

PRESENT: Selectmen Lisa Ferolito, Bill Greathead, and Margaret Scarsdale; Andrew MacLean, Town Administrator; Tracie Looney, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Ms. Ferolito announced that the meeting is being cablecast live, and recorded for future cablecast by Pepperell Community Media.

Ms. Ferolito thanked the Pepperell Fourth of July Committee and the Fire Department for a safe and fun Fourth of July parade and fireworks.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

May 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 1)

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Ms. Scarsdale, it was unanimously voted to accept the May 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes as submitted.

June 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

These minutes were not available for the Board to approve.

2. APPROVE WARRANT AND SIGN PURCHASE ORDERS

There was no warrant to sign at the time of the meeting.

3. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS

There are no appointments / resignations at this time.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no written submittals.

Audience Comments: Mr. Greathead made note that the flowers at the Peter Fitzpatrick School are looking great thanks to local citizen, Deb Fountain. Veterans' Breakfast is to be held this coming weekend.

5. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (Exhibit 2)

The Town Administrator informed the Board that he has met with the Town Staff regarding goal setting for the upcoming year. There are currently two utility contracts that have been put in place with one including net metering for the Town. The Planning Dept. has been working on the MVP grant while the Conservation Dept. has been working on the water chestnut eradication in the Nashua River with State Grants for the second year. The DPW is working on repaving Townsend Street in the near future and DPW has a few employment opportunities. Ms. Scarsdale inquired as to when/how people would be notified about this. The TA mentioned that he would do that, and it was probably already on the Town News Flash. The Board checked the website and it was not on there. The TA was going to check with the DPW as to the details of the project to let the citizens know as soon as possible. The Library was recognized by the Library Land Project recently. The Recreation Dept. is looking to expand their registration process and making it automated. Ms. Scarsdale inquired about who will be appointed to the Steering Committee for the MVP Grant. The TA informed the Board that the Committee will be a combination of mostly citizens but some staff and they will most likely be appointed by the Town Administrator or BOS.

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Approval of AFSCME DPW Contract (Exhibit 3)

The Town Administrator has been working with the agreement between the Town of Pepperell and the AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO Local #1703. The TA explained the process of negotiation of the contract with the union. Overall the contract was in good shape, however most of the changed details were regarding salary. The agreement was just over a 7.2% increase over three years which works out to just under a 2.4%

change per year. There was an update to the classification table and job descriptions. The Board inquired about the seniority within the contract. On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Ms. Scarsdale, it was unanimously voted to approve the AFSCME DPW Contract from July1, 2019 – June 30, 2022.

6.2 Soil Reclamation Proposal Update

On June 28, 2019, the filing in Land Court was a joint statement concerning mediation. Both parties report that they have conferred and do not believe that mediation or other alternative dispute resolution would be productive at this stage of the proceedings. The next formal court date is September 30, 2019. Ms. Scarsdale inquired as to what will be expected to happen on September 30th. The Town Administrator explained that the Discovery process is what is happening between now and then.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Greathead and seconded by Ms. Scarsdale it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Looney, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Lisa M. Ferolito, Chairwoman

Bill Greathead, Clerk

Margaret Scarsdale