

In attendance: C. Iino, F. Dudek, L. Annino, Jr., R. Regolo

Visitors: E. Couture (BOE), D. Colonia (P & R), W. Linsley (PW, resident), P. Stull (resident)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Public comment
BOE representative Eric Couture reported on the following: status of the RSD17 budget, Strategic Planning Committee analysis, Building Committee progress re: High School renovation, drug prevention initiatives addressing recent incidents, and upcoming RSD 17 meetings. Dudek, referring to anticipated state budget cuts to the ECS and teacher pension contributions, asked how cost sharing would be divided across the two towns. After responding to several questions, Couture left the meeting at 7:11.
3. Approval of minutes: Feb 14, Feb 16, Feb 21, Feb 23
A motion by Iino, seconded by Dudek, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017 as written passed unanimously.
A motion by Iino, seconded by Annino, to approve the minutes of February 16, 2017 as written passed unanimously.
A motion by Iino, seconded by Annino, to approve the minutes of February 21, 2017 as written passed unanimously.
A motion by Iino to approve the minutes of February 23, 2017 as written passed with Dudek abstaining.
A motion by Iino to add item " Tri-State-Trek bicycle ride" to New Business as item C passed unanimously
4. Old Business: none
5. New Business
A. Park & Recreation Commission: Discussion of 2017/18 Operating Budget, Capital Budget, and Multi-Year Plan
Park and Recreation Commission Chair Dan Colonia fielded questions from the selectmen, having presented an operating budget request with only 3 minor increases. These would allow for the purchase of engineered wood chips for Sheldon playground, and for increased costs for electricity and Porta Lets. As part of the capital request, he presented a layout for the proposed playground at KRP (attached). Colonia described a safe and cost-conscious play area that will offer broad appeal, with ADA-accessible options for inclusive play, as well as challenging equipment for upper body exercise and coordination building. There was brief discussion of the new ballfield, approved at town meeting, contingent upon grant support.
B. Continued general review of 2017/18 budget requests
Regina Regolo distributed budget proposal, highlighting areas for discussion. Dudek asked for documentation supporting the proposed increase and title change for the Selectman's Assistant. He expressed frustration about the limited time remaining to review documentation and budget requests. There was brief discussion about when to add a special meeting to finalize budget.

B (cont'd). Capital projects discussion followed. Proposed revisions included cuts totaling \$550,000 including the removal of ballfield at KRP, and KVFC radio equipment. A drainage/paving project for the Library was moved from capital to operating as it is considered a routine maintenance project for that property.

Annino expressed concern that our capital projects are underfunded. Dudek agreed and asked for verification at the rate at which the town can replenish the capital fund balance. The Multi-year plan reflects approximately 1.5 million of capital needs each year, which the town cannot afford without bonding.

The BOS agreed to set up a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen for Tuesday, March 7.

Materials requested for next meeting:

- a. Engineering fees – actual spent, excluding road survey
- b. Actuals from KVFC chief
- c. Documentation supporting the proposed increase/title change for the Selectmen's Assistant.
- d. Documentation re: IWWC and Zoning Enforcement Officer

C. Tri-State Trek

A motion by Annino, seconded by lino, to allow the Tri-State Trek bicycle race to benefit the ALS Therapy Development Institute to pass through town on Saturday June 24, 2017 passed unanimously.

6. First Selectwoman's comments
The Selectmen briefly discussed the office of the tree warden.
7. Selectmen's comments: none
8. A motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. passed unanimously.

Attachment

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 3/1/17 .

