

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019
APPROVED**

SB Members Present: Alison S. Manugian, Chair; Joshua A. Degen, Vice Chair; John F. Reilly, Clerk; John R. Giger, Member; Rebecca H. Pine, Member

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

Ms. Manugian called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and reviewed the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Haddad reminded the Board that they were meeting on Thursday at 6pm at the Center for a workshop to continue reviewing their policies.

Mr. Giger said that they would be celebrating Veterans Day at the Fire Station on Monday, November 11th at 11am.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Gail Chalmers thanked everyone for attending the dedication of the Center on Saturday. She thanked Kathy Shelp and Mark Haddad for all their dedication and hard work on the Center. Mr. Haddad said that it was a great event and a wonderful building.

Ms. Pine said that there was something in the correspondence about DCR expanding the legacy program. Ms. Manugian said she had no real understanding about the program. Mr. Haddad said he would reach out to Mr. Delaney and Mr. Gualco and for additional information.

Ms. Pine said that she ran into one of the new members of the Capital Planning Advisory Committee who mentioned that one of the other members of the committee was not able to attend the first meeting and asked why they were meeting if one member could not be present. Mr. Haddad said that the member who could not attend was going to call into the meeting as was allowed by the OML. Ms. Pine said that it was great he could call in but thought all 5 members should be present. Ms. Manugian said that one of the members was an employee of the Country Club and asked if there had been any questions relative to the conflict of interest. Mr. Degen said that his employment had been mentioned but there were no specific questions relative to that. There was a discussion about Mr. Koski needing to recuse himself from voting on anything relative to the Country Club. Mr. Haddad said that he would bring this up at the first meeting. He said that he might call him instead about the potential conflict. Mr. Giger suggested having him call the ethics commission. Ms. Manugian asked Mr. Haddad to contact Town Counsel about this also.

Ms. Pine said she spoke with Jamie Eldridge at an event this past weekend and he mentioned that there was some funding available for clean water to deal with the manganese issue.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad said that he revised his memo relative to the budget guidance and included a section that spoke about the major initiative section. He said he would be holding his budget kick-off meeting with the department heads the next day. Mr. Giger said that he wanted to make sure that the word "sharing" of any deficit meant an even share with the school district.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Pine said that the discussion on domestic violence that was supposed to occur was to focus on the effort or resources available to do more to help this issue adding she would like to have this discussed at an upcoming meeting.

ON-GOING ISSUES

A: Mr. Haddad said that he was working on the final accounting for the Senior Center project and would get that to the Board as soon as the final bills had come in. Mr. Haddad provided an explanation of donations received as requested by Mr. Degen. Mr. Degen thanked everyone who contributed toward this project.

B: Mr. Haddad said that the CPC would be discussing the Prescott School Sprinkler System project request at their meeting this evening as part of their new plan year.

F: Mr. Haddad said that as part of their application process for Green Community Designation, they would be listing projects they wanted to apply for. Mr. Haddad said he would be setting up a meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss this.

G: Mr. Haddad said that they all approached Representative Harrington on Saturday. He said that there was confusion within the House with difference between a Charter Committee, a Charter Commission and the Authority of the Select Board. Mr. Haddad said that the Board voted on February 12, 2018 to add an article to the warrant to change from Selectmen to Select Board. He said that they advertised and held the public hearing on the warrant and ultimately Town Meeting approved the change. He said that the Board had the authority to add this change to the Charter and that it didn't need to go back to the Charter Committee.

H: Ms. Manugian said that the Florence Roche Building Committee was looking at high level possible combinations of renovate/build/locations, etc. She said that Town owned properties were being discussed. She said that they were discussing Prescott School which had its property complications. The Board did not feel like this should be considered. Ms. Manugian said that the Country Club was being looked at. She said that carving out a piece would render the Country Club non-functional. Ms. Pine asked what acreage they were looking at. Ms. Manugian and Mr. Haddad were unsure. Mr. Degen said he didn't think they should mess with success at this point adding the Country Club was finally holding their own. Mr. Degen said that there was land set aside at the high school for an elementary school and thought that should be looked at as the number one site. Ms. Manugian said she was concerned about the lack of water up there. Ms. Pine said she didn't think the Country Club was a viable option. Mr. Degen said that they had 11 acres reserved on the back side of Surrenden Farm which they should look at. Ms. Pine said she thought that parcel was for the CPC to decide its use. Mr. Giger asked if there had been a discussion about getting the school on school owned land and off Town land.

I: Mr. Haddad said that the Library roof repair was going well adding it might be completed ahead of schedule.

J: Mr. Haddad said that the Highway Garage was moving along well. He said he was bringing the members of the Building Committee by to tour the facility.

MINUTES

Mr. Degen moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 28, 2019 as presented. Ms. Pine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Manugian adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

Approved: _____
John Reilly, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted:
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved: 11/18/19