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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator

Not present: Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present. Town Counsel Lalli was not in attendance this evening.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Saturday, February 1, 2014 (Work Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 30, 2014 (Open Session) as written. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 16, 2014 (Regular Session) as submitted. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty wanted to remind residents that this coming Saturday, February 8th is bulk pick-up day. Bulky items, furniture, boxes and large items must be curbside by 7:00 a.m. White goods, appliances and bulk metal are not accepted. Residents must call Howland Disposal to schedule a pick up.

APPOINTMENT OF COA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Town Administrator McCue reported that he and Council on Aging Director Jane Hanley conducted nine (9) interviews for the open position of Council on Aging Administrative Assistant. At this time it is our joint recommendation that the Board appoints Doreen Gouthro to the position.

Mr. Brady made a motion to appoint Doreen Gouthro to the position of Administrative Assistant I, Grade OAL 2/1 at the rate of \$16.21 per hour. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RATIFY CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Brady made a motion to ratify the appointment of Edward Mekjian of 103 School Street and David Madore of 464 Central Street to the Conservation Commission, terms to expire: June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2014, respectively. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

TEMPORARY SIGN PERMIT—AFFORDABLE FURNITURE

A request for a temporary sign permit was received from Affordable Furniture at 75 Stockwell Drive to display two vinyl banners advertising a "Tax Refund Sale" from February 14th through March 9th.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit to display two (2) banners from February 14th through March 9th advertising a "Tax Refund Sale." Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty announced the final day for Christmas tree pick up would be Friday, February 14th.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Brady, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue reported that he attended a seminar regarding the "Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program," a program by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The program aims to help Massachusetts cities and towns acquire Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles, Battery Electric Vehicles and Level 2 dual-head charging stations.

Mr. McCue informed the Board that he put in an application for the grant. Municipalities and Public Universities and Colleges, may receive, if awarded, up to \$10,000 for a charging station and up to \$5,000 for Hybrid Vehicles and Battery Electric Vehicles.

Mr. McCue announced that the Crowley Elementary School demolition project should be completed next week.

An OCPC grant would provide bike racks in the Town of Avon, at such locations as the Avon Public Library and Avon center.

Mr. McCue is pleased to report about 90% of the Town of Avon employees have completed the "Ethics Training" testing.

An advertisement will appear next week in the Central Register regarding proposals for installation of a cell tower on the Crowley Elementary School property.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR THE PRINTING OF THE 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The following bids were opened by Mr. Rose for printing of the Annual Town Report:

	<u>600 Copies</u>	<u>700 Copies</u>
1. King Printing East Lowell, MA	\$1781.17	\$1950.37
2. MASS COR Norfolk, MA	\$3426.00	\$3969.00
3. Country Press, Inc. Lakeville, MA	\$2283.83	\$2610.04

Mr. Brady made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8:00 p.m.—CLOUGH, HARBOUR & ASSOCIATES

Mr. Don Rose of Clough, Harbour & Associates appeared before the Board. Chairman Hegarty asked for an update on the Wastewater Project for the Industrial Park—where we are and the next phase of the project.

Mr. Rose explained about due diligence with soil testing. Access is in question for the soil testing. Do we need to go through abutters' land?

Wetlands were discussed as well as the location of the septic systems. Mr. Don Rose suggested completing an aerial survey; doing soil testing around mid-March when there is no snow on the ground.

Chairman Hegarty asked for a breakdown of costs. The first phase would cost approximately \$70,000.

Chairman Hegarty asked if this is feasible or does the Town go back and look at other options?

At this time Planning Board members Charles Comeau, Robert Pillarella and Jason Suzor joined the discussion.

Chairman Hegarty explained funding is a factor in the project. He explained to members of the Planning Board that we are looking at difference options. The Board needs to sit down with the Industrial Park Association and see if they can get a commitment from the businesses to hook up to a sewer system.

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Rose and Planning Board members departed.

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining agreement whereby an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body, so declared by the Chair. Mr. Brady seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye

Mr. Brady voted aye

Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in open session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Miriam Rothstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary