM. He would like to see that type of sign placed on the street.

The Board agrees that volume and site lines need to be reviewed.

Dave Thomason, 6 Vernon Street, suggests closing off South Main Street at peak hours of the day and diverting the traffic through Fairview Street and Elm Street. He notes that he is a Middleboro native, knows the streets pretty good and can make recommendations if anyone is interested.

Discuss Cannabis – Limit Number of Related Businesses in Town

R. Nunes noted that the Board had asked him to provide a spreadsheet of the proposed cannabis establishments in Middleborough. He reviews the spreadsheet with the Board and it is noted that the largest facility proposed so far is 26,000 square feet. Selectmen Stewart and Selectmen Frawley both question why the Board is discussing a limit on square footage and both ask if there is some unknown concern that raises this. They both note that the Town has not restricted any other businesses in Town in this way.

Selectmen Knowlton noted that he would like to see the Board pause on approving the Host Community Agreements. He references the fact that the Board has approved a number of these already and we have yet to see what the unintended consequences are because none have been built. He would like to see some of them get up and running before the Board approves any further.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Rosenthal and seconded by Selectmen Knowlton, the Board voted unanimously to place on a future agenda, “whether or not to limit the square footage or acreage for Cannabis Manufacturing”.

HEARINGS MEETINGS AND LICENSES

POLE HEARING – Vernon Street, to place two jointly owned poles 76 & 77, with anchors, on Vernon Street as shown on the presented plans

Bill Taylor, Middleborough G&E and a representative from Verizon were present for the discussion. Chairman Dalpe reads the legal notice and opens the hearing. The representative from Verizon reviewed the petition with the Board, which is for the two poles to support a new house lot on Vernon Street.

Chairman Dalpe opened the hearing up for Board and public comment.

Dave Thompson, Six Vernon Street, asked for clarification on the pole locations.

Chairman Dalpe noted that there are no further questions.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Stewart and seconded by Selectmen Knowlton, the Board voted unanimously to close the pole hearing.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of two jointly owned poles 76 & 77, with anchors, on Vernon Street as shown on the presented plan.

BUDGET REVIEW (continued)

Chief Lance Benjamino, Fire Department, was present for the discussion. There is a review of the Fire Department FY '20 budget with a total of \$3,524,055. He provides call statistics and speaks about permit revenues. He notes the granting of the request for two additional fire fighters and the plans to staff each station as frequently as possible.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Frawley and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on the Fire Department FY '20 budget with a total of \$3,524,055.

Chief Joe Perkins, Police Department, was present for the discussion. There is a review of the FY '20 Police Department FY '20 budget with a total of \$4,770,268.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board unanimously to recommend favorable action on the FY '20 Police Department budget with a total of \$4,770,268.

Brian Lynch, School Superintendent, and Sarah Hickey, Director of School and Finance were present for the discussion. There is a review of the School FY '20 budget in the amount of \$32,444,643. There is a review of the Transportation Miscellaneous FY '20 budget in the amount of \$886,759 and Transportation Contracted FY '20 budget with a total of \$2,283,175.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Transportation Contracted FY '20 budget with a total of \$2,283,175.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Transportation Miscellaneous FY '20 budget with a total of \$886,759.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve the School Department FY '20 budget with a total of \$32,444,643.

Upon motion made by Selectmen Knowlton and seconded by Selectmen Frawley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget as presented by the Town Manager.

Discussion on the OCED/Tourism Position

Glenn Montapert, Tourism Chairman, was present for the discussion. Selectmen Frawley asks about the Tourism Fund balance and asks if any of the funds can be allocated to cover the cost of their person in the OCED office. Mr. Montapert discussed the Tourism events and expenses for the coming year. It is noted that the Board has already voted the OCED budget for FY '20.

OLIVER ESTATE ITEMS

Chairman Dalpe reports that Historic New England will be doing their yearly walkthrough of the property next week.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

R. Nunes, Town Manager, reviewed with the Board his Town Manager's Report which covers March 4th through March 8th.

REPORT ON COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS

There is nothing reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

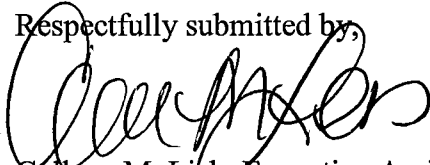
#3 – Selectmen Stewart referenced the notification from Plymouth County on the Mosquito Control Project.

#4 – Selectmen Dalpe requested a Certificate of Recognition for the Eagle Scout of Honor.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Selectmen Frawley and seconded by Selectmen Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Colleen M. Lieb, Executive Assistant

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