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Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2016

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The Advisory Board was called to order by Roger Hughes at 7:00pm. Present were Susan Powell, Mark Maiellano, Jane Stout, Ralph Gordon, Tim Greene, and Karen Reynolds. Jacky McClean was absent. Also present was Town Administrator Peter Morin.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minutes - Roger asked for questions or comments about the February 23, 2016 and February 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes. With no comments, motion to accept the Minutes from February 23, 2016 and February 25, 2016. *Seconded and passed 7-0.*

ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSIONS

Water Department - Steve Ivas, Jack McInnis and Peter Dillon presented the Water Department budget requests. The Water Department is self funded. In February, the Water Department filled the Water Treatment Manager position after a long vacancy. This is an important position as the duties include both administrative and hands on responsibilities including maintenance, treatment, distribution. Questions were raised about water safety and purity. The Department continually strives to maintain strict standards for water quality. As a result, Norwell has high water quality. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$1,258,319 for the Water Department. *Seconded and passed 7-0.*

The Water Department has two Warrant requests. The Spence Property Acquisition request seeks \$400,000 to purchase 58 acres of land off Grove Street abutting the Grove Street Wells. Upon purchase, the Water Department will develop new water supply. Motion to accept Article 28 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and passed 7-0.*

The second Annual Town Meeting Article request seeks \$350,000 for facilities maintenance, upgrades and well exploration. The goal is to increase efficiency and productivity by replacing and upgrading wells. Motion to accept Article 23 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and passed 7-0.*

Highway Department - Peter and Linda Murphy presented the budget for the Highway Department. Two lines of this budget decreased. Because Paul Foulsham retired, the Town is hoping to replace him with someone who accepts a lower salary. The other line with a decrease is Highway Town Gasoline. Fuel prices are very low and the Town budget reflects that savings. The Highway Department has two Capital Budget requests including a three ton asphalt mixer for \$40,000 and a front end loader for \$180,000. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$1,017,902 for the Highway Department. *Seconded and passed 7-0.*

Tree and Grounds Department - Peter and Linda Murphy presented a brief description of this budget. One item of note is the Stetson Meadows Cemetery will open during FY17. Tree and Grounds Department has two Capital Budget requests including a wood chipper for \$70,000 and a new pick-up truck to be used as a sander and plow for winter snow and ice removal at \$90,000. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$489,898 for the Tree and Grounds Department. *Seconded and passed 7-0.*

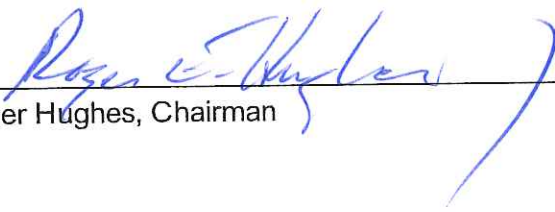
Board of Health - Peter Dillon presented this budget. The Board of Health continues to negotiate a multi-year contract beginning FY17 for trash hauling. This budget includes the cost for carts to be distributed to Town residents for trash. The Board of Health is making a Warrant request for money to purchase carts for recycling for Town residents. This request will be refunded by a State grant that will cover 75% of costs. It is hoped this new PAYT program will be an incentive for Town residents to reduce trash and increase recycling. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$1,141,824 for the Board of Health. *Seconded and passed 7-0.*

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 8 - Town Clerk, Meetings/Elections, Registrars, Facilities Manager, Building Department, Cemetery and Recreation.

March 15 - School Committee, Council on Aging, Board of Assessors

Adjourn - Motion made to Adjourn. *Seconded and passed 7-0.*



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