

Board of Selectmen

March 16, 2017
Regular Session 7:00pm

Present: Mr. Paul Healey, Chairman; Mr. Paul Gannon; Ms. Mary Power; Mr. Ted Alexiades, Town Administrator, Mr. Tom Mayo, Assistant Town Administrator.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2017. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Questions from the Public Regarding Items not on the Agenda

There were no questions from the public.

Steve Olson, Aquarion Water Company, and Harry Sylvester, Engineering, presented. There were questions and comments from the Board and from Ted Alexiades.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to approve the request of Aquarion Water Company to install and maintain approximately 1550 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main on Tower Road. The project will also include new water services and a new hydrant. This new main will originate in front of House #47 continuing around the entire circle to completion at House #47. This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works, including letter dated February 16, 2017. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Mary Power to approve the request of Aquarion Water Company to install and maintain approximately 700 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main in Turkey Hill Lane. The project will also include a new water service and a new fire hydrant. This water main extension is being proposed to supply the Pat Roche Hospice Home at #86 Turkey Hill Lane with an adequate fire suppression system. The new main will originate from an existing main in front of #62 Turkey Hill Lane and continue to completion at a private driveway approximately 175 feet easterly of the Hospice Home where it will be connected to a private water main. This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works, including letter dated March 6, 2017. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Discussion of Fore River Compressor Station

Mike Mullaley provided an update from the March 9 Board meeting. Additional documentation was provided from Mr. Mullaley to Tom Mayo.

There were questions and comments from the Board. Decision was made to invite Spectra Energy to the April 6 Board meeting. A draft proclamation to the Governor (stating that the Town of Hingham is opposed to the Compressor Station) will be presented to the Board at that time.

Public Comment:

Julia Stokes Weinstein, 174 Justice Cushing Way

John Crowley, 16 Hull Street

Sandra Peters, North Weymouth

Town Warrant Planning and Zoning Articles

Gary Tondorf-Dick and Mary Savage-Dunham, Director of Community Planning, presented Summary Report on Zoning Articles for 2017 Town Meeting (Articles AAA, BBB, CCC and DDD).

There were questions and comments from the Board. Mary Power made mention of accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments, independent living spaces) and requested that the subject be given priority for next year.

Mr. Tondorf-Dick stated that previous research had been conducted on this topic last year. He would like to reopen the research and continue the discussion.

Paul Healey echoed Ms. Power's comments on the in-law apartments.

HDIC/MBTA – Increased Bus Service

Discussion postponed until further notice.

Warrant Articles:

Article JJ: 6 Station Street Drainage Easement

Emily Wentworth and Harry Sylvester presented. There were questions and comments from the Board.

Public Comment:

Jerry Seelen, 166 Hersey Street.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to recommend favorable action on Article JJ. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

VOTES

A motion was made by Mary Power to waive the permit fees associated with electrical work to be done at the DPW Storage Building. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to nominate Leslie Badger as Inspector of Animals for the Town of Hingham. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Appointments

There were no appointments.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Tom Mayo acknowledged furniture donation received from Talbots.

Paul Gannon wished all a happy St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Gannon made mention of year 1737 being the first Irish Catholic celebration in South Boston.

Paul Healey echoed Mr. Gannon's sentiments. He also thanked Steve Becker in obtaining a recent Cyber Security grant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved March 23, 2017

Sally Sinclair

Documents: (A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office).