

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
APPROVED**

**BOS Members Present:** John G. Petropoulos, Chair; Joshua A. Degen, Vice Chair; Barry Pease, Clerk; Peter S. Cunningham, Member; Anna Eliot, Member

**Also Present:** Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Mr. Petropoulos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and reviewed the agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Eliot said that she walked Autumn Hill Orchard with the Agricultural Department.

Mr. Cunningham said that he wanted to thank GELD for their response during and after the storm yesterday. Mr. Petropoulos said that it was an all-around great response from all departments that were out after the storms.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Haddad said that the Board had 3 individuals interested in 2 vacancies on the Complete Streets Committee. He asked the Board if they wanted to schedule interviews or have other members of the Committee interview them and make recommendations. Mr. Pease asked if the first meeting had been set. Mr. Degen said that because it was a newly appointed Committee, he thought the Board should conduct the interviews. Mr. Petropoulos agreed. Mr. Cunningham was fine either way. Mr. Haddad said he would invite them into the next meeting.
2. Mr. Haddad said that the pre town-meeting meeting had been set for Thursday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am. He said that the Chair was not available to attend and had asked for someone to attend in his place. Mr. Petropoulos said he thought it would be good for Mr. Pease to attend. Mr. Pease said he was happy to do it.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Haddad said that he had completed drafting an RFP for an Operational Audit, which the Budget Sustainability Committee had reviewed and approved. He said that he wanted to know if the Board wanted the Committee to assist in the review in the form of a subcommittee whereas there would be three (3) members of the Sustainability Committee and three (3) other members. Mr. Degen said that they were putting out the RFP as a Board and he thought the review of the responses by the Board was important. He said that he would also be okay with a subcommittee made up of at least two (2) board members. Mr. Cunningham asked what the rationale was for establishing another committee. Mr. Petropoulos said that it was suggested by a resident adding it was a matter of perception. He said that having a third party review the responses was seen as important. Mr. Cunningham said that he was not violently opposed to it but thought it was unfortunate that a resident thought these boards couldn't be objective. Ms. Eliot asked if the Budget Sustainability Committee was saying that they had accomplished their tasks and were moving on after this. She said she shared concerns for setting up another committee adding she thought that the existing Committee should be the ones looking at this. Mr. Petropoulos said that the Committee saw itself as a fit but didn't see itself as a long term committee. Mr. Robertson said that the Sustainability Committee wouldn't disband but would meet more infrequently. He said that a smaller committee to review this and drive it forward was their thought adding it would ultimately be turned over to the Town.

**POWDER HOUSE ROAD PUBLIC HEARING**

*Mr. Degen moved to reconvene the Powder House Road public hearing. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Haddad said that he had provided the Board with a letter from Attorney Collins and a memo from Town Counsel. He said that it turned out Powder House Road was not a public way and asked if the Board wanted to vote to accept it as a private way. Mr. Collins said that he had provided Town Counsel with all the information he had along with information provided by Attorney June Johnson. He said that they reviewed it and both agreed that the

road was a private way. He said that the discontinuance of it as a public way was not needed but thought it would be useful for the Board to vote to acknowledge that based on information reviewed that it was a private way and therefore the town had no obligations associated with the road. Mr. Haddad said that he thought the Board might want to take that vote that night.

Ms. Eliot asked what happened to access as far as the church was concerned. Mr. Collins said that it was a private matter for which easements exist and had been in place for a couple of decades. Ms. Eliot asked who would maintain that part of the road. Mr. Collins said that Lawrence Academy takes care of it now and would continue to do so. Mr. Degen said that he understood the request and didn't have a problem with a motion but added that because of the amount of private land issues that may or may not exist there was always the potential for issues down the road. He said that he had no problem having Mr. Collins withdraw the request without prejudice. Mr. Petropoulos agreed. Mr. Collins said that there were no private landowners that abutted this road. He said that it was all Lawrence Academy property except for the parsonage. Mr. Cunningham said that he thought they should acknowledge and accept the land court decision that was provided to them. Mr. Collins said that the stipulation spelled out ownership and obligations. Mr. Degen asked if Mr. Collins was offering to withdraw the application without prejudice. Mr. Collins said that he was.

*Mr. Degen move that they accept the applicants offer to withdraw his request for discontinuance of Power House Road. Mr. Pease seconded the motion.*

Mr. Cunningham said that he would like to see land court decision 3256 referenced. Mr. Orcutt asked if the right to access the water mains remained. Mr. Collins said that nothing was changing. Mr. Degen said that he objected to Mr. Cunningham's amendment adding it was a land court decision and stood by itself. Mr. Pease agreed. Mr. Cunningham said he was simply asking it be recognized. There was no second to the amendment. It was withdrawn.

*The motion made by Degen and seconded by Pease was carried by a unanimous vote.*

*Mr. Degen moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Haddad read the public hearing notice for the warrant. Mr. Green convened the Finance Committee's meeting.

*Mr. Degen moved to open the hearing. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Haddad reviewed the warrant articles:

Article 1 was an unpaid bill that came in after the close of the fiscal year for work done in June.

Article 2 dealt with the FY 17 operating budget where there were five (5) budget adjustments that were being recommended.

1. \$5K was needed in the Assessors budget for the revaluation. He said that this was for personal property revaluation which brought in \$5M in taxes last year. He said that he had failed to account for it in the original budget.
2. \$10K was needed in the insurance line item. He said that the budget was set in December based on an estimate given to him by the insurance company. He said that Workers Comp came in higher than anticipated and General Liability was higher because of an increase in payroll, overtime for snow and ice from calendar year 2015, there had been more claims than usual, and their property insurance went up for public officials. Mr. Pease asked what the percentage increase was. Mr. Degen said about 11%. Mr. Haddad said that they would be meeting with MIIA in October to look at their liability insurance.
3. Police salaries - \$7,984 was needed to cover the Chief's new contract.
4. Municipal building expenses - \$13,500 was needed to fund the contracted custodian adding the position was cut when the override failed. He said that they would like to keep this in the budget as the need was still there.

5. CC expenses – Mr. Haddad said that the Country Club was experiencing code issues with its fire alarm. He said that \$7,760 was needed to fix this issue. Mr. Green asked if the facility was used by the day camp on rainy days and by the lease attendant asking what they generated. Mr. Haddad said that the day camp brought in about \$80K. He said that they had also renegotiated the lease with Blackbird Café. Ms. Dufresne said that the lease would bring in \$11K in FY18. Mr. Haddad said that because this new system would be run off cellular service, there would be a reduction in the phone bill of \$500 annually. Mr. Delaney said that when the codes go off, you have to evacuate the facility and reset the system every time.

Mr. Haddad said that there was no impact to the tax rate with these requests.

Article 3 – Mr. Haddad said that he was asking that \$425K be put into the capital stabilization fund. He said that it was a little more than what they needed but based on capital requests next year he was asking for that amount. Mr. Degen said that if they only needed \$389K to reach their goal that was what he would like to see.

Article 4 – Mr. Haddad said that they didn't need to add to the stabilization fund because they were at 5%.

*Mr. Pease move to remove article 4 from the warrant.*

Mr. Cunningham said that he wanted to let the Finance Committee weigh in. There was a brief discussion about the way in which warrant articles are submitted and placed on the warrant and whether or not the Board should vote on them being placed on there. Mr. Cunningham said that by posting the warrant they were essentially saying we want them on there. Mr. Haddad said that the Board decided what they wanted on the warrant. He said he simply drafted articles that had been given and provide all of them to the Board.

*Mr. Degen seconded Mr. Pease's motion. The motion failed 2-3 with Ms. Eliot, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Petropoulos voting against. Mr. Eliot said she would rather wait until the Finance Committee had an opportunity to weigh in.*

Article 5 – Mr. Haddad said that this was a placeholder in case the Board decided to offset tax rate with money from free cash. Mr. Degen said that if free cash was certified at \$1.2M and if all the free cash articles passed, he asked what the balance would be. Mr. Haddad said approximately \$274K.

Article 6 – Mr. Orcutt said that the Water Commissioners were looking to transfer funds for equipment and cleaning equipment. He said that this may end up being 2 different articles. Mr. Haddad said that he could split one article into 2 motions should the Water Commissioners request.

*Mr. Degen moved to allow this one article to be split into 2 motions. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Article 15 – \$15K - Mr. Haddad said that this was a request to purchase a scale for the Transfer Station. Mr. Delaney said that a local company was going out of business and he wanted to purchase their scale. He said that this was a necessity, adding he had been searching for one at a reasonable cost for about 15 years. He said the cost of one new was \$80K. Mr. Delaney said that this would help keep people honest on recycling weights and would also give them the potential for weighing loads which would bring in a little added revenue; something they do not have the ability to do now. Mr. Pease asked what the estimate on ROI was. Mr. Delaney said about 6-8 years at the most. Mr. Petropoulos asked if they were certain they underestimate weights. Mr. Delaney said it was hard to overestimate a weight but thought his employees did a good job adding they may not be estimating enough all the time. Mr. Petropoulos asked if they could see a potential revenue loss. Mr. Delaney said he didn't think so. Mr. Petropoulos asked if this would require more labor or hours needed. Mr. Delaney said no adding it was not more labor intensive. Mr. Pease asked if there would be less customer contact. Mr. Delaney said it would be more accurate customer contact. Mr. Degen said he thought this was an absolute must have. He asked when the last time the Sealer of Weights and Measures certified it. Mr. Delaney said it was certified 2 years ago. Mr. Green asked what the quality

of scale was and what level of maintenance was required. Mr. Delaney said it was an above average scale and would need minimal maintenance.

Article 16 – Mr. Haddad said that the CPC had received an out of cycle application to replace the foundation wall at Williams Barn. Mr. Haddad said that they were still waiting on estimated but thought that the request could increase by \$10K. Mr. Degen said that he was asked to quote this because it was a specialized project but was not because of a conflict of interest.

Article 7 – Mr. Haddad said that this was a recommendation from Sustainable Budget Committee. He said that imposing a hotel room tax was allowed and authorized under the general laws. He said that John Amaral of the Groton Inn was present to discuss it with the Board. Mr. Cunningham said that he was in support of this in theory. He said that because they didn't have rooms to speak of right now, it might be premature to do this. Mr. Degen said that he would be in favor of it like he was in favor of meals tax. He said that it was a great idea but didn't like throwing a pie in face to a new business although the customer would be paying it. He suggested they let them build their building and get their feet wet and then impose it if they wanted to a year or two from now. Ms. Eliot said that she raised concerns at the Sustainable Budget Committee meeting about this adding it didn't make sense to do this now because it could be seen as be a burden right now to a new business. She said they should be trying to attract new businesses. She said that the revenue generated would be more than whatever the tax on rooms would be. Mr. Petropoulos asked how a potential 6% would have a negative impact on the Town. Ms. Eliot said that that was not what she was saying. Mr. Pease asked if the owner was paying these kind of taxes on their existing properties. Ms. Eliot said that they had a history of granting TIF's on new properties. Mr. Degen said that he didn't think they could do a TIF on this. Mr. Haddad said that Town Meeting would have to vote it but it could be done. Ms. Eliot clarified that she was not suggesting a TIF. Mr. Petropoulos said that he understood that she was looking at this as similar to one.

Mr. John Amaral said that he had been a resident in Groton for 18 years. He said that he understood the balance between taxation and spending but said that this had just come to their attention the week before and came out of the blue. He said that the investors had spent the last four years on their business plan and were just about ready to break ground. He said that this was a shock to them adding they had a number that they had been working with. He said that they hadn't asked the Town for any assistance and did a very thorough evaluation before acquiring the land. Mr. Amaral said that 6% was a substantial amount of money adding that they already had hurdles to overcome. He said that a boutique/hotel industry was not like a Marriott. He said that they have many local investors and know what this will do for the community. He said that their goal was to spur economic development for the town but need to put money into the facility. He said that this would be detrimental to the stakeholders and will change their projections. Mr. Amaral went on to say that they searched for a hotel group to join their team for eight months. He said that Migis Hotel Group was chosen because they knew what Groton was all about. He said that Peter Twachtman, COO of Migis took time to learn about who they would be working with and where. Mr. Twachtman said that they believe they could absorb the 5.7% Mass tax rate but the additional 6% town tax could make them \$60 more per night as compared to their competitors. He said that this was a brand new hotel which was going on a site that had been empty for six years by the time they open. He said that they were estimating between 115-125 people working between both FT and PT positions. He said that 25 people might be full-time year round, benefit eligible, employees adding that maybe three years from now they may be able to absorb that extra cost but right now would not be good for a new project. Mr. Amaral asked the Board to consider holding off for at least three years thus allowing them time to get established.

Mr. Petropoulos said that it was clear at a Board of Trade meeting that they were interested in the Town and not just this business. With that said, Mr. Petropoulos said that they had 11K people here who were watching their taxes skyrocket and those that were scraping for every little bit. He said that he was personally disappointed to hear that their plans didn't consider a potential room tax. He asked if they expected to pay the meals tax adding it was similar. Mr. Amaral said that they did. Mr. Petropoulos asked if they were to go to Town Meeting and ask them to consider this, what kind of wrinkle it would put into their plans. Mr. Amaral said that there had never been any discussion about a room tax. He said that people wouldn't think twice about a .75% meals tax adding they don't go through the same process when deciding to stay somewhere and eat somewhere. He said that they were going to start site work

either this week or next but would not be able to move forward with construction right now if this moves forward adding they would have to reevaluate. He said he was not saying it wouldn't come but they would have to go back and look at every line item. Mr. Petropoulos asked if they anticipated the occupancy rate. Mr. Twachtman said that they did. Mr. Petropoulos asked if they would consider agreeing to enter into an agreement if they exceed projections that would allow the Town to reconsider this sooner. Mr. Twachtman said that he would be open to understanding what that meant. Mr. Amaral asked if the Town would consider a TIF if they didn't meet their goals/projections. Mr. Petropoulos said that risk was something that was understood adding the environment shouldn't be responsible for it.

Mr. Cunningham said that he thought this was premature adding they had heard reasons why. He said he also thought it was premature and inappropriate to extract agreements at this time. Mr. Pease asked if the Emerson Property had already had this tax in place. Mr. Twachtman said that it was already in place. Mr. Pease said that he was not in favor of rolling taxes in and asked if this could be adopted and set at zero. Mr. Haddad said that they could not. Mr. Petropoulos said that he would prefer that Town Meeting make this decision. Mr. Richard Lewis said that he had been a resident for 50 years. He said that Groton had a bad reputation for doing business adding that more taxes for a new business was totally ludicrous and was sending the wrong message. Mr. Green said last minute things can be traumatic and after hearing what he heard that night, he was reconsidering his initial thoughts about this. He said that they needed to collaborate with new businesses and would like to see something rolled in unlike Mr. Pease. He said that he understood where they were coming from adding it was a good idea and deserved their consideration but in a collaborative fashion.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to remove article 7 from the warrant. Mr. Pease seconded the warrant. The motion carried unanimously.*

Article 8 – Mr. Haddad said that there was a request from the Council on Aging Feasibility Study Committee for \$300K to be used to design a new Senior Center building. He said that the plan was to design and bid it over the fall/winter months and come back to the Spring Town Meeting for construction money. He said that in terms of financing, he was recommending that design money be appropriated out of free cash which would have no impact on the tax payers. He said that the estimated cost of construction would be around \$4-6M and debt service on that would be approximately \$250K if the debt was excluded. He said that it would cost the average tax payer sixteen (16) cents or \$64 on the average tax bill. He said that FY18 was last year they would be funding the Town Hall and Library renovations. If they excluded the construction money and rolled over what they had been paying on the Town Hall and Library renovation there would only be a \$28 increase on the average tax bill not \$92 if they chose not to go this route. Mr. Haddad said that should the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee vote each year to use \$115,000 from Free Cash to offset the tax rate, there would be no additional tax impact for a new Senior Center but that was not something he was recommending.

Mr. Cunningham said that he was on the Committee and thought the needs of the seniors should not be anything new to anyone. Mr. Degen said that their senior growth numbers were higher percentagewise than any other segment of their population. He said that their Senior Center was not a 21st century center in that it lacked privacy, had inadequate spaces, and needed to be updated. He said that he was in favor of a new building but thought that failure to have time to communicate this need to the public could be the downfall of the article. He said that there was only six weeks before town meeting and they were just having this discussion. He said he thought this was a little bit premature and thought they should hold public forums from now until the sprint town meeting to get the information out there. Mr. Cunningham said that a fair amount of work had been done adding that a number of towns' people knew about this. He said that delaying this was a disservice to their seniors. Ms. Eliot said that design was an ingredient to this cake adding that she had been attending workshops on this for years at the Senior Center. She said that she felt as though the public was informed adding she didn't like the timing for any big expenditure but they knew it was coming down the line. Mr. Pease said that he agreed they went through the process adding they took the time to get the message out there that the center is inadequate. He said that he was asked by a constituent about the final report adding he was told that the final version wasn't ready to be discussed yet. He said that they could not review a final document before Town Meeting if it wasn't completed yet. He thought they should hold this to the same process as Prescott School, as an example. Mr. Pease said that he was not in favor of a \$300K expenditure

without going through that same process adding he didn't think it was ready to go. Mr. Cunningham said that the Board had been presented with a lot of information about this over the years and thought this was a little from Prescott in that Prescott would be generating revenue and not a drain on the Town. Mr. Cunningham said that there would be much more discussion to come adding that people don't typically pay attention until the very last minute. He said that there would be immediate needs that would need to be addressed in the current center that would cost money should they decide to delay this. Mr. Petropoulos said that he cautioned them when saying that this was just a \$28 impact. He said that the taxpayers thought this debt was coming off. Mr. Haddad said it was just a suggestion in an effort to minimize the impact. Mr. Petropoulos said that they know about these things as selectmen but not everyone else does. He said that this population was growing and they were entitled to good service but thought this was premature.

Ms. Kathy Shelp said that this process began in the fall of 2014. She said that they conducted a survey and discussed it at Town Meeting. She said that attendance at their charrettes was minimal adding they held meetings during the day, at night, and on weekends adding that the intention was to continue them. She said that the architect would also make presentations. She said that they were not looking for chandeliers but for accessibility. She said that those that couldn't access the building would stop coming and thought they needed to support the seniors. Ms. Mary Jennings said that she too had some questions about the study citing questions about the weighting that was used, and the acquisition costs were missing as a few examples. Ms. Shelp said that she knew there were a lot of questions and they were prepared to discuss those with people. Mr. Degen said that he was fully in favor of a new center and understood how much a six month delay may affect a few people. He said he felt bad about that, however the failure to fund this would have far reaching consequences.

Ms. Becky Pine started by saying she felt she was an informed citizen but said that she was completely taken by surprise that this was coming forward. She said that she participated in focus groups but had never seen or been made aware that survey results were available to the public. She said that some of the publicity had fallen short adding that minutes of the committee had not been posted that explained the decision to not use Prescott. She said that the study also did not have any costs listed. Mr. Green said that it would have costs once released. He said that he too had expressed to Mr. Haddad and the Committee the fact that he was not comfortable with telling people that they would need to fund something when they don't know how much at the moment. Mr. Petropoulos agreed. Mr. Cunningham said that he appreciated what had been said that evening but thought that this discussion had been going on for some time. He said that regardless of all that, they had a responsibility to meet the needs of that population of our community. Mr. Greg Sheldon said that the Prescott Committee had made a recommendation for mixed use in Prescott adding there was enough conversation about the Senior Center moving into there. He said that their report had three recommendations with the Senior Center moving in there.

Mr. Pease suggested that they give the Feasibility Study Committee an opportunity to come into a meeting with the Board before they do anything further.

*Mr. Degen moved that they withdraw article 8 from the warrant. Mr. Petropoulos seconded the motion for discussion purposes.*

Mr. Pease said that he would abstain until they had given the COA an opportunity to discuss this further with them. Mr. Cunningham said he was in opposition of the motion adding it was a perfect time to have more public input/discussion. Mr. Degen said that they were elected to see what offered the highest level of success. He said that it was his feeling that this was doomed and was not ready for prime time. Mr. Degen said that he would withdraw his motion and give this two more weeks.

Art 9 – Mr. Haddad said that article 9 was looking for the Town to accept MGL Chapter 200A, Section 9A which would allow the Treasurer to search for the rightful owner of uncashed accounts payable and payroll checks.

Art 10 – Mr. Haddad said that this article was requesting \$50K to purchase a vehicle for the Police Chief adding that the Board agreed during negotiations to move this up. Mr. Degen agreed it was part of negotiations adding they were contractually obliged but asked why use free cash and not capital stabilization. Mr. Haddad said that it was planned

in capital stabilization adding that free cash replenished capital stabilization any way so this was just removing a step. Mr. Green asked why this put into the contract. Mr. Haddad said that it was part of negotiations. Mr. Green said he felt it affected the whole capital cycle. Mr. Degen said that it would only cycle a vehicle in earlier than they originally thought. He said that this would mean they would only buy two vehicles in the spring not three. Mr. Green suggested that they take it out of stabilization. Mr. Haddad said that they could adding that it was his preference not to.

Art 11 – Mr. Haddad said that this was requesting \$10K to install accessible doors at Town Hall. He said that the Commission on Accessibility had requested this based on a study they did. Mr. Petropoulos asked if there would be a savings if they only did one set of doors. Mr. Green asked if this was a critical need adding they usually wait until the spring for money articles. Mr. Haddad said that he placed it on the warrant as requested by the Commission on Accessibility adding he would see what the savings was if they only did one door.

Art 12 – Mr. Haddad said that they were requesting \$45K for an operational audit of the Town’s finances.

Art 13 – Mr. Haddad said that he was asked by the School Committee to include this. He said that according to one member of the Committee they met the week before and may have decided that the school budget would cover this cost. Mr. Robertson said that the Town Meeting takes place after they would need it to be funded. Mr. Petropoulos said it sounded as though this should remain as a placeholder for now.

Art 14 – Mr. Haddad said that the boiler at Florence Roche needed to be replaced before it got too cold adding that this would be a Groton expense as they own the building.

Art 17 and 18 – Mr. Haddad said that articles 17 and 18 were sewer extension articles. 37 Longley Road was a single residence adding that the cost would be on them. Mr. Degen asked about 78 Old Ayer Road adding that it was his understanding that if Indian Hill went through there would be a force main to it which they would have exclusive use of. Mr. Haddad said that Town Meeting had to approve adding it to the district. Mr. Degen asked if they made sure this was worded correctly. Mr. Haddad said that Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Gmeiner had already reached out to Town Counsel for wording.

*Mr. Degen moved that they remove article 19 from the warrant. Mr. Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Art 20 – Mr. Haddad said that they would have a public hearing on this article on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This was to accept Crystal Spring Lane as a public way.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Petropoulos suggested that they skip the other business items as it was late and they were not time sensitive. Mr. Degen said that these were his items and asked if they could at least discuss one. Ms. Eliot said that because employees were impacted by this they should be able to be here. Mr. Cunningham said that he was okay with starting the discussion adding that they had talked about the start times of meetings before. Mr. Pease pointed out that he had not been part of those conversations. Mr. Cunningham said that when they typically reconsider something that new information had come forward. Mr. Degen said that the compelling reason was that he had yet to retire. He said that every other board he had worked on started their meetings at 7pm. He said that his ability to stay on a job site had been interfered with having to be here for 6pm. He added that Mr. Pease had not been able to weigh in on this. Mr. Pease said that he issued an email as a private citizen about the start time. Mr. Degen said he wanted to have an opportunity to earn a living.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to change the start time of BOS meeting to 7pm. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Operational Audit RFP Discussion Continuation: Mr. Degen said that he had no problem reviewing every single application that came forward and didn't feel that they needed a new committee. Mr. Pease said he agreed. Ms. Eliot said she agreed they didn't need another committee. Mr. Cunningham said that he thought this was something they could do themselves. Mr. Pease said that they maybe could ask for 5 members of the public that have no interest in this. Mr. Petropoulos said that he was not hearing a lot of support for this adding there was no need to move it forward.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Cunningham said that a letter had gone out from Town Counsel to Mass Audubon requesting again for a report for Rocky Hill. He said that they had not sat down with their Fire Chief or Warden to go over that plan for the restriction they hold. Mr. Degen suggested cc'ing a higher authority to see if it gave it more attention and priority.

Mr. Petropoulos adjourned the meeting at 9:12pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Pease, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ *respectfully submitted,*  
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved: 10/24/16