

Board of Selectmen Minutes 10/19/2015

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Board of Selectmen	October 19, 2015
Regular Session	Teachers' cafeteria, Lynnfield Middle School, 505 Main Street

Present:	Philip Crawford, Chairman
	Thomas Terranova Jr., Selectman
	Christopher Barrett, Selectman

Chairman Crawford called the meeting to order at 6.32 p.m.

Warrant article recommendations

Chairman Crawford said the sole article on which the Board had not made a recommendation was Article 2, which included transfers within the current fiscal year budget. The Board supported an addition to police overtime to allow for additional traffic enforcement until a full-time officer could be hired and trained.

In response to questions from Board members, Town Administrator James Boudreau said an additional \$42,000 in police overtime was added; of that amount, \$24,000 would be funded from a transfer from patrolmen salaries, and the remainder would be funding by "raise and appropriate." He said that this would fund four hours of traffic enforcement per day and give the chief flexibility on when to assign officers. After July 1, the school resource officer will again be available for traffic duty more frequently.

Chairman Crawford said the Board could discuss later whether additional funding will need to be transferred at the April town meeting.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to recommend passage of Article 2 as presented.

Appointment of assistant town accountant

Mr. Boudreau said he was recommending to the Board that it appoint longtime accounting department employee Janice Coburn as assistant town accountant. He said when William Gustus was town administrator, as part of a collective bargaining agreement, several clerical positions were reclassified, including Ms. Coburn's. The Board never took the formal step of appointing Ms. Coburn as assistant town accountant; now, as Julianne McCarthy has stepped down as accountant to take a position in another community, it is necessary to make this appointment to give Ms. Coburn the authority to sign payrolls and warrants. Her rate of pay will remain unchanged.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Janice Coburn as assistant town accountant.

Town meeting

Selectman Barrett told his fellow Board members that he planned to make a motion to take Articles 15, 16 and 17 out of order so that they could be acted upon earlier in the evening. Chairman Crawford said that the Board had agreed to do this at an earlier meeting. Selectman Terranova noted that fall town meeting lost its quorum before these articles could be acted upon and said it is important to affected residents that these articles regarding signage be taken up while a quorum is present.

Administrative matters

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the use of the common and a banner for Jumin, Inc., a local nonprofit serving young people with autism, on September 11, 2016. Board members said this is a worthy cause headed up by resident Daniel McIntyre.

On the motion of Chairman Crawford, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 2, 2015 as presented.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to attend town meeting at 6:40 p.m.