

In attendance: C. Iino, F. Dudek, L. Annino, Jr., R. Regolo  
Visitors: E. Couture, BOE W. Adametz, W. Linsley PW

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Public comment: None
3. Refunds and abatements  
**Motion by Dudek to allow the following refunds, both for overpayment, to follow the normal reimbursement course. Motion passed unanimously.**

Artus Group	176 Route 81	\$49.07	COC#07341M
Vault Trust/Ally Bank	PO Box 9001951	\$154.84	COC#07542M
4. Approval of Minutes: March 13, 27  
**A motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017 as written passed unanimously.**  
  
**A motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017 as written passed unanimously.**
5. Appointments: none
6. BOE Report  
BOE liaison Eric Couture updated the Board about upcoming RSD17 budget referendum, and on progress with the HKHS renovation/construction project (Roof, boiler, lighting, solar). The project is being managed by a construction manager from CREC, and the invitations to bid have begun. The ITB for Electrical contracting received no bids. Re: budget, Couture outlined cuts in the proposed budget, including reduction of contribution to capital fund, lower estimated costs for health insurance, and teaching staff reductions at HKMS. Managerial staff has been consolidated over recent years. Where there were 4 or 5 positions monitoring curriculum consistency and mandate compliance across the schools, there is now one person covering the whole district. There was further discussion about longer range planning in light of declining school population.
7. Old Business
  - A. Alders Bridge Improvements bid opening: Six bid packages were opened with the following results. Bids will be forwarded to town engineer for review.

B & W Paving and Landscaping, LLC	\$322,506
Schumack Engineered Construction	\$338,840
Trademark Contractors LLC	\$398,500
Machnik Brothers, Inc.	\$319,849
Venuti Enterprises Inc.	\$326,600
William Laydon Construction	\$332,738
  - B. Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan  
Selectmen made final changes to plan. Individual line items were discussed. It was noted for record that the repairs to the town hall modulars is not part of this document, as funding is already in place from previous fiscal year. [There was brief discussion and general

agreement that the selectmen would ask a structural engineer to estimate the cost of a new envelope, new mechanicals, and interior carpet and painting ]. Final approval of MYCIP was tabled until next meeting.

C. Town crew positions

**lino moved for discussion, seconded by Annino, that the town not fill the current mechanic position, and instead hire a driver/operator.** lino opened discussion about hiring a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier crew member, a driver/operator who would also perform light duty mechanical work. She invited Road Foreman for input, who reported his research on how other towns handle repairs. Annino stated that the Board could not make a decision without a broader analysis of the cost/benefit of mechanical work handled in-house vs. outsourced. Because of union contract implications, the selectmen agreed to discuss the matter outside of the meeting, and the motion was tabled.

8. New Business

A. Planning and Zoning Proposed Fee Schedule

Proposed fees were presented to the board for discussion. There was general discussion and a request for a rationale from P & Z for such significant increases in fees.

[Editor's note: In response to an inquiry, DEEP charges a flat \$60 fee per permit.]

B. Citizens Guide: An updated version of this budget education piece was circulated for review and comments.

C. Breakaway benefit ride

**Motion by lino to allow the CCAP Breakaway Benefit ride to pass through town on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3.** The Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program provides healthy lifestyle opportunities to Connecticut's youth through the sport of cycling. **Motion passed unanimously.**

9. First Selectwoman's comments

A. lino provided multi-town comparisons of VSECI member contributions as requested.

B. lino recommended the selectmen attend a CERC Economic Development Workshop along with Planning and Zoning commission members on May 16, 2017 at 6 p.m. CERC is providing the training workshop for free.

C. lino announced that the Board of Finance would take up the purchase of the Venuti property on Route 148 on April 18. This item was referred to the BOF for consideration on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

D. A resident requested NO THRU TRUCKS signage on Reservoir Road. There was brief discussion. No action was taken.

10. Selectmen's comments

Annino reported on his recent attendance at a meeting regarding the County Road Bridge project. He expressed concern that the smaller bridge in Madison that is virtually part of the same system is not part of the state-funded project, which could lead to the road being closed twice for extended periods. lino clarified that Madison planned to work on both bridges at once, which is why she asked Madison to be the lead town on the project. Annino asked that

the Board support efforts by the Town of Madison to get the state to consider both bridges as a single system, which they all believed was the original intention.

11. Adjournment

**At 9:19 p.m. Dudek moved adjournment. The motion, seconded by Annino, passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 4/19/17.