

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024 – 5:30 PM

Lakeville Police Station Meeting Room
323 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA

On March 11, 2024 the Select Board held a meeting at 5:30 PM at the Lakeville Police Station Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Day. Members present were Chairman Day, Member Fabian and Member Carboni. Also present were Interim Town Administrator Robert Nunes and Tracie Craig-McGee, Executive Assistant to the Select Board and Town Administrator. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

Select Board announcements

Member Fabian said she has been in contact with Senator Rodrigues and Representative Orrall on the pond level situation. The boards were pulled out on September 18th so it is not a question of when the boards will be pulled. January had over 9" of rain which started some of the problem, but February had less. Right now there is water flooding in places where it usually doesn't have flooding. Quiticas seems low, but according to New Bedford, it is on its way up. This is the problem that the Town has been studying now for five (5) years and hopefully will have some word in the next couple of weeks on the river project cleaning weeds to help the water move quicker out of Assawompset. Everyone is aware that the water is getting high.

Chairman Day then read the Select Board announcements. All of the equipment to repair the playground has been received and the estimate is four (4) weeks to complete starting at March 18th. There will be an open house and clothing drive on March 16th at Assawompset School.

Town Administrator announcements

Mr. Nunes read the Town Administrator announcements.

Discuss and possible vote to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 185

Matthew Perkins, Police Chief, was present for the discussion. Mr. Nunes said this has been ongoing for a while. We have come to an agreement subject to the approval by the Select Board. He met with the president of the union to iron out the agreement. The Memorandum of Agreement needs to be signed by the Select Board. Member Fabian asked what the dates that the agreement covers. Mr. Nunes said July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. We were going through mediation for JLMC which would have extended this into the next fiscal year, so it is good that we came to this agreement. Chief Perkins said everybody in the Department is happy to have an agreement and be under contract. Member Fabian said this could have gone on until the fall and we would have had to find money for time already worked that they were not getting paid for.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member Fabian, it was:

VOTED: To enter in an agreement and sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 185 for a period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote on recommendations on site plan – 210 Kenneth Welch Drive

Member Fabian said they make high end boats at this location. She is always concerned about parking, but that does not seem to be an issue here. Member Carboni said she is happy to see that their business is growing. They are not looking for a water allocation. Chairman Day said there is nothing regarding a new curb cut or water allocation which is under the Select Board. The Select Board had no comments.

Meet with Finance Committee for FY25 Budget Presentation

Present for the meeting from the Finance Committee were Maureen Candito; Lawrence Kostant; Katie Desrosiers and Christopher Plonka, Chairman. Darren Beals was attending remotely.

Finance Chairman Plonka said the Committee has the minutes of February 7, 2024 for approval.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Desrosiers and seconded by Mr. Kostant, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Finance Committee minutes of February 7, 2024.
Roll call vote: Ms. Candito – aye; Mr. Beals – aye; Ms. Desrosiers – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye and Chairman Plonka – aye.

Chairman Plonka said the next item is to nominate a Finance Committee Member to represent the Finance Committee on the Town Administrator Search Committee. After learning of the time commitment, he would be able to represent the Finance Committee.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Candito and seconded by Ms. Desrosiers, it was:

VOTED: To designate Chairman Plonka as the Finance Committee representative on the Town Administrator Search Committee.
Roll call vote: Ms. Desrosiers – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; Ms. Candito – aye; Mr. Beals – aye; and Chairman Plonka – aye.

Mr. Nunes said the presentation tonight will go through the budget process. We will have Department Head meetings in April when the new Select Board Members are in place. This is a level service budget with no employee layoffs; funds contractual and non-union personnel obligations; no enhancement requests were funded; employee upgrade requests were not funded and it is based on conservative revenue. The total tax levy accounts for 83% of the revenue, local receipts are 12% and State Aid is 5% for total revenue of \$36,434,781. The total operating revenue is tax levy is \$30,004,026, broken down as the tax levy of \$28,125,641; 2.5% increase at \$703,141; new growth is estimated at \$129,960; debt exclusions are \$890,963 and F/L Regional School District

exclusions total \$154,321. Projected revenue is: State Aid is \$2,002,654; local receipts of \$4,250,000; free cash of \$120,000 to balance the budget; and the septic loan program of \$58,101 for a total other revenue of \$6,430,755. Combining the levy revenue and projected revenue equals a total of \$36,434,781. He explained what the property tax levy is and what a debt exclusion is. There is debt exclusion revenue of \$1,045,284 for Route 79, the Police Station and removal and reconstruction of the George R. Austin School. New Growth is estimated at \$129,960 for FY25; it was \$341,078 for FY24; \$522,531 for FY23 and \$625,186 for FY22. The Town may not see much new growth in FY25 and hopefully it will be more and we can then adjust the budget in the fall. The Town will have significant growth most likely in FY27 with the hospital redevelopment, which will be built in phases. State Aid: the two (2) largest sources are unrestricted general aid and Smart Growth School Reimbursement. FY25 State Aid is \$2,002,654 and Smart Growth Reimbursement is \$267,750, so there is a net increase of State Aid of \$296,043 from FY24. The Cherry Sheet for FY25 State Assessment is \$220,417. Local Receipts: Motor vehicle excise tax for FY25 is projected at \$2,260,000; projected in FY24 was \$2,000,000; FY23 actual was \$2,257,192 and FY22 actual was \$2,155,242. Ambulance/EMS fees FY25 is projected at \$1,025,000; FY24 was \$1,000,000; FY23 was \$1,102,128 and FY22 was \$1,010,955. Cannabis revenue is not projected in the budget; there are five (5) host community agreements in Town. Legislative changes to the cannabis law has an impact on the host community and development agreements and legal issues are ongoing. Free Cash for FY24 certified as of 7/1/23 is \$3,911,500; the balance as of March 4, 2024 is \$1,587,375; FY23 was \$4,480,687.71 and FY22 actual is \$4,680,88.69. Free Cash will be used to fund capital projects and fund enterprise funds for the Transfer Station and Park Department. The Transfer Station offset will be \$102,500 and Parks Department offset is \$17,500. The Stabilization Fund's current balance is \$2,062,191.

Mr. Nunes said the FY25 General Fund appropriation is \$35,872,184 and is broken down as 57% Education; 14% Public Safety; 7% General Government; 12% Fixed Costs; Debt Service 4%, Culture & Recreation – 1%; Human Services – 1% and Public Works – 4%. He summarized the total operating expenditures. There is an increase of 4.5% over FY24. Fixed costs include unemployment; group insurance and risk management. We are a member of Gateway Health Group and it is self-insured. The trust is facing a \$1.7 million deficit in claims. In order to reduce the 17% premium increase, the Town will pay \$109,182 for the December premium holiday in December of 2023. Employees will not be required to pay back the premium holiday. We are optimistic that claims for the remainder of FY24 will move in a positive direction. Gateway will bid and procure Administrative Service Offices and we will initiate Chapter 32B Sections 21-23 and reconvene the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) and the Public Employee Committee (PE C). Department Heads will be met with tomorrow and we will speak about the health insurance. We will be meeting with representatives from the unions serving on IAC and PEC. The health insurance appropriation is \$2,208,003, an 8.5% increase over FY24. Our goal is to get below the 8.5% increase. There are 56 active employees, 14 retirees and 111 retirees on the Medicare supplemental plan. It is his recommendation that we procure the services of a Health Care consultant to review claims and see other health care options for FY26 and beyond. There are other joint purchasing groups out there for health insurance. We should explore those. It will be a discussion that the Town needs to have moving forward. He likes the premium base as it is easier to budget and explain to employees.

Mr. Nunes said Lakeville is a member of Plymouth County Retirement Association. The appropriation for FY25 is \$1,631,268, which is an increase of 8.5% over FY24 and a 27.5% increase since FY22. The goal of the county is to have the fund fully funded by June 30, 2028. Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Account has a current balance of \$2,872,700 and it is his understanding that there will be an Annual Town Meeting Article for \$310,000. Projects reflected in the Debt Appropriation of \$1,341,823 are the State revolving fund sewer projects; septic program; police station; Route 79 project; new ambulance and Assawompset window and door project. Under Public Safety the budget maintains current staffing for Police and Fire. It does not fund the four (4) firefighters hired with ARPA funding. He recommends funding the four (4) firefighters with ARPA funding in FY25. The Chief is looking for a grant to continue funding these positions. Under Education, he is recommending an appropriation for the F/L Regional School District of \$17,144,035 for FY25, which is a reduction of \$387,582 from their original request of \$17,531,617. There will not be a Proposition 2 ½% override or cuts to services needed if this proposal stands. Lakeville has 1,506 students in the Region. He had a meeting with the Freetown Town Administrator and Superintendent Strauss and the Business Manager and we spoke of the challenges to both communities. We are optimistic that if the School Committee goes along, we will get the reduction. Lakeville is a member of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School and their FY25 appropriation request is \$2,735,738 for 152 Lakeville students. They are in a planning phase for future renovation of the high school or new construction. Chairman Day is a member of the Building Committee for Old Colony and there are three (3) members on the Old Colony School Committee from Lakeville. They are going through their budget process and he is not sure if it will be adjusted downward. We also send 13 students to Bristol County Agricultural School and their appropriation is \$449,980 for 13 students including transport. We have 1 student that attends Norfolk County Agricultural School and that appropriation is \$110,000 including transportation.

Mr. Nunes said the Park Enterprise Fund has a balance of retained earnings of \$28,434 and the Transfer Station is at \$172,633. Because the Town is subsidizing the funds, they technically are not Enterprise Funds, but MGL allows for the subsidizing.

Mr. Nunes said under Capital Planning, we are in the process of scheduling a meeting. The Capital Stabilization Fund balance is \$3,539,251. It is his understanding that this fund was established for the potential funding for partial costs of funding of design, engineering costs, etc. for a new Fire Station. He reviewed the items that are in the capital plan for the various Departments.

Mr. Nunes said the Town received two (2) allocations of ARPA funds: one from Plymouth County and one from the Federal Government. Plymouth County was \$2,077,295. The monies used so far is the water project - \$332,800; new ambulance - \$572,403; old Town Hall restroom - \$183,700; and Gamache playground - \$170,000. There is an available balance of \$818,391. There was a revenue replacement of \$353,700. The Town received \$1,210,073 of ARPA Federal monies. These monies were used for the water feasibility study; COVID 19 testing; outdoor stage cover; Ted Williams Camp tennis courts, new fields project and a new fields supplement, firefighter staffing and investment earnings. There is an available balance of \$745,112. The balance will be higher because some of the funds were not completely expended. We should move forward to spend the balance. We need to commit the funding by June 30th and have the projects completed by June 30, 2025. We should meet with the Finance Committee and Department Heads to come up with a plan to spend the remaining balance.

Mr. Nunes said the presentation will be posted on the Town's website.

Member Fabian asked how much of the Federal allocation do we need to keep on standby for firefighters. Mr. Nunes said it will get us through June of 2025. Chairman Day said if we are awarded a SAFER grant it would kick in on September of 2024. Mr. Nunes said he was not sure as the guidelines and application have not come out yet. It is a three (3) year program with no match. Member Fabian asked about the money from the cell tower lease. Chairman Day said it was moved into the Reserve Fund. Member Fabian said we were a bit concerned about losing the \$40,000 annual payment and we could use it this year. How do we access it at Town Meeting if we need it? Member Carboni said it is in the Capital Stabilization Fund. Chairman Day said the former Town Administrator had his eye on potentially using some of that for the Fire Station design. Member Fabian said we got the lump sum payment for 20 years in lieu of a \$40,000 annual payment. Ms. Candito said when we structured that article we put it into a Capital Stabilization Fund and the interest stays with that. Is there another fund we can use to put it in there and put the interest into the operational budget? Mr. Nunes said the investment income would have to stay in the fund. Member Carboni said she will ask the Accountant what the interest was before we transferred the \$2,000,000 in there. Chairman Day said if we pulled out the interest we would be giving up compound interest. Ms. Candito asked if the Cherry Sheet smart growth number is predicated on the 1/1 when calculating what the bonus money is. Mr. Nunes said he was not sure. The Town Accountant said that number has changed in the past; this is based on the Governor's budget.

Chairman Day said when we started on the budget there was a \$750,000 to a \$1,000,000 gap. Mr. Nunes said there was a \$1,154,130 gap to start. They used budget cuts, free cash, and a reduction in the school budget to close the gap. There is not much to cut without impacting services. A few things have come up since we finished the budget and it may need to be tweaked. Member Fabian said looking back at new growth numbers in 2022 and 2023, we are only hovering at \$130,000 now. Even when we at \$625,000 like in 2022, we would still have had to make cuts. Mr. Nunes said regarding the Capital Plan, we are going to spend Free Cash down, which he is a bit concerned about. Chairman Day said the last few years have been level service budgets. It shows how razor thin we are and fixed costs are outpacing what we can raise in our levy. We may not be far away from an override going forward as fixed costs increase. 57% of our budget goes to the schools. Member Fabian said she wants a great education system, but we still have to pay for everything else. She agrees with what Chairman Day is saying that an override may not be far off. Health insurance costs is a big reason why.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Desrosiers and seconded by Ms. Candito, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:32 PM.

Roll call vote: Ms. Desrosiers – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; Ms. Candito – aye; Mr. Beals – aye; and Chairman Plonka – aye.

Discuss and vote whether to engage in the process to change health insurance benefits under M.G.L. c.32B, s21-23

Lacey Marshall, Human Resources Director and Edd Byrnes, underwriter for NFB were present for the discussion. Mr. Nunes said we will be reaching out to the unions. We don't want to get into specific plans tonight; we want to just present some facts. Ms. Marshall said we were at a 17% increase for health insurance, but it has been brought down to 12%. The Board's vote tonight would

bring us down to 8.5%. If claims continue as they have, we could decrease more. Section 21-23 gives the municipality the power to say we are changing the health plans without collective bargaining. We would create a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) with the first-year savings of 25% being given back to the employees through that account. The HRA savings could last two (2) to three (3) years. If an employee had a \$250 deductible it would go up to \$500 and the HRA would pay the difference. Single plans with a \$0 deductible the HRA would pay up to \$500. Ms. Marshall said this is our best action to get to 8.5% and gives her a year to look at what is out there.

Member Fabian said after we vote tonight, then we have to appoint a retiree to the committee. Ms. Marshall said the IAC consists of members of the collective bargaining units, a nonunion employee and a retiree. The IAC receives the 52.03 document prepared by Mr. Byrnes which will show what the Town is currently paying, what it would pay, and what they will pay if this is implemented. The IAC looks it over and moves forward with a PEC, which is pretty much the same type of people, but there is no non-union participation. That is when the agreements come into play. Mr. Byrnes said it would be the leadership of the individual unions. The retiree is appointed by the Massachusetts Retiree Association for the PEC and there is the lack of a non-union employee on the PEC. Chairman Day said the hope is to impact employees as little as possible. 25% of the savings is put in a pot and paid to employees for expenses. Mr. Byrnes said it is coupled with a reduction in their premium. This fund will help reimburse them for increased costs. Chairman Day said is it a reduction in the premium they have now or if we didn't do anything. Mr. Byrnes said if we didn't do anything. Gateway has not set the FY25 rates yet. Member Carboni asked about a timeframe for the reimbursement request. Ms. Marshall said there would be a third party to submit claims to get the reimbursement paid. Mr. Byrnes said the goal is to make the reimbursement quickly. Ms. Marshall said she and Mr. Nunes will meet with the unions to go over the cost savings. She would like to hold a meeting where every employee is invited to see the costs and how it will impact them. Member Fabian said she would like that to happen because we are changing everything for them. This is going to affect a lot of people. Mr. Nunes said we want this to be a collaborative approach. This budget is a moving target and a lot needs to happen between now and June 30th. The 25% will go in an HRA; we may have to make an appropriation to put the money into an HRA at Town Meeting. He has budgeted for an 8.5% increase.

Member Fabian asked does this affect all the retirees? Ms. Marshall said we have 14 retirees on an active plan because they have not hit the age for Medicare. Member Fabian asked will everyone be notified in writing of the change? Ms. Marshall said once the PEC and Select Board come to an agreement, she sends out a letter with details. Member Fabian asked will we be inviting the retirees to come and ask questions. Ms. Marshall said yes. Mr. Nunes said there is an opt out for employees and they will receive an incentive for as long as they are employed with the Town. Ms. Marshall said every employee will go to the \$500 individual/\$1,000 family plan. We have three (3) that are in the high deductible and that will not affect them. Most of our employees are in the \$250/\$750 plan; some are in the no deductible plan which will go to the \$500/\$1,000 deductible. If a new employee comes in, they will be told this is the plan we have and these are the rates. We only have 70 employees that contribute to health insurance. To see savings, you need to be at about 1,000 to get the benefits. Lakeville doesn't have a significant high claim rate, so our rates will be based on our claims, not the bundled rates. Mr. Nunes asked if open enrollment is done by Gateway. Mr. Byrnes said each of the member units select the time period. Chairman Day said the deductible numbers are way lower than the last conversation. Ms. Marshall said the \$2,000 deductible plans are not affected, but everyone else is at the \$500/\$1,000. Chairman Day asked if the Town offers

an individual plus one. Ms. Marshall said no. Mr. Byrnes said it is more common to have the single and family rates. If you give a break to a 2-person group, it makes the family rate go up.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member Fabian, it was:

VOTED: For the Town of Lakeville to engage in the process to change health insurance benefits under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Sections 21-23.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to appoint a Town retiree to the Insurance Advisory Committee

Lacey Marshall, Human Resources Director, was present for the discussion. Ms. Marshall said that is for the IAC. She is getting clarification from Town Counsel. The letters are requesting a name by March 14th. She needs 60 days to notify all persons affected once agreed upon. The PEC gets 30 days to review this. She will reach out to the active retirees to see if anyone is interested in sitting on the committee. Once the PEC is formed, that person is determined by the Massachusetts Retiree Association. Member Fabian asked are we notifying retirees to see if they want to participate. Ms. Marshall said she will call them if they are local to see if they are interested. She will need an emergency meeting to appoint the retiree. The PEC is the one that does the real review. IAC is an advisory committee; the PEC gets into the numbers. Member Fabian said we should post a remote meeting. Member Fabian said we should probably post a meeting for Friday.

Chairman Day had to leave the meeting at 7:03 PM and turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Carboni.

Discuss potential disposal of surplus property – Cherry Street - 042-012-015A and possible vote on method of disposing of the property

Member Fabian said the Treasurer would request to either auction or put out to bid a piece of property typically. There is a lot of history on this property. She is not ready to declare it as surplus property. Member Carboni said the Town took this for back taxes in June of 2004. At the time they were discussing using it for a pump house location if New Bedford ever brought water into Clark Shores. There is an abutter interested in purchasing the property. Member Fabian said she questioned if it was taken for back taxes and the Treasurer said it was not. We need more information. In the past we have accepted properties, but then there were bills that came up owed. Before we declare it as surplus, do we want to get into the selling of property. If so, who decides if we want to. This is coming out of the proposed abutters policy. We have a land bank where we can bank it. We need more information on this property before we can declare it surplus. Member Carboni said we will table this for discussion. Member Fabian said there was a purchase price of \$2,000, but there may be an error there.

Member Carboni said maybe we should revisit the abutters policy in some point, but there is more information needed to be collected. This item was tabled for the future. Mark Knox said there may be an interest in the property. If you put it up for auction, it could potentially create easement issues. Does it make more sense to divide it between the two (2) abutters? Member Fabian said the Board was not willing to approve the abutters policy the way it was presented. Most of the time we acquire

properties through tax title, but we don't have a committee to discuss if we want to hold onto land or divide the property between abutters. Would a policy say in the case of people that have difficulty getting a new septic system or well, would that trigger the sale of a Town owned property. This property has some issues that we need to figure out. Member Carboni said Mr. Knox presented an option that she did not think of. Mr. Knox said if you divided it, the area would become part of their lot. Member Fabian said and that would go into their tax base. Mr. Knox said an auction could be a last resort. Member Fabian said a property value over \$35,000 over triggers an auction. Member Carboni said you must solicit proposals if it is \$35,000 or over. Member Fabian said she would like to get the Treasurer's opinion on what property to sell. You would want to have the Board of Health and Building Commissioner weigh in.

Discuss letters of interest received to serve as At Large Member on the Town Administrator Search Committee and possible vote to appoint the At Large Member and discuss meeting times

Member Carboni said we received six (6) letters. She would prefer to have a full Board to discuss this. She requested that all the people that submitted a letter be notified that the Board will be discussing this at our next meeting so that they could attend. Member Fabian said she knows all but one (1) of the people that submitted a letter and they would all be good. The only reason she wanted to do this was to have an introductory meeting and get the members sworn in. If we are not going to fill the at large one, we should wait. This item was tabled to the March 25th meeting.

Discuss and possible vote on stipend for Planning Board Clerk Cathy Murray

Lacey Marshall, Human Resources Director was present for the discussion. Ms. Marshall said based on the union contract, if a person is working outside of their step for more than 10 days they should be considered for a step increase. She said that we were not sure if we were hiring a planner right away, so we could we do a stipend instead. Ms. Murray has been stepping in for the Town Planner from January 8th through March 18th and conducting the daily business. She used the hourly rate of the previous Town Planner minus Ms. Murray's hourly rate and then cut it in half to determine the stipend amount which equals \$3,600. On March 15th she will then begin again as the Inspectional Services Clerk and work under the Building Commissioner and will stay within her step and grade. Member Fabian said we need to figure out what we are doing with that other position.

Upon a motion made by Member Fabian and seconded by Vice Chairman Carboni, it was:

VOTED: To approve a \$3,600 stipend for Cathy Murray.
Unanimous in favor.

Mr. Knox said a few months ago the Planning Board asked the Select Board to give the Planning Board a few months to figure out the Town Planner position. He asked if they could meet with the Select Board the first meeting after the election to discuss the Town Planner position.

Discuss and possible vote to approve Public Way License for Patriot Half Triathlon – June 15, 2024

Vice Chair Carboni said we have received an application for a Public Way License for the Patriot Half Triathlon that begins at Camp Cathedral in Freetown. All the necessary signatures and

paperwork is included. Member Fabian asked is this the same organization that does the Cranberry Trifest Event. Ms. Craig-McGee said it was. Member Fabian explained the history on the Public Way License. We can request that they send out a post card like the previous group.

Upon a motion made by Member Fabian and seconded by Vice Chair Carboni, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Public Way License for the Patriot Half Triathlon on June 15, 2024 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to approve Public Way License for Cranberry Trifest – August 25, 2024

Vice Chair Carboni said this has gone before the Park Commission and was approved. We have all the necessary paperwork. Member Fabian asked if they were making a donation like previous years. Ms. Craig-McGee said they are paying a fee to the Park Department per person. Member Fabian said we can request that they send out a postcard notice along the route.

Upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member Fabian, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Public Way License for Cranberry Trifest on August 25, 2024 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss and possible vote to approve Public Way License for 5K Honor Thy Mother Race – May 4, 2024

Vice Chair Carboni said we have the license application and necessary paperwork and signatures.

Upon a motion made by Member Fabian and seconded by Vice Chair Carboni, it was:

VOTED: To approve the Public Way License for the 5K Honor Thy Mother Race on May 4, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM.
Unanimous in favor.

Discuss setting dates to hold FY25 budget meetings with Department Heads

Ms. Craig-McGee noted that one (1) of the Finance Committee members cannot make the April 16th budget meeting, but he can meet on the 24th or 25th. Vice Chair Carboni said the 25th. The meetings were set for April 17, 18 and 25 at 5:30 PM.

Discuss scheduling Select Board meeting dates for May, June and July

Vice Chair Carboni reviewed the Select Board suggested meeting dates. It was decided to meet on May 6th and 20th and June 3rd and June 24th. Member Fabian said we may need July 15th to meet to discuss the Interim Town Administrator situation. Vice Chair Carboni said they would hold off on the July meetings.

Building Committee Updates:

Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee

Member Fabian said the Committee is re-evaluating some things. We will convene the Committee to get everyone up to speed.

Fire Station Building Committee

Vice Chair Carboni said the Committee is meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the Police Station to review the proposed Fire Station layout and site location.

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical Building Committee

There was no update.

New Business

There was no New Business discussed.

Old Business

Mr. Nunes said he received an email regarding the dog hearing for 40 Clark Road. He asked the Animal Control Officer to inspect the site today as it appears that nothing has been done. The owners were not at home today, so he did not have an opportunity to speak to them. Member Fabian asked if the muzzle is being used. Mr. Nunes said the Animal Control Officer went to the property the day after the hearing and the dog was muzzled, but it did jump at him. Member Carboni said we had very specific dates. Ms. Craig-McGee said the Board had asked for the kennel within two (2) weeks of the hearing. The kennel is on the premises, but leaning against the fence. The date for the kennel was today. The letter did say erect a chain link kennel by March 11th. Vice Chair Carboni asked that a letter be sent immediately. Member Fabian said the letter should speak to upon inspection by the Animal Control Officer, the kennel was not erected as instructed at the hearing and that they must have the kennel erected by Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Upon a motion made by Member Fabian and seconded by Vice Chairman Carboni, it was:

VOTED: To send a reminder letter to the owners of Xena at 40 Clark Shore Road that they are past the deadline to erect the kennel and must have the kennel in place by March 16th and must inform the Animal Control Officer when you will have it completed for inspection. If the kennel is not up, we may have to discuss removing the dog from the property until the conditions have been met.
Unanimous in favor.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Cape Rail-
2. Letter from Comcast regarding 2023 license fee payment and changes to Xfinity TV

At 7:50 PM upon a motion made by Member Carboni and seconded by Member Fabian, it was:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Bountiful Farms v. Town of Lakeville, Plymouth Superior Court CIVIL ACTION NO. 2283CV00230) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares, and votes may be taken and not to return to Open Session.

Roll call: Member Fabian – aye and Vice Chair Carboni – aye.

List of documents provided at the Select Board Meeting of March 11, 2024

1. Agenda page
2. Agenda page; Town Administrator report
3. Agenda page; FY25 proposed budget and presentation
4. Agenda page; article from Municipal Advocate; MGL C32B, S21-23
5. Agenda page; draft Memorandum of Understanding
6. Agenda page; information from 30B procurement manual; Assessors plot plan; Vision property card;
7. Agenda page; letters of interest
8. Agenda page; section of October 3, 2011 minutes
9. Agenda page; memo from Planning Board Clerk; site plans
10. Agenda page; memo from Human Resources director
11. Agenda page; public way use application; insurance certificate; map of route
12. Agenda page; public way use application; Park Commission request for event; route maps; insurance certificate
13. Agenda page; public way use application; route map; insurance certificate
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