



Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
Tri- Board/Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Town Hall Room 203 - 6:00 pm

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board and All Boards was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Hopkins Academy Cafeteria.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; Gerald Devine, Member; John Waskiewicz, Member  
Donald Pipczynski, Member

Also Present were: David Nixon, Town Administrator, Jennifer Sanders James, Lic. Coordinator; Annie McKenzie, Superintendent; Robie Grant, School Committee; Amy Fyden, Finance Committee; Marlo Warner, DPW Director; Mike Mason, Chief of Police

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Chair Molly Keegan.  
John Waskiewicz arrived at 7:25 pm.

2. Tri-Board

2.1 FY 18 Budget & Dept. of Revenue Report: Financial Management Structure  
Finance Committee discussion first

David Nixon discusses that there have been 2 resignations and 1 opening.

This means that there are only 2 member at this time. Brian West is working on finding new members.

That they are looking at ways to make the Finance Committee work in a better way and have them become more efficient. Also, moving their meeting time from Saturday morning to a weeknight. They will no longer be in the deep matters of the budget, but will instead do the overview of the budget. This is a volunteer committee, and major requirements.

Amy Fyden states that she thinks that it a better idea to change the meeting times and less frequent meetings as well.

David Nixon states that this would make it more volunteer friendly.

Further general discussion of the future meeting schedule of the Finance Committee, involving the volunteerism, and people are encouraged to volunteer.

The discussion then begins on the FY18 budget.

Beginning with the schools and the maintenance of the building.

David Nixon refers to budget 490 and the discussion about the building maintenance budget. This would bring all items into one budget under DPW. This would be a transfer from the other budgets and increased it by an additional 20,000.

The new total would 127,000 dollars for this budget. And there are 2 articles that are available for expenditure for 120,000 dollars for the MBC.

Molly Keegan then inquires about the school budget and if there had been any changes. David Nixon states that he used the expanded level services, with increases that will need to be made. He was unable to bridge the gap between the budgets and he requests that they use 200,000 dollars be used from School Choice.

Ann McKenzie states that there are several things that are not in yet, but that they are actively trying to share more services with other school committees and towns.

Gerald Devine asks if Smith Vocational rates are on par with other regional vocations schools?

Ann McKenzie states that it is on par with other, and the have been approached by Frontier Regional to join into their region. They have looked at that but there are pros and cons to this.

Donald Pipczynski asks for Ann McKenzie to speak to the School Choice and how it works.

Ann McKenzie states that we had a supply of \$714,000 dollars in school choice funds. They expect to use \$680,000 dollars for this fiscal year. They may only see \$450,000 next year.

If the School Committee uses the 200,000 dollars, then they would be down to 285,000 and that it not efficient. They might have to make draconian cuts next year with they are creating the budget.

Further discussion of the School budget.

Chapter 70 money and the unfunded mandates that are set forth by the state.

Am presents the challenges of Chapter 70 and the formula that is used and the limits that its set forth.





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**4.1 Public Comments**

Chief Mason states that the DPW did a tremendous job cleaning up and snow removal. The Police Department could not make to some of their calls without them. We appreciate all they have done.  
Donald Pipczynski asks for people to clean off the fire hydrants by their houses, and it would be a tremendous help.

**5. Town Administrator Report**

**5.1 Town Administrator Report**

David Nixon states that it is all budget all the time and further discusses other items that have been worked on through the week.

**6. Appointments**

**6.1 7:15 pm Marlo Warner -- New Bay Road Bridge Design**

Marlo Warner states that there was a meeting at the Bridge and the recommendations on the bridge. The bridge is defined as urban, and they need to have 2 sidewalks, with 12 ft. lanes and 6 ft. wider. It will not be wide enough for a bike lane. DOT asked if we wanted more street lights.

Marlo Warner states the preference for only 1 sidewalk on the bridge because he doesn't see a future need for 2 sidewalks, since there is no sidewalk that leads to anywhere

Motion to approve for 1 sidewalk for the bridge.

Motion: Chunglo                      Second: Devine  
Vote: 4-0-1

**7. Old Business**

**7.1 Fire Substation and Senior Center RFQ finalists**  
This item is deferred due to weather.

**7.2 Town Report**

This item is being sent to committee.

**7.3 Capital Project Request**

John Scibak asks for a capital project request.  
David Nixon suggest that we look like wastewater management.

Motion to direct David Nixon and Marlo Warner to compile a Capital Request to Rep. Scibak for the FY18 state budget.

Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 5-0-0

**7.4 Dissolve the North Hadley Village Ad-hoc Committee**

Motion to dissolve the North Hadley Village Ad-hoc Committee.

Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 5-0-0

**7.5 Annual Town Meeting Warrant -- Vote to Close**

Motion to close the warrant

Motion: Chunglo                      Second: Devine for discussion

Discussion is over leaving a place - holder for a 2 1/2 override and 2 overrides for the MBC committee

Joyce Chunglo asks about the non-binding petition

Non-binding petition for campaign money  
Vote: 4-0-0

**7.6 Route 9 Projects**



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There is discussion over putting the no turn on red signs on Rr.47 and Rt.9., the request is to bring in the Police Chief in to discuss this.

The intersection over Rt. 9 and Mill Valley road, David Nixon states that we are working with MASS DOT and trying to contact the building owner to connect them.

7.7 Senior Center RFS's For Geotech and Phase 1

Motion to release the services for the Fire Substation and the Senior Center

Motion: Chunglo                      Second: Devine

Vote: 5-0-0

7.8 Fire Substation RFS's For Geotech and Phase 1

**8. New Business**

8.1 Water Abatement - 17 Kennedy Drive

Motion to deny this abatement

Motion: Devine                      Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 4-0-1

John Waskiewicz abstains

8.2 Sewer Abatement - 227 Russell St.

Motion to approve this appointment

Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo

Vote: 4-0-1

John Waskiewicz abstains

8.3 Sewer Abatement - 18 North Lane

Motion to approve this appointment

Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo

Vote: 4-0-1

John Waskiewicz abstains

**9. Other**

Marlo Warner states that the Salt and Road budget is going into deficit spending.

He must notify the Select Board that they are going into deficit.

He then thanks the DPW crew has done an amazing job, working through these storms and they have worked so hard.

10. Announcements

Joyce Chunglo offers the condolences to the family of Anthony Cardaropoli

and Condolences to the family of Julianna Niedbala. And condolences to family of Joyce Belden

11. Executive Session

12. Adjournment

12.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Devine                      Second: Waskiewicz

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.