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Select Board

Meeting Minutes
Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk 1/02/2024 with a roll call vote of 5-0

6:00 p.m. – December 19, 2023

Roll Call vote taken:

Members in Attendance in person:

Chairperson Jonathan Anderson, Vice Chair David Hall, Clerk Jesse Limanek, Select members Jeffrey Bannon & Normand Champigny

Also attending in person: Town Manager James Smith, Town Accountant Tim Harrison & Deb Jacques, secretary

Sutton Girls Varsity Recognition read into record by Select person Limanek

Public Forum –

Dave Pizzi 55 Fairway View Drive- follow up to the Dec.5th meeting comments regarding parking on the common- Dave says he reached out to MA Dept of Transportation and found there was a grant applied for in 2019 that was not awarded. There has been another grant submitted for project to include parking around the common, sidewalks. Will there be a future meeting regarding this- will residents be able to be included for an open dialogue to vote on whether to alter or not alter the town common? Are the Select Board aware of a grant application to alter the common? Why are residents not informed of grants? Can a town refuse a grant if awarded it? Dave goes on to say parking at the 16 Uxbridge Road lot and walking to the Town Hall is the same distance that teachers park and walk to the school building. Whatever happens going forward will there be transparency- how will residents know how or when this proceeds. Chairperson Anderson replies it will be listed as an agenda item on a meeting. In regards to grants- Town Manager Smith says we do not notify residents of all grants we apply for- the board thru Jims updates do include info about many of the grants. Jon Belcufine 75 Leland Hill Road- says he is here to talk about 2 dead trees and a hanger (Dodge cemetery) - he has been told there are funds for the cemeteries- he reviewed the report of 2022 that showed \$126,000 under cemetery and \$36,000 under perpetual care. Why not use these funds to remove the dead trees. There are historic grave stones in these cemeteries that could be damaged by a falling tree or branch. Also an issue is the area of Leland Hill Rd at the curve- it is eroding – are there any plans to fix it? Curtis Dakin 154 Leland Hill Road- also here to voice concern about dead trees- his relatives are buried in Dodge Cemetery also. Curtis saw a 53-foot tractor trailer on Leland Hill Road today- why? Can we put signs at the Grafton Side of Leland Hill saying not a truck route?

Vice Chair Hall motions to accept as presented the December 5, 2023 Select Board meeting minutes Select Person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote

Boston Road Layout Alteration Acquisition-Dudley Road through Unified Parkway- Jen Hager Community Development Director says this is the final step – once signed - it will be placed on file at the Registry of deeds- Vice Chair Hall asks how all the work that has been done so far could be done prior to this final step- Jen replies the work that's been done is on Unifeds property. Hearing no questions Select person Limanek motions to adopt the order of taking to acquire easements to complete the alteration of the layout of Boston Road in the form presented, and award no damages for the taking Select person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote

Town Manager Update:

- Septic System project Town Hall- Amorello is close to wrapping up the project until spring. They have installed the holding tanks and within the week they will be complete with the septic system at 16 Uxbridge Road. At that point the septic will be pumped through a force main to 16 Uxbridge Road. The back parking lot will be backfilled for the winter months. In the spring they will address the grinder pump at Rufus Putnam Museum as well as regrading that area. They

will also provide electricity to the site of the future sign at the corner of Boston Rd/Uxbridge Rd. and repave the back parking lot.

- Reminder- CMRPC will be here at the January 2, 2024 meeting to review the Central Turnpike corridor study.
- Holiday party will be tomorrow (12/20/23) We plan on closing the town hall at noon and reopen at 1:30pm

Announcement's / Round Table:

- Vice chair Hall says the drive around by Santa on the Fire truck is always special- Dave offers all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
- Select person Limanek offers thanks to the recent Dudley Gendron family fund drive- over \$3,000. was collected. Jesse attended the Manchaug River walk last weekend- it was a wonderful event. Happy belated Hanukah blessing and the same to all the other holidays- hope it is joyful and peaceful.
- Chairperson Anderson also attended the Manchaug stroll it was a great event- beyond his expectations- it was a good addition to all in town.

Vice Chair Hall motions to enter into Executive session with the sole purpose of rejoining open meeting for adjournment only- Select person Limanek seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote passes 5-0 enter 6:42 pm

Select person Limanek motions to adjourn, Vice Chair Hall seconds- Roll Call vote taken- passes 5-0

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm