

SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP  
July 16, 2012  
McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall  
Spencer, Massachusetts 01562

Selectmen Present: Chairman Pepe, Vice Chair Woodbury, Clerk Stevens, Members Fritze and Berthiaume  
Staff Present: Town Administrator Gaudette

Chairman Pepe called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion: FMPC Survey Update (joint meeting with the FMPC): Chairman Pepe introduced the members of the FMPC which include himself and Selectmen Stevens, and also Rich Hebson (CPIC) and Paul McLaughlin (FinCom) who were in the audience. He then turned the discussion over to Mr. Gaudette. Mr. Gaudette advised that there were almost 200 responses to the survey. The survey was divided up into 4 sections that included demographics, satisfaction ratings, future challenges, and open suggestions. He noted the key aspects of the demographics; that the majority of the respondents were of retirement age, had lived in Town a long time, did not have school-aged children, and owned their own home. The satisfaction ratings were generally positive and it revealed that respondents were for the most part satisfied with all aspects of Town government, even cost control. The future challenges section revealed that roads and the DPHS project were the highest priority and what was surprising, based on the demographics responses, was that people felt a new Senior Center was a low priority.

The Board discussed that the next step would be to move forward with the process of tackling the road project. This would consist of getting an update to the pavement management study, having a presentation and a public hearing and then based on the results of the hearing the FMPC and the BOS would determine how to financially proceed.

Chairman Pepe commended the Administrator and his staff for projecting out 10-years on major department capital needs.

Award the Fire Station Annex Bid

Mr. Gaudette asked the Board to award the contract to RJ Loughton Construction Co. who was the low bidder at \$169,985 for General Contractor Work and for the pre-engineered building. The Town would seek separate bids for site work and the foundation.

*A motion to grant the Fire Station Annex bid to RJ Loughton (Berthiaume/Woodbury) passed 5/0.*

Discussion: Sex Offender Residency (proposed bylaw and map review)

Mr. Gaudette asked the Board to give him direction as to how to proceed with this topic. Mr. Woodbury asked him to research other towns' bylaws, such as Marlborough's. Chairman Pepe asked to set up a meeting with someone from Webster to discuss the implementation of the bylaw. Perhaps, Mr. Pepe, Mr. Gaudette, and Chief Darrin could visit the Webster Police

Department for this purpose. Mr. Gaudette will speak with Chief Darrin about setting up such a meeting.

Discussion: Agriculture Friendly Legislation:

Mr. Gaudette asked the Board to give him direction as to how to proceed with this topic. Chairman Pepe said that he would give a copy of Mr. Berthiaume's research to Mr. Gaudette for review.

Discussion: Economic Development Committee Charge:

Mr. Gaudette asked the Board to give him direction as to how to proceed with this topic. Chairman Pepe suggested that Mr. Gaudette make a first attempt at drafting a charge such as was done with the FMPC.

***A motion to enter into Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A § 21 ¶ 2, for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect contract negotiations with non-union personnel; ¶ 3, to discuss litigation; and ¶ 4, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate (Berthiaume/Woodbury) passed with a roll call vote: Berthiaume-yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes, Woodbury-yes, Fritze-yes.***

The executive session ended at 7:48 p.m. and Chairman Pepe reconvened the meeting in open session.

***A motion to adjourn (Woodbury/Fritze) passed 5/0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted

Adam D. Gaudette  
Town Administrator

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Board of Selectmen