

Selectmen's Meeting
January 6, 2014
3:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Margaret Serpa, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck; and Michael Donaroma. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator and Karen Fuller.

At 4:00 pm Chairman Serpa continued with the meeting and addressed the next item on the agenda which was opening the bids for a DAS system on Chappaquiddick. There were no bids. Present for the opening was Georgiana Greenough.

Ms. Greenough asked how the Board would like to proceed this was the second RFP.

Mr. Smadbeck suggested that the Committee look toward something other than a DAS system since there was obviously no interest. He encouraged the Committee to look toward towers, antennas and other alternatives.

Chairman Serpa then opened the hearing for Nstar to run conduit to 53 Road to the Plains. Present for Nstar was Karen Corriveau, Right of Way Agent.

Ms. Corriveau explained briefly that they needed the Board's permission to run the conduit in the right of way.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent, requested that they use the underground drill instead of digging.

Ms. Serpa closed the hearing at 4:02. Mr. Smadbeck then moved to approve the request with stipulation set by Mr. Fuller. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:05 Ms. Serpa opened the advertised public hearing for the CDBG grant. Present was Ms. Alice Boyd of Bailey, Boyd, and Associates.

Ms. Boyd explained that they were having this addition public hearing because DHCD wanted to hear opinions on the expectations and outcomes of the grant. She gave a quick overview of the uses of the CDBG grant and the people it serves. She thanked Melissa Vincent for all her hard work. She stated that in this round of applications they are applying for the maximum allowed and Ms. Vincent has hit all the goals on time.

Ms. Vincent stated that they actually needed more money than was granted and were able to find more funding from grants from the USDA and HAC.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to submit the FY14 CDBG grant application and allow Ms. Dolby to sign. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:10 pm Ms. Serpa opened the hearing for NStar to run cable and conduit to 76 The Boulevard.

Ms. Corriveau stated that they were running 55' of cable and conduit.

Mr. Fuller asked again if the drill could be used to avoid digging up the street.

Ms. Serpa closed the hearing at 4:11pm. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the request with the restriction that they use the drill. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Peter Wells, owner of the Chappy Ferry, who was next on the agenda.

Mr. Wells stated that the ferry line configuration for when there was only one ferry in service worked really well. He wanted to see if they could have it that way more frequently.

Police Chief Tony Bettencourt and Mr. Fuller did not see a problem in trying it out for a while.

There was discussion about the parking spots in front of the library that were unusable with this configuration.

Ms. Jill Hughes, Head Librarian, wanted the parking spots back. There were a lot of people asking about when those spots would be back. They did, however, still have the Warren House parking for now. When the Warren House parking was gone they would definitely need the spots back.

Mr. Wells asked if they could keep this configuration until that change happened or at least until spring.

Ms. Dolby stated that she anticipated the Warren House work starting sometime in the early spring. She would call the new owner and get an update.

The Board saw no issue in letting the configuration stay until the Library lost the Warren House parking unless something else arose that spurred a need to change it earlier.

At 4:17pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant