

Board of Selectmen

January 31, 2019
Regular Session 7:00pm

Present: Mr. Paul Healey, Ms. Mary Power, Ms. Karen Johnson, Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator, Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator.

Mr. Asher called to order the meeting of the Water Company Acquisition Study Committee. In attendance: Jonathan Asher, Chair, Ed Siegfried, Joseph Bierwirth, Joshua Krumholz, Bob Higgins.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the minutes dated January 29, 2019. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public Comment

None.

Transfer of Class I License:

Public Hearing on the Transfer of a Class I license

General Counsel for Prime Automotive Group, Scott Silverman, present.

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the application for the transfer of the Class I License from Gallery Automotive Group, LLC to AMR Auto Holdings, MINR, LLC d/b/a South Shore Mini, Dave Rosenberg, Manager. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Grant of Location Hearings:

Steve Olson, Director of Operations, Aquarion Water Company and Harry Sylvester, Assistant Projects Engineer, presented.

Public hearing on the request of Aquarion to install and maintain 1,600 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main in Bradley Hill Road

Public Comment:
Jenn Murphy, 29 Bradley Hill Road

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the request of Aquarion to install to and maintain approximately 1,600 feet of 8-inch Ductile Iron water main in Bradley Hill Road. The new main will originate at the intersection of Lincoln Street connecting into the existing 6" Cast Iron water main and continue under the paved surface of Bradley Hill Road in its entirety to completion at #65. This new main replacement project will replace and upgrade an undersized 6-inch AC/CI and 2-inch CI pipe. Also this project will include new water services and three (3) new hydrants as well.

In addition, part of this project includes installing and maintaining approximately 160 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main in Bremer Circle. The new main will originate at the new 8-inch ductile iron main installed in Bradley Hill Road and continue under the paved surface of Bremer Circle in its entirety to completion at #10 Bremer Circle. This new main replacement project will replace and upgrade an undersized 2-inch cast iron pipe. Also this project will include new water services and one (1) new hydrant as well.

This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works as outlined in the letter dated January 11, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public hearing on the request of Aquarion to install and maintain 230 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main in Forget Me Not Lane.

Public Comment:
Amy Mattos, 119 South Street

Sheela Calhoun, 5 Forget Me Not Lane

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the request of Aquarion to install to and maintain approximately 230 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main to replace a section of water main on Forget Me Not Lane. The new main will originate at the existing 8-inch water main located within South Street and continue under the paved surface of Forget Me Not Lane for its entirety to the completion at #3. This new main replacement project will replace and upgrade an undersized 2-inch cast iron pipe. Also this project will include new water services and one (1) new hydrant.

This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works as outlined in the letter dated January 11, 2019. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3 -0.

Construction Contracts – Harry Sylvester present

Ms. Johnson made a motion to extend the contract for “Hot Mix Asphalt Production & Pavement installation-Structure Adjustment-Controlled Cold Milling “Cold Planing””- Bid #PAV18 to Aggregate Industries, Inc. through December 31, 2019. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to extend the contract for “Crosswalk Surface Treatment – Bid #CWST18”with Sealcoating, Inc. through December 31, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to enter into contract with MCI Contracting, Inc. for Building Maintenance/Repairs, General Labor Contract #BLDGMAIN19. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Warrant Articles

Keith Jermyn, Director of Veterans’ Services and Janine Suchecki, Vice Chairperson Veterans Council, presented.

Article R: Property Tax Exemption for Veterans Whose Property has been conveyed to a Trust

Ms. Johnson thanked Mr. Jermyn and Ms. Suchecki for bringing this issue forward for consideration by town meeting.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend favorable action of Article R. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article S: Property Tax Exemption for Gold Star Parents

Similar comments were extended from Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Power commented on Mr. Jermyn’s reputation - best Veteran Services Officer in the Commonwealth. This is an example of why and thanked him.

Ms. Power made a motion to recommend favorable action of Article S. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

To discuss and receive recommendations of the Water Company Acquisition Study Committee regarding the purchase of the water system.

Joint Session with the Water Company Acquisition Study Committee

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Mr. Healey indicated that the purpose of the joint session was to discuss and receive recommendations of the Water Company Acquisition Study Committee regarding the purchase of the water system. He then introduced the committee.

Committee members Jonathan Asher, Chair, Ed Siegfried, Joseph Bierwirth, Joshua Krumholz, Bob Higgins, present.

Mr. Asher presented: “Water Company Acquisition Study Committee Recommendation Vote Summary”.

Mr. Siegfried presented: "Financial Analysis Summary and recommendation to purchase".

Mr. Krumholz presented: "Governance" portion of the presentation.

Mr. Higgins presented: "Engineering" portion of the presentation.

Mr. Asher provided: "Water Company Acquisition Study Committee Recommendation": "The Water Company Acquisition Study Committee recommends that the Town exercise its statutory rights to purchase the water system serving Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset". Unanimous (5-0) affirmative vote, 23 Jan 2019. With that vote, and the summaries shared, which led to the committees action, the committee has fulfilled the Boards charge from the December 11, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Healey thanked each and every member of the committee for their time, dedication and effort. It is a Privilege to have this caliber of talent on this effort.

Mr. Mayo presented: "Water Company Transition".

Ms. Power (stated her MBA in Finance credentials) presented: "Transition Plan: Financial Elements".

Ms. Power reminded Chair, Healey that videotaping is not allowed.

Chair, Healey asked that the person step forward and identify self. There was no response.

Town Counsel, John Coughlin, seated at the table.

Mr. Mayo presented: "Transition Plan: Operations and Engineering".

Pertaining to post water company purchase, Attorney Coughlin described "good husbandry" standard. Referenced Section 11 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1879.

Ms. Johnson presented: "Transition Plan: Governance".

Mr. Healey thanked all for their hard work and dedication on the subject. He then called for open public comments:

Michael Mullaley, 14 Cushing Ave

Jim O'Hare, 11 Heron Way

Ms. Power stated that \$108M purchase will have \$0 impact on property taxes.

Ms. Johnson commented: "can we afford it (purchase) and "can we do it" (run).

Jim Watson, 291 Rockland Street

Steve Olson, Director of Operations Aquarion

Mary Farrington, 25 Tower Road

Richard Norman, 3 Shute Avenue

Laura Burns, Main Street

Libby Claypoole

Melissa Tully, 29 Backriver Road

Faith Burbank, 17 Andrews Isle

Adam White, Hingham Water Supply Committee

Mr. Healey thanked those who spoke and commented that it was a respectful exchange.

Ms. Power made a motion to open the Warrant for the review and insertion of additional Warrant Articles associated with the purchase of the water system, and other matters, Articles MM: Water Company Acquisition; Article NN: Board of Water Commissioners; Article OO: Water System Enterprise Fund; Article PP: Water Company Acquisition – Transition Costs; Article QQ: Master Plan Committee, and to close the Warrant for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Compressor Station

Mr. Mayo provided background on the compressor station history and stated that Town Counsel, Kerry Ryan has been in conversation with Weymouth Legal Counsel.

Public comment:

Michael Mullaley, 14 Cushing Avenue

Jenn Murphy, 29 Bradley Hill Road

Mr. Healey made a motion that the Town file the paperwork with the Mass. DEP to join in the Motion for an Adjudicatory Proceeding being filed by Weymouth, Braintree and Quincy, with regard to the air quality permit for the proposed Weymouth compressor station. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Votes:

Mr. Healey made a motion to waive the building permit fees associated with the Bathhouse project. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to waive the electrical permit fees associated with replacing a heat pump at Town Hall. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Appointments

No appointments this evening.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Ms. Monsegur – Nothing to report.

Mr. Mayo - Reminder to check in on elderly neighbors during this extreme cold weather.

Ms. Johnson – Nothing to report.

Ms. Power – There are a series of meetings coming up on important issues (proposed plastic bag ban, Foster School). Come to Town Meeting and lend your voice and thoughts.

Mr. Healey – Next Tuesday, February 5th, will be Robert Mansfield’s last day serving the town. He has done a great job for 40 years as a Sergeant and mentor. Next Friday, February 8th at 5pm, there will be an opportunity to say so long. “Enjoy retirement Bob – job well done”.

Mr. Healey thanked all for the hard work on the water company acquisition.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place on February 5, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:45pm

Approved February 5, 2019

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.

