

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Date: 24 March 2008

Agenda: RSU #1 Update

- Treasurer's Report & Warrant Article
- Assessor's Account
- Squirrel Point Light Liens
- Final Audit Report
- Snow Plow
- Sign Reference for Chris Cummings
- Alewives Restoration Project
- Nominate Shellfish Warden
- File Flood Insurance Vendor and Donation Request
- Appoint Alternate CEO and LPI
- Other
- Mail
- Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Selectmen (TS) – Larry Wilson

Sukey Heard
Michele Gaillard

Treasurer – Ray Paradis

Town Clerk – Heather K Baker

RSU #1 Members – Francie Tolan
Tim Harkins

Conservation Commission Member – Karen Robbins

Attachments: A. RSU #1 Timeline & Proposed Budget

B. Warrant Article #18, dtd 23 Mar 2008

C. Jim Stump e-mail, dtd 24 Mar 2008

Larry called the meeting to order at 5:45PM.

RSU#1 Update

- Francie explained that draft proposal #3 indicates a 4.52% increase in appropriation for school next year's proposed school budget. This figure includes surplus from all the towns in the school union. Michele asked if all of the money Arrowsic amassed in surplus be considered in the school budget. Francie said by consolidating all the towns' surplus the Union has \$167,000 less in State cuts, see attachment A, parts 2 & 3.
- Larry suggested Francie and Tim present the school union update information to the Selectmen and allow them to review it outside this meeting and get back to them with any questions or concerns they may have at a later meeting. Based on the information provided in attachment A the annual report will be incomplete with regard to accurate school budget figures as the proposed amount will have to be approved by the voters at the next State election on June 10th.
- Francie said it may take several mega town meetings, special town meetings and municipal elections to get a school budget passed.

RSU#1 Update (cont)

- Arrowsic will have a School Advisory Board (SAB) that will allow local input to stay local. Currently there is no number specified for Board Members. It is to be decided if members will be elected at the annual town meeting or appointed by the Selectmen.
- Francie will contact Maria Grill to place a notice in the May issue of the *Arrow* requesting interested residents to volunteer for the SAB.
- Francie would also like an RSU#1 mailbox and meeting minute binder at the town hall. In the meantime she will file RSU minutes in the School Committee book.
- Tim provided an update on the Georgetown school situation. The RSU formed a sub-committee to pursue the RSU/Georgetown relationship. Workshop held on 18 Mar 2008 in Augusta which changed language in the agreement that may be voted through. The old language in the agreement guaranteed Arrowsic school children a place in the Georgetown school and gave the authority to Georgetown not the RSU. The new language does not guarantee placement for non-grandfathered children and “allows” the RSU to contract with Georgetown to tuition in Arrowsic children. The RSU budget absorbs tuition for grandfathered children. All children currently schooled outside the district are funded by the RSU.
- Francie would like to know how best to communicate with the Selectmen in a public forum. The Selectmen will take this question and the information provided and get back to the RSU members at a later date.

Warrant Articles & Treasurer's Report

- Warrant #18, attachment B, accepted and approved as submitted.
 1. Assessor's Account – With regard to the Property Committee Account some additional work has been on the basement renovation at the town hall and the two (2) vendor invoices for the completed work need to be categorized as either town hall repair or charged to the assessor's account. Ray recommends they be paid under the Assessor's account in keeping with other work done in the space paid for under that account.

Larry motioned to move the invoices from town hall renovation expenses to the Assessor's account. TS unanimously approved the motion.
 2. Squirrel Point Lien – Sukey said according to MMA Title 36, Section 8.3.1, sub-section 3, allows the Selectmen/Assessors to abate the back taxes on the Squirrel Point property that went to the Federal government since they are uncollectible. The Federal Government doesn't pay property taxes. The previous owner is incapable of paying. TS can abate the outstanding taxes and remove the lien. TS will resolve this matter as 'Assessors' at the next Selectman's meeting.
 3. Final Audit Report – Ray has reviewed the final audit report package and found it acceptable as presented. TS will keep a copy on file.

Snow Plow

- Sukey motioned to accept the Road Commission's (RC) recommendation to pay for salt/sand and next invoice, see attachment C. The RC will cover the next invoice in their budget and monitor expenses for paving to ensure they stay within the balance of their remaining budget. Larry seconds the motion. TS approved unanimously. Ray will pay Holbrook an additional \$5500.
- Ray suggest the email be brought to a meeting with the TS, RC and Holbrook to discuss an equitable solution to revising the current snow plowing contract and work on an approach to next years contract as well.
- Larry will contact Jim Stump and Evan Holbrook to schedule a meeting to discuss current and future snow plowing contract revisions.

Sign Reference for Chris Cummings

- Sukey read from the form sent by the US Office of Personnel Management requesting personnel information on Chris Cummings. Larry signed the completed form. Sukey will mail.

Alewives Restoration Project

- Karen Robbins met with TS to advise them that as part of the Alewives Project the Conservation Commission (CC) will be sampling again this year. A new sampling trap will cost \$380.00. The CC has spent all of its allotted funds for this year but the trap will be required for April.
- Larry advised Karen that the committee may defer payment for the trap till July of 2008 when the addition funds can be added to the warrant for the next fiscal year, but the Selectman may not advise the committee to overspend its current budget.
- Karen will have a conversation with Brooks, the vendor, to see if they will defer payment for a trap till July with a deposit of \$75.00 which the committee has remaining in their budget. The CC will then ask for the monies for the trap when they request their 2008-2009 budget allowance from the town.

Nominate Shellfish Warden

- Sukey motioned to nominate Jon Hentz as Shellfish Warden, Larry second the motion and it passed unanimously. Michele filled out the appointment form and Larry will call Jon to come in and take his oath of office during town hall office hours.

File Flood Insurance Vendor and Donation Request

- No other information in the TRIO file is available to the vendor. No additional information will be forwarded to the vendor as all public documents on file with the town have been forwarded and the fee requested for the information was never sent by the vendor.

Appoint Alternate CEO and LPI

- Although TS have previously appointed Ken Desmond as Alternate CEO and Richard Lang as Alternate LPI, Mike Kreindler and Robert Trabona, the new Georgetown CEO/LPI, have reached an agreement to provide coverage for each other when it is needed. Ken and Rick Lang have been notified of the new arrangement.
- Sukey motioned to dismiss Ken Desmond as Alternate CEO. Larry second and the motion passed unanimously. Michele motioned to dismiss Richard Lang's appointment as Alternate LPI. Larry second and the motion passed unanimously. Michele motioned to appoint Robert Trabona as Alternate CEO and LPI, Larry second and the motion passed unanimously. Robert will be contacted to come to the town hall during office hours to take the oath of office.

Other

- None

Mail

- None

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- None

Larry adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather K. Baker

Heather K. Baker, Town Clerk