

**Approved: May 7, 2018**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: April 19, 2018**

**Present: Gibbs, Freiman, Sullivan Woods, Morgan, Ulfelder**

**Also Present: Robinson, Jop**

**Warrants approved: 2018-040 \$3,916,036.99**

**Minutes approved:**

March 12, 2018

March 19, 2018

March 26, 2018

March 27, 2018

April 2, 2018

April 3, 2018

April 9, 2018

April 10, 2018

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. Draft BOS meeting minutes from March 12, 2018
3. Draft BOS meeting minutes from March 19, 2018
4. Draft BOS meeting minutes from March 26, 2018
5. Draft BOS meeting minutes from March 27, 2018
6. Draft BOS meeting minutes from April 2, 2018
7. Draft BOS meeting minutes from April 3, 2018
8. Draft BOS meeting minutes from April 9, 2018
9. Draft BOS meeting minutes from April 10, 2018
10. Gifts made to Council on Aging
11. Health Insurance Memorandum of Agreement
12. Order of Taking 818 – 822 Worcester Street
13. Order of Taking 826 Worcester Street
14. Correspondence re: Qdoba
15. Correspondence re: MA Sustainable Materials Recovery Program

**1. Call to Order and Citizen Speak**

Ms. Gibbs, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**Citizens Speak:**

None.

**2. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Robinson introduced the minutes listed on the agenda and the gift for the COA that required the Boards approval.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the March 12, 19, and 26, as well as April 2, 3, 9, and 10, 2018 meetings.**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to accept a gift of \$569.60 from Springwell for Title II grant funds for December 2017 transportation rides.**

### **3. Discussion Annual Town Meeting Business**

Mr. Morgan provided an update for the second Special Town Meeting. He informed the Board that the SBC has been updating schedules and work plans. The SBC was scheduled to make a presentation to the Advisory Committee at its regular meeting, Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Advisory will be posting for a public hearing on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Robinson added that the Special Town Meeting warrant has been drafted and Town Counsel had advised that it must be executed prior to May 2<sup>nd</sup> but should first be sent to MSBA to review the language. She stated that there are three articles currently in the warrant. The Board discussed of process of appointing the Moderator or Town Clerk for the Special Town Meeting if needed.

The Board reviewed their remaining articles for the annual town meeting. Ms. Robinson stated that Article 22 will be sent out and copies made available at Town Meeting on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Sullivan Woods inquired if the Board would receive updated figures regarding the parking revenue account.

Ms. Gibbs stated that Article 19 had been challenging for both the Selectmen and the Trustees. Ms. Freiman noted that the Board and the Trustees are in intractable positions. She proposed that the Selectmen not oppose the motion but would need to rework the Town Wide Financial Plan and the Trustees would withdraw Article 20 if Article 19 was passed.

Mr. Morgan stated that both the Selectmen and the Trustees held firm positions and there had been a clear majority at Town Meeting in favor of the Town funding the project. He added that as the chief executive board, the Selectmen have to put the Town's interest first and supported Ms. Freiman's suggestion.

Ms. Sullivan Woods asked if the Board had done an analysis on what the finances looked like and where the funding would come from. She believed it would be helpful to understand if funding source would be free cash or inside the levy borrowing. Ms. Robinson responded that if the project would be inside the levy debt then the Town would be above the debt policy in out years for capital. Ms. Freiman added that there would be projects in the capital plan that would have to be moved, but her position was to not oppose Article 19. Mr. Morgan stated that if Town Meeting decides to go forward with the library project there is not room in the Town finances to do everything proposed and there must be recognition that some projects will be deferred or not completed.

Ms. Gibbs stated that this decision has nothing to do with how we feel about the Library and its success. We support the Library and it is our responsibility to do what we have to financially in order to make projects possible. Ms. Freiman reiterated that her comments were about the process, that this along with the Town's finances are her sole concern. She also noted that the Trustees would like to begin fundraising and having a design for the project would help them. She added that funding cannot be subtracted from what is in the capital plan to make the project appear to cost less adding that funding for the project would need to be sorted out.

Mr. Ulfelder said he is proud to be a Board member and have the opportunity to show leadership and to exercise the Board's responsibility to the residents and the visitors of the library. He noted the challenge of listening to the debate and seeing perceived conflicts between the projects the Town prioritizes. He added that his view had been purely on the financial impact of the project and concerns over the OPM and finances. The Board continued to discuss the project and how it would be funded. The Board agreed that the individual Boards must take responsibility of making sure their projects are submitted in the capital planning process. Ms. Robinson added that the capital process policy would need to be discussed in the future.

#### **4. Ratify Health Insurance Memorandums of Agreement**

Ms. Robinson provided background to the successor health agreements for the next three years and asked for the Board to approve that the Chair execute the agreements on the Boards behalf.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement with each of the Town's 11 employee unions for successor health insurance plans for the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021 and authorize the Chair to execute the documents.**

#### **5. Authorize Order of Taking – 818-826 Worcester Street**

Ms. Robinson reviewed the final steps of the acquisition that was approved at the Special Town Meeting including the execution of the Order of Taking for the properties.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to acquire by eminent domain the properties located 818-822 Worcester Street and 826 Worcester Street pursuant to a vote of Town Meeting under article 2 of the April 9, 2018 Special town Meeting and to execute Orders of Taking for said properties.**

#### **6. New Business and Correspondence**

The Board agreed to the updated meeting time of 6:15pm for Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am