

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town Hall Conference Room
Working Session
Minutes of August 11, 2014

Chairman Dick Gandt called the meeting to order at 5:05PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Dick Gandt, were Martha Morrison, Laura Powers, Steve Lais and Eldon Goodhue. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Kellie Hebert and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Town Accountant Pam Wood was present during part of the meeting.

Chairman Gandt announced that the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss negotiating strategy with respect to the Police Union Contract and Call Firefighters Union and would not return to open session.

FY15 Goals & Objectives: Ms. Hebert and Ms. Rich facilitated the Board in an interactive exercise that explored potential suggested goals and objectives that individual members had submitted for consideration. The Board narrowed down the presented ideas via an exercise where they were able to "pick" their top three goals for FY15. It was determined that the information be drafted in a document and then distributed to the Board for use at the Board's next goals discussion meeting.

Bond Borrowing for Quint Ladder, Highway Dump Truck/Sander and Fire Rescue Vehicle - Assign Useful Life greater than specified in Chapter 44 § 7 (9): Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with borrowing authorized by the following votes of the Town is hereby determined pursuant to MGL chapter 44, section 7 (9) to be as follows: Article 31, Quint Ladder Truck with amount of \$1,000,000 15 useful life years, Article 30, Fire Rescue Vehicle with amount of \$210,000 5 useful life years, and Article 29, Highway Dump Truck/Sander with amount of \$145,000 5 useful life years and to authorize the Clerk of the Selectmen to sign, second by Selectman Lais. There was a discussion relative to the number of years of useful life and the pros and cons of denoting that number. Town Accountant Pam Wood expressed her recommendation to go for the maximum of useful life of the vehicles which enables the Town's flexibility of structuring the issuance of future bonds. Ms. Hebert distributed a document displaying the different useful life financing scenarios. Selectman Morrison amended her original motions so as to approve the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with borrowing to be followed as votes of the Town is hereby determined pursuant to MGL chapter 44, section 7 (9) to be as follows: Article 31, Quint Ladder Truck with amount of \$1,000,000 20 useful life years, Article 30, Fire Rescue Vehicle with amount of \$210,000 10 useful life years, and Article 29, Highway Dump Truck/Sander with amount of \$145,000 10 useful life years and to authorize the Clerk of the Selectmen to sign, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 3-2. Selectmen Gandt and Lais opposed because the useful lives proposed in the motion are not fiscally responsible.

At 5:59PM, Selectmen Morrison made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiating strategy with respect to the Police Union and the Call Firefighters union, and the Board would not return to Open Session; seconded by Selectman Goodhue. In a roll call vote, a yes vote was recorded for Chairman Gandt, Selectman Morrison, Selectman Lais, Selectman Powers and Selectman Goodhue. The Board would not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Per the Open Meeting Law, the documents that were either distributed to the BOS before the meeting in a packet, or at the meeting were:

1. Agenda
2. Document containing 1) Combined Debt Service Payments for different useful life scenarios, 2) Equal/Declining Principal Payments Combined Debt Service Payments and 3) Level Debt Service Payments Combined Service Payments all for the three vehicles.

Approved as amended at the September 8, 2014 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

<p>Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.</p>
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