

Town Of Williamstown
Board of Selectmen Meeting

Williamstown Middle High School Library

03/16/2015

7:01 PM

Board Members: **Larry Hebert, Chair**
Matt Rouleau, Vice Chair
Francis Covey, Selectman
Scott Vaillancourt, Selectman
Ed McGlynn, Selectman

Town Manager: Jacqueline Higgins

Administrative Assistant: Donald Angolano

Present: Horace Duke Jr., Margaret Phillips, Rama Schneider, Arthur Kramer, Earl Everhart, John Taylor, Kathleen Lott

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Call to Order: Larry calls meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Set Agenda: Matt moves to accept the agenda as written. Fran seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Review of Public Comment: N/A

Selectboard Announcements: Larry to expand on Bond vote issues and provide extensive information on what the Bond is and how it will impact residents. Pipes are freezing around town. It is advised that you run your taps to avoid high cost emergency plumbing repairs. There will be a Waste Water Treatment Plant Bond informational meeting on March 30, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Library.

Public Announcements: N/A

Review and Approve Minutes: Matt moves to approves Minutes from 3/2/2015 Select Board Meeting and Minutes from Public Hearing #2 on 3/2/2015. Scott Seconds. 4-0. So Voted.

Matt Moves to accept minutes from 3/6/2015. Scott Seconds. 5-0. So Voted.

Review and Approval of Warrants: Scott moves to accept PR warrant 3/8/15, SB241 & SB242

Town Manager Report: SEE ATTACHED

New Business:

APPOINTMENTS – Matt moves to accept appointments as listed. Ed Seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Old Business:

SEWER BOND VOTE: Larry discussed the necessity of the Waste Treatment Plant to be upgraded now. He outlined how a 20% increase in user sewer fees and stipends of \$15,000 from the Schools and Municipality, plus energy efficiency and chemical savings will raise the annual bond payments over the course of the 30 year bond. It was again mentioned there are going to be costs associated with the aging Wastewater plant to maintain its operation and that systems are 45 years old and will or are failing. The plant must be operational, there are no option to discontinue public sewer services to the town. If things fail they need to be fixed and there is potential that fines could accompany such failures.

Scott moves to ratify and confirm all actions taken at the March 6, 2015 special Selectboard meeting relating to the call of the April 6, 2015 bond election, including adoption of the necessity resolution and notice of official intent, and approval of the warning. Fran seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Open Public Comment and Questions: N/A

Around the Table:

L. Hebert – N/A

M. Rouleau – Matt indicates the Planning Commission is seeking members. Matt mentioned there are great projects on the horizon and currently being worked on by the commission, including Village designation and the new Town Plan.

F. Covey – N/A

S. Vaillancourt – Thanks residents for attending and voting at Town Meeting this year.

E. McGlynn – N/A

Adjourn: Scott moves to adjourn. Matt seconds. 5-0. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaqueline Higgins, Town Manager
Don Angolano, Admin Assistant

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