

In attendance: C. Iino, F. Dudek, L. Annino, Jr. Visitors: R. Regolo, J. Young BOE,

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approval of Minutes: April 27, May 5

**Motion by Dudek, second by Annino, to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015 and May 5, 2015 as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Visitors' Comments: [this item followed item 6A]

Board of Education representative Jeannie Young provided discussed BOE referendum results and budget considerations moving forward. Timetables for upcoming public hearings and subsequent referenda were reviewed. 2015-16 priority capital projects will include roofing, boiler refurbishment/replacement and solar upgrades. Bonding for these projects would go to referendum in the fall.

4. Tax Abatements and Refunds: None

5. Appointments/Vacancies on appointive committees

Vacancies: Conservation Comm.(1) Emergency Management (3) Energy Task Force (5) IWWC(1) Open Space (2) Parmelee Farm (3) Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate (1) Public Health Agency (2)

6. Old Business

A. Capital projects review : Parker Hill Road drainage project is under way. Pre-construction meeting was held. Target date for completion is end of summer. Paving, under state bid, will follow immediately. Burr Hill Road repair is scheduled for mid-August, working around DOT work on Route 148.

B. Operating budget review: Operating expenses are in line with budget, with a few minor exceptions in Health and Land Use departments. Highway projects include sweeping, followed by catch basin cleaning. Spot paving, curbing and guardrail repair is ongoing.

Annino requested follow-up on plans to obtain townwide mapping of streets and basins from engineer. These plans will allow better oversight of progress on ongoing highway projects.

7. New Business

A. Land Use department accessibility : Contractor requests for better access to Land Use personnel were discussed. Iino met with Building Inspector and clarified that inspections need to be done outside of the established in-office hours, so that residents and contractors can count on set times to meet with officials and staff. [Posted in-office hours for the building inspector are now set for Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00 and Friday 1:00 – 2:30.]

B. Transfer Station use policies

It has been three years since town has issued new stickers. Plans to include a notice and renewal form in tax bills were discussed. Tire disposal and bulky waste fees were briefly discussed and there was general consensus that the no changes in procedure were necessary, and that transfer station services remain at no additional cost to taxpayers.

C. Building/Health department fees

These fees are currently set by town ordinance, requiring a town meeting for any modification. Iino proposed that we seek to amend the ordinance to allow the Board of Selectmen to occasionally adjust fees as necessary.

8. First Selectwoman's Comments

A. Budget meeting is set for May 18. Petitions for referendum have been issued and we will know by May 15 whether or not this meeting will adjourn to referendum.

B. State representative Jesse McLachlan notified Iino that the state has awarded a \$250,000 grant to the Congregational Church for the renovation of the Old Town Hall.

C. AFSCME negotiations have not begun as union representatives have not responded to town requests for meetings. Iino will approach represented employees to approach them directly.

D. Prevailing wage bill: Current bill and thresholds were briefly discussed.

9. Selectmen's Comments: Dudek discussed increasing costs of training firefighters at the regional school.

10. Adjournment: **Motion to adjourn by Annino, second by Dudek at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow, Recording Secretary on 5/12/15.