

Board of Selectmen Minutes 04/25/2016

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Board of Selectmen	April 25, 2016
Regular Session	Teachers' cafeteria, Middle School

Present:	Philip Crawford, Chairman
	Christopher Barrett, Selectman
	Richard Dalton, Selectman

Chairman Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Request by employee for exemption under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A, Section 20 (B)

The Recreation Commission has requested that the Board approve an exemption under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A, Section 20 (B) for Finance Committee and Fields Committee member Robert Priestley, who has been contracted by the veterans' services department to provide music services for the Memorial Day observance. Mr. Priestley's company, The Priestleys, has provided this for many years. Members of the Board said they had no concerns and that Mr. Priestley had done a good job with this event in past years.

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton the Board voted unanimously to grant Robert Priestley an exemption under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A, Section 20 (B) for his contract to provide services for the Memorial Day observance.

Replacement of Town Accountant/Assistant Director of Finance

Chairman Crawford said that since the resignation of Town Accountant/Assistant Director of Finance Colleen Tam, the Town has engaged with an accounting firm and former Town Accountant/Assistant Director of Finance Julianne McCarthy to provide accounting services. He said the Town is fortunate that Ms. McCarthy has expressed her willingness to return to her former position. He said he does not believe the Town could find a finer person for this position. He said she will be able to begin full-time in early June. He recommended the Board authorize Town Administrator James Boudreau to negotiate and execute a contract with Ms. McCarthy on behalf of the Board.

Selectman Barrett said he supports this measure, and said it was a pleasure working with Ms. McCarthy when he was a member of the School Committee. He said this is a win for the community, as she knows Lynnfield and its systems very well. Selectman Dalton said he has heard nothing but good things about Ms. McCarthy, and that she will be able to hit the ground running.

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton, the Board voted to appoint Julianne McCarthy as Town Accountant/Assistant Director of Finance subject to successful negotiations of a contract, and authorized Mr. Boudreau to negotiate and execute such contract on behalf of the Board.

Discussion of warrant articles

On Article 4, Mr. Boudreau recommended that the Board adopt as its recommendation approval of the list of adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2016 budget as it appears in the town meeting handout (see below).

Transfer To:		~
0112254-530000	Selectman's Other Professional Services	20,000
0113151-511200	Finance Committee Clerical Salaries	675
0115153-578000	Town Counsel Expenses	500
0116151-511200	Town Clerk Clerical Salaries	900
0121052-511001	Dispatcher's Salaries	9,000
0121053-513000	Officer's Overtime	81,000
0121054-513000	Officer's Training Overtime	6,000
01392531-533000	Contract Buses System Wide	148,000
0154353-515000	Veteran's Benefits	10,500
0161051-511000	Library Director Salaries	5,398
0161053-530000	Library Expenses-Other	6,810

	Professional Services	
0171052-591000	Principal Paydown (2012 capital plan)	150,000
0175251-592504	Short Term Interest	1,105
0191955-517012	Other Employee Benefits	2,500
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Transfer From:		~
0113551-511000	Town Accountant's Salary	20,000
0116155-578000	Election Other Expense	900
0139252-52102	School Buildings Energy Supply	20,000
0142153-548002	Motor Fuel	64,780
0142451-521005	Reading Electricity	30,000
0143351-578031	Rubbish Disposal	35,000
0161052-511000	Librarian Other Salaries	12,208
0191052-517002	Health Insurance	100,000
0191254-517006	Worker's Comp Insurance	9,500
0100-104000	Certified Free Cash- General Fund	150,000
~		442,388.00

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton, the Board voted unanimously to recommend passage of Article 4 as shown in the town meeting handout.

On Article 25, which would allow businesses with more than five employees to operate in the Limited Business District if they obtain a special permit from the Board of Appeals, Chairman Crawford said that the Planning Board last week voted to recommend this article with a possible change in wording.

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton, the Board voted unanimously to recommend passage of Article 25.

On Article 31, which deals with changes in the definition of movement on a sign, Chairman Crawford said that he had some reservations about the strict definition of movement. He said the Planning Board last week recommended passage of this article. Selectman Barrett said he is comfortable with this language, and said that there is a lot of apprehension about moving signs in South Lynnfield. Chairman Crawford said South Lynnfield residents have valid concerns. Selectman Dalton said that as a Planning Board member, he had some reservations about the strictness of this definition, but also understands South Lynnfield's concerns.

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton, the Board voted unanimously to recommend passage of Article 31.

On Article 32, which would designate five roadways as scenic roads, Chairman Crawford said he feels the roads selected were the obvious ones for this designation. Selectman Dalton said he is fine with this article, and said he received some phone calls from concerned residents who believed this would affect private property. Town Counsel Thomas Mullen said that this will affect on public property; private residents would be potentially affected only if they are applying for curb cuts within the public way. Selectman Barrett asked what the current process for obtaining a curb cut entails. Mr. Boudreau said that the resident must obtain a street opening permit from the Department of Public Works.

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton, the Board voted unanimously to recommend passage of Article 32.

On Article 23, which would provide funding for the construction of a clubhouse at King Rail golf course, Chairman Crawford said that Town officials are not happy with the high initial cost estimates and would like to work to reduce costs between now and fall town meeting.

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton, the Board voted unanimously to recommend indefinite postponement of Article 23.

On Article 16, regarding the revolving fund for field usage fees, Mr. Boudreau said the Finance Committee, meeting elsewhere in the school, may ask that the funds be expended by the Recreation Commission instead of the Department of Public Works.

Administrative matters

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to place a banner over the common from May 8-22.

On the motion of Selectman Barrett, duly seconded by Selectman Dalton, the Board voted unanimously to approve a one-day liquor license for the Knights of Columbus for a private event on May 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Board, having completed the items on the agenda, stayed in session for town meeting, and adjourned after its completion at 10:00 p.m.