



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

SELECTBOARD

March 08, 2016 Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

Selectboard Offices

Minutes

Board Members present: Chair Dick Wagner, Evan Johnson and Charley Rose

Present: Administrative Assistant Peg O'Neal, Correspondent Elodi McBride, Fin Com: Joe Boudreau, Paul Dunlevy, Alex Lak and Tom Wisnauckas; Planning Board Jay Dwight; Solarize Alexander Hunter, Patti Hackett-Hunter, Tim Walter, Miranda Edison and Jan Bradley; Timothy Sena and Catherine Sena; Joel and Sara Upton, Marie Burkart, Maria Bebee and Steve Harrington. Recording Secretary arrived at 7:45.

Solarize Worthington: Tim Walter, Marie Burkart and Janet Bradley re: Solarize Worthington

- Cummington and Windsor voted to participate. They will send a copy of Plainfield, Ashfield and Buckland's Intermunicipal agreement. Dick will look at the previous link already sent. Discussion of agreement: The deadline is April 30 or until they receive 10 applicants. A vote from the Selectboard is required.
- After the Installer is picked, there is a "Meet the Installer Night" which will include a Power Point presentation. A meeting will be held in mid- April to go over any problems towns are having.
- Marie Burkart is considering being part of the three member committee and will look into other interested parties. Worthington Health Center is interested in putting up solar on that facility. Regrets: Charley has excused himself from the May 7th Annual Town Meeting because of a prior commitment but will try to adjust his schedule in order to attend the 14th Special Town Meeting.
- **Finance Committee:**
 - Broadband funding options and amount
 - Additional Assistant Treasurer cost/help
 - Budget updates (Voc Ed/Health Ins. Rates/Compensation budget lines/Shifting admin. Hours from fire to PD and HWY/foreclosure maintenance account)

Compensation Budget Lines:

10146. Tax Collector's Salary: \$15,000

10135. Accountant's Salary \$12,231

Minimal visible penalty was applied.

10145. Treasurer's Salary \$13,000

10145.03 Assistant Treasurer's Salary \$937

Discussion: Issues with the assistant doing payroll. Do not want to create another position.

Payroll training should be provided.

10122.06 Assistant Administrative Secretary Salary \$250
10122.10 Recording Secretary \$3,500
10192. Town Hall Custodian \$2635
60440. Wiring Inspector's Salary \$2128
70434. Disposal Attendant \$10,000
Additional 52 hours per year and COLA
20491. Winter Highway Overtime Wages \$11,853
20420. Highway Dept. Wages \$102,493

Broadband:

- Michael Morgenstern was consulted on Worthington's number. He agreed that \$2.1 million was an appropriate estimate. The Board will ascertain to the Bond Counsel's dollar amount and make it available to Fin Com next week. Joe will forward to Dick, Rick Manley's email concerning" if someone responds to an amendment made on the floor".

Budget updates:

Voc Ed: List increased to fifteen students.

Health Insurance:

- It was agreed to put amount in the FY17 budget for Health Insurance based on current enrollments. If enrollment changes it can be readjusted per Special Town Meeting before tax rate is set. Excess capacity is at \$6,000.

Tax title:

- The Mason and Albert Property were discussion. Joe will need confirmation on those numbers.

Highway and Fire Depts:

Fuel prices were discussed. Dick will work on that this week.

Recreation Committee:

- Helen Pollard's request for \$2,000 will be put off until next year. Private funding was discussed. An account could be created that would be supplied by donations.
- The Junior Olympics haven't been scheduled. Account will be looked at again.

The draft warrant will be ready on April 12.

STM petition:

- Joel Upton was concerned with wording of the STM petition. There is nothing under Chapter 39Section 10 that requires a petitioner to be identified when submitting a petition. The town has a legal obligation to put the wording as submitted on the warrant. Discussion ensued.

Planned Solar Installation:

- Tim Sena stated that everything in the proposed Chesterfield solar bylaw is adverse to the ground mounting of a solar array. If the bylaw goes into effect, a lot of things will have to be litigated before he can do what he wants to do with his land. Currently the solar law is going through changes. Tim Sena cited those possible changes. The proper recourse is to go back to the Planning Board. Tim was advised to write a list of specific concerns. The Board will pass them on to Town Counsel.

ACTION ITEMS

February, 23rd draft minutes were reviewed
January 12th and February 9th minutes were signed

Smith Voc Transportation award

Vocational Transportation Award:

One quote was received by Dufour Escorted Tours of Hinsdale, MA for \$31,005. Worthington awarded the purchase of the Vocation Education Transportation to Smith Voc.

Asbestos Demolition Survey Award:

- Two quotes were received for Asbestos Inspections.
 - 1) ECS (Environmental Compliance Services, Inc) of Agawam for \$1,600
 - 2) OT&O (O'Reilly, Talbot and Okun of Springfield, for \$1,700.The town awarded the purchase of Asbestos Inspection Services to the Environmental Compliances Services, INC for \$1,600.

Nomination of Inspector of Animals:

Evan nominated Jerry Mollison as Inspector of Animals. Dick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Transfer Station decal: Bumper stickers and window stickers were discussed. It was agreed to choose magenta window stickers.

Kinnebrook Bridge lead disposal:

Procurement officer Evan Johnson gave the authorization to sign off.

MassDOT Design Public Hearing for Route 143 Project: Meeting was set for April 7th.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Town of Huntington's Notice of Appeal

MRF July-December 2015 rebate

BOH correction orders re: February 27th Brian Dodge inspection

March 21 HRMC Meeting Agenda

Adjournment: Dick moved to adjourn at 10:20. Evan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary