

Present: Paul Healey, Chairman; Paul Gannon; Mary Power; Betty Foley, Assistant Town Administrator

Mr. Healey thanked the community for their outpouring of support for the Orlando Family as they returned home from Hawaii. He thanked Cohasset Police, Scituate Police, Norwell Police, Norwell Fire, Weymouth Police, Braintree Police, Milton State Police, Boston Fire, Deputy David Jones, Sergeant Steve Dearth, Mary Power, Paul Gannon, Veterans Services, John Asher, Lisa Potts, Keith Jermyn, Leslie Badger, the Selectmen’s Office and everyone in the community who showed their support.

Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes of December 17, 2015 as amended. A unanimous vote.
 To approve the minutes of January 7, 2016 as amended. A unanimous vote.

Discussion of statement of interest to Massachusetts School Building Authority-Plymouth River School Mr. Raymond Estes, Chairman, School Committee and Mr. Andrew Shafter, School Committee

Mr. Estes discussed the statement of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. This is an accelerated repair program and requires that the facility involved, Plymouth River School, has twenty years of useful life remaining. He discussed the MSBA process, time-line, and program that provide grants for repair of windows, doors, roofs and boilers.

Ms. Power suggested forming a new Master Plan that would discuss the totality of the plan. The revenue picture in the town is slowing down and Ms. Power is hesitant about moving forward with this project at this time.

Mr. Andrew Shafter stated that this project completes the old Master Plan and as far as a new Master Plan, they recently requested an enrollment study. He reminded the Board that the opportunity to get thirty one percent reimbursement for this project is at our finger tips.

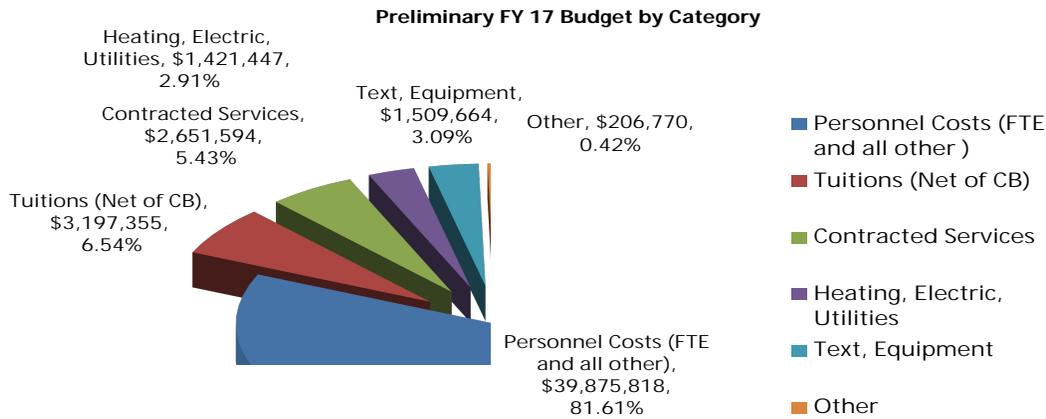
Mr. Gannon is impressed to hear that the School Committee as a whole is in favor of moving forward with this project and for that reason is inclined to support it.

Mr. Healey questioned the Plymouth River School roof and if there’s been a recent survey of its windows. Mr. Estes reported that a survey was done in 2007 and there’s been further deterioration since then. Mr. Healey explained that the current dilemma is that the Fire Station needs a new site due to the existing site not being able to support a new facility. Mr. Healey thanked the School Committee for the information.

Joint Session with the Advisory Committee and School Committee

Dr. Dorothy Galo, Superintendent of Schools appeared before the Board and discussed the proposed (By administration) FY 2017 Operating Budget. A power point was presented. The document includes information about the Administration’s proposed Operating Budget for FY 2017, explanations about how it was generated, comparisons between the FY 2016 approved budget, FY 2017 proposed budget, an explanation of the rationale for proposed additions to the “needs-based” budget, and comments about special circumstances that have impacted projected costs in some functions of the proposed budget. A complete copy is available in the Selectmen’s Office.

Budget Categories	FY 2015 Approved	FY 2016 Approved	FY 2017 Proposed <i>Rev 1-21-16</i>	% Change Proposed <i>Rev. 1-21-16</i>
Regular Education*	\$33,380,635	\$34,676,987	\$37,257,201	7.44% 7.29%
Special Education*	\$10,015,139	\$10,688,822	\$11,547,139	8.03% 7.72%
Vocational Education*	\$94,948	\$47,911	\$58,309	21.7% 21.7%
TOTALS * Entries rounded	\$43,490,722	\$45,413,720	\$48,862,649 \$48,777,766 (bottom line changes only)	7.59% 7.41%



Mr. Tom Pyles, Advisory Chair, spoke on behalf of the Advisory Committee and stated they'll have the opportunity to sit with the School Committee in the next few weeks to go over the numbers again. He thanked Dr. Galo and the School Committee their hard work.

Proposed Warrant Articles: Ms. Foley reviewed the following Warrant Articles

Article A: Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund - *To choose all necessary Town Officers, other than those to be elected by ballot, including the following: 1. One member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years, or act on anything relating thereto. (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen).*

Voted- To recommend Pauline Munroe, 16 Pilgrim Road, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years; and 2. Christopher Daly, 3 Button Cove Road, to be elected a Trustee of the Bathing Beach in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1934. A unanimous vote.

ARTICLE B –Assume Liability for DCR - *Will the Town assume liability in the manner provided by General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach, and authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefore to the Commonwealth, or act on anything relating thereto? (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen).*

Voted- That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability. A unanimous vote.

ARTICLE C- Committee Reports - *That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust; Audit Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Energy Action Committee; Fire Station Building Committee; GAR Hall Trustees; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Board of Managers of Lincoln Apartments LLC; Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Memorial Bell Tower Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; and Water Supply Committee, or act on anything relating thereto. (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen).*

Voted- That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust; Audit Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Energy Action Committee; Fire Station Building Committee; GAR Hall Trustees; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Board of Managers of Lincoln Apartments LLC; Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Memorial Bell Tower Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; and Water Supply Committee be received; and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued. A unanimous vote.

ARTICLE G- Transfer into Stabilization Fund- *Will the Town raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for transfer into the Stabilization Fund to offset future tax increases, or act on anything relating thereto? (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen).*

Voted- That the town transfer from available reserves the sum of \$2,046,471 into the Stabilization Fund. A unanimous vote.

ARTICLE K-Building Department Revolving Fund - *Will the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, so as to establish and define the terms of a departmental revolving fund for the Building Department, or act on anything thereto? (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)*
A vote did not take place on Article K at this time.

ARTICLE L- Elder Services Revolving Fund-*Will the Town accept the provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, so as to establish and define the terms of a departmental revolving fund for the Council on Aging, or act on anything relating thereto? (Inserted at the request of the Council on Aging)*

Voted- That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund for the Department of Elder Services. Departmental receipts for all fees and charges received from Senior Center programs shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent for Senior Center programs and related expenses. The Director of Elder Services, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$60,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2017. A unanimous vote.

Votes:

Voted- To appoint Mr. Jim Blakey as an associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a term ending June 30, 2016. A unanimous vote.

Voted- To waive the permit fees for the generator replacement projects at two Sewer pump stations.
A unanimous vote.

Selectmen/ Town Administrator's Report

"Mr. Healey read a statement regarding Corporal Orlando: "The town of Hull and our citizens extend our deepest condolences for the passing of Corporal Christopher Orlando. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Corporal Orlando's Family and his community. The Town of Hull is very grateful for his dedication to the youth of our community through his years working at South Shore Surf Camp. The children of Hull are very fortunate to have met and been taught by such a gracious, gentle and dedicated young man. His impact on the youth of our community will be felt for decades to come as he helped shape them. His passion and love of the ocean and the sport of surfing, his work ethic, his smile and his good heart will always guide our children and our community. The Town of Hull considers Corporal Christopher Orlando a Hull Hero who served our community and country with honor. Corporal Christopher Orlando will always have a place in our heart and will be missed deeply. Corporal Christopher Orlando will always have a place in our hearts and will be missed deeply. "

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40

Diane Picot