

# Board of Selectmen

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March 19, 2019  
Regular Session 7:08pm

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the minutes dated March 12, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 2-0.

Ms. Power abstained as she was absent from the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At the request of the Town Moderator, Michael Puzo, Mr. Healey read the following letter received from Mr. Puzo:

March 18, 2019

Hingham Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
210 Central Street  
Hingham, MA 02430

*Dear Members of the Board of Selectmen:*

*Having fielded some questions of late on voting at town meeting and seeing that a matter concerning voting is on your agenda for tomorrow's selectmen's meeting, please allow me to make a few observations on the issue.*

*Under our local by-law, all votes at town meeting are taken in the first instance as voice votes and the outcome is called by the moderator. That works well for most actions of the meeting and also moves things along.*

*So, when do we have a counted vote and how is that vote taken? Well, if after the voice vote, the moderator is in doubt as to the result, or if seven voters rise and express doubt as to the moderator's call, then we move to a counted vote. Typically, that counted vote is taken as a standing vote, except we will conduct a ballot vote (instead of a standing vote) if either the Advisory Committee or 50 voters "promptly call" for a ballot vote.*

*Given how long a ballot vote takes, our practice in the case of a counted vote has been not to request a ballot vote absent compelling reasons to do so. That said, if we are going to have a counted vote after a voice vote, and either the Advisory Committee or 50 voters call for a ballot vote, seeing compelling reasons to do so, then a ballot vote will be taken, instead of a standing vote.*

*Thank you for reading this aloud at your meeting and including it in the public record.*

*Very truly yours,*

*Michael J. Puzo  
Hingham Town Moderator*

## **Public Comment**

None.

### **National Grid: Gas Main Extension**

Public hearing on the request of National Grid to install and maintain approximately 6,850 feet of 4-inch and 8-inch gas main in Rt. 228 (East Street and sections of Short Street and Leavitt Street).

Barbara Kelleher, Permit Representative, National Grid, Harry Sylvester, Roger Fernandes present.

There were comments and questions from the Board concerning the status of phase I and the start of phase II. All were addressed by Mr. Sylvester and Mr. Fernandes.

Comments from the public:

Stan Doherty, 18 Leavitt Street.

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the request of National Grid to install and maintain approximately 6,850 feet of 4-inch and 8-inch gas main in Rt. 228 (East St. and sections of Short St. and Leavitt St.). The gas main will originate at approximately #8 Short Street at the beginning of the gas main and continue under the paved surface of Rt. 228 (East St. and sections of Short St. and Leavitt St.) to completion at approximately #227 East Street (just before Elizabeth Lane) connecting into the existing 8-inch gas main. This gas main will replace an existing 4" and 6" bare steel decayed main that is approximately between 91 and 106 years old, and a 1.5" bare steel main that is approximately 105 years old. \*Engineering Department will be recommending to the Board of Selectmen as part of this grant of locations that the work hours on Rt. 228 (East St. and sections of Short St. and Leavitt St.) to be between the hours of 7pm and 5am only (Sunday through Friday). In addition, two-weeks prior to start of construction we will require variable message boards to be set-up at project limits.

In addition, as part of this project the request includes the following:

1. To install and maintain approximately 875 feet of 4-inch gas main in Rockwood Road. This gas main will originate from the new 8-inch main in Rt. 228 (Short Street, Leavitt Street, and East Street) and continue under the paved surface of Rockwood Road to completion at #12. This gas main will replace an existing 4" coated steel decayed main that is approximately 60 years old.
2. To install and maintain approximately 155 feet of 8-inch gas main in Summer Street. This gas main will originate from the new 8-inch main in Rt. 228 (Short Street, Leavitt Street, and East Street) and continue under the paved surface of Summer Street to completion at the existing 6-inch gas main near pole #59/40. This gas main will replace an existing 6" bare steel decayed main that is approximately 89 years old.

This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works as outlined in the letter dated March 7, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey recognized and applauded the work that Mr. Sylvester and Mr. Fernandes have done with respect to the Route 3A Road Pilot Program. A 25% design submittal has been tendered to Mass DOT for its consideration. As a result of this pilot program, the Town will be used as an example to other communities.

### **Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC: Change of Manager**

Tyler Spencer, General Manager, present.

There were comments and questions from the Board.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the request of Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill for a Change of Manager from David Jamieson to Tyler Spencer; subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Hingham Fire Department request to repurpose funds:**

Fire Chief, Steve Murphy, present.

Chief Murphy provided a summary of his request to re-purpose \$13,897.90 from the FY2019 capital funds account (\$900 for the Federal grant co-pay and \$12,997.90 for North Fire Station roof repairs).

There were comments and questions from the Board.

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the request from the Hingham Fire Department to re-purpose FY2019 capital funds in the amount of \$13,897.90 to purchase fire gear and for repairs/mold testing at North Fire Station (Station 2). Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

The Board asked Chief Murphy about the status of the new fire truck. Chief Murphy provided a summary of the series of events that will take place prior to the arrival of the truck to Hingham and the procedure that will take place once the truck is in Hingham.

## **Votes:**

Contract with Sealcoating, Inc. d/b/a "indus".

Roger Fernandes present.

There were comments and questions from the Board.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to sign a contract with Sealcoating, Inc. d/b/a "indus" for Micro-Surfacing & Random-Crack Sealing by Fiber Reinforcement Method as outlined in the bid package titled MICRO19. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## Inspector of Animals

Mr. Mayo explained that this is an annual appointment.

Ms. Johnson gave a shout out to Leslie Badger for her work in Town, Bare Cove Park, and on Social Media. The residents view her as a resource for a number of animal-related issues. It is an honor to make this appointment.

Ms. Power made a motion to nominate Leslie Badger as the Inspector of Animals for the Town of Hingham. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## Article MM Paper Ballot Vote

Ms. Power made a motion to request the Advisory Committee recommend a paper ballot vote by town meeting participants relative to Article MM (Water Company Acquisition). Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## Revote Non-school Budgets

Mr. Mayo provided details for the need to re-vote Legal Services, Police Department and Capital Outlay budgets.

There were comments and questions from the Board. The Board shared their views on each budget variance (FY2020 Selectmen vote/FY202 Advisory vote).

## **Legal Services**

Ms. Power made a motion to recommend the total FY20 Legal Services budget in the amount of \$257,000. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Police Department**

Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend the total FY20 Police Department budget in the amount of \$5,727,622. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Capital Outlay Budget**

Ms. Power made a motion to recommend the Capital Outlay budget in the amount of \$2,279,535. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Appointments**

No appointments

## **Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports**

Ms. Monsegur – Nothing to report.

Mr. Mayo – Nothing to report.

Ms. Johnson – We (the Board) attended retirement party for Barbara Farnsworth, long-serving Director of Elder Services, and Chair on the Council on Aging. She is appreciated across the Town of Hingham and across the commonwealth for her leadership in providing elder services.

Last year, Ms. Power and Ms. Johnson attended a Volunteer Appreciation lunch in the Senior Center, which is a community within a community that provides a warm environment. We will miss her!

Not only is Ms. Farnsworth fantastic at what she does in Elder Services, she is a team player here in Town Hall. She is an outstanding Department Head in terms of being collegial and collaborative with our team here at Town Hall that provides services to everyone in town. She serves in particular on a number of hiring committees which is important in reinforcing that culture of teamwork which is outside of her day-to-day responsibilities. We will miss her!

Mr. Mayo added that he is not only losing a COA Director, he is losing an advocate that he leans on a daily basis. He stated that this is a tough one.

Ms. Power - After reflecting on the Town finances/credit reports, Ms. Power read (aloud) Moody's Investor Services Report, dated April 25, 2018. Ms. Power stated that this report speaks to the Town's AAA bond rating. This rating is a reflection of the quality of people who do all the work for the Town.

Mr. Healey – Tonight, we heard from the Gas company (Barbara Kelleher, National Grid), Town Engineer (Roger Fernandes), and Harry Sylvester. We have a 100 year old water main that runs greater than a mile under East Street. There is great importance of maintaining and upgrading the infrastructure. Disappointed that the water company did not inspect the pipes while the road was opened for gas main. Food for thought.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place on March 26, 2019.

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:32pm**

**Approved March 26, 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.

