

Weathersfield Select Board
Minutes
January 21, 2013

Present: Dan Boyer
Norman John Arrison
Michael Todd
Dave Fuller
Richard Clattenburg

Others Present: Jim Mullen, Town Manager
Lisa Slade, Recording Secretary
Julia Lloyd Wright, Energy Coordinator
Peter Daniels
Alan Hudson
Nancy Nutile-McMenemy, Chair Weathersfield Proctor Library
Edith Stillson
Jeff Slade
BJ Esty
Ray Moore
Linda Moore
Ryan Pelletier
Wes Hazeltine
Gregg Adamovich
Brenda Richardson
Dan Potter, Brownsfield Committee

1. Call to Order: Mr. Boyer called the Weathersfield Select Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall.
2. Comments from Citizens and Select Board Members: Ms. Julia Lloyd Wright said the State is doing a home energy challenge and she has signed Weathersfield up. She said we need to weatherize 3% of our homes which equals about 35 homes and we may be eligible for a \$10,000 grant if we do this. She said the goal is for the homeowners to realize a 10% energy savings. Ms. Lloyd Wright asked anyone that is interested to contact the Town office.
3. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting(s): **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the minutes dated January 7, 2013. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed without dissent.** (Mr. Clattenburg was not present during this motion)
4. Board of Liquor Control Commissioners - Mr. Boyer convened the Board of Liquor Commissioners.
 - A. Abbott Brown Inc.dba Inn at Weathersfield: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the first class liquor license for Abbott Brown Inc dba Inn at**

Weathersfield. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Mr. Clattenburg was not present during this motion).

B. Scott Rogers, LLC dba Scott Rogers, LLC: Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the second class liquor license for Scott Rogers, LLC dba Scott Rogers, LLC. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Mr. Clattenburg was not present during this motion).

Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the renewal of the tobacco license for Scott Rogers, LLC dba Scott Rogers, LLC. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Mr. Clattenburg was not present during this motion).

4. Regular Business

A. Perkinsville School Site Redevelopment Project: Review Town Meeting Bond Articles: Mr. Boyer said if want to submit an application for a Brownsfield grant we need to do so by February 14th so we will do this before the discussion at the Town Meeting and the proposed bond vote.

Mr. Todd made the motion to word the Article on the Warning to read - Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield authorize the Select Board to borrow funds not to exceed \$225,000 for a period not to exceed five years for the purpose of removing the hazardous materials in the 1954 and 1969 additions to the 1879 historic brick school house and then demolish these additions? The total estimated cost of this project is \$400,000. The balance of the funds needed for this project will come from grants. Mr. Arrison seconded this motion. Mr. Clattenburg said he feels limited by Government spending. Mr. Arrison said we still have money in the fund balance to use if needed and the Select Board can make that decision without going to the voters.

Mr. Potter said their Committee likes this type of project and they support them all they can. He said it is reasonable to expect some money.

Mr. Fuller said he is not in favor of putting this on the Warning, there are too many unknowns, we need to know how much of a grant we are going to receive fist.

After discussion it was decided to reword the Article to read - **Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield authorize the Select Board to borrow funds not to exceed \$225,000 for a period not to exceed five years for the purpose of removing the hazardous materials and demolishing of the 1954 and 1969 additions to the Perkinsville Elementary School. The total estimated cost of this project is \$400,000. The balance of the funds needed for this project will come from grants.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arrison made the motion to rescind the Bond Article that was made at the January 14th meeting regarding demolishing the 1954 and 1969 additions. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Arrison made the motion to rescind the Bond Article that was made at the January 14th meeting regarding renovating the brick building, Mr. Todd seconded this motion. Mr. Arrison said we don't have enough accurate information to send this before the voters. Mr. Boyer said he thinks it should be left on the Warning, we need to do something to this building. Mr. Clattenburg said he feels we should have a use for this building, perhaps a police station? Mr. Hudson said he feels we should go ahead with the demolishing and review the brick building again next year. Mr. Todd said

he thinks we should discuss the 1879 brick building during the Town meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Tentatively adopt FY14 budgets: Mr. Hudson said the proposed Highway budget is now down a little, after a little more work it should be level funded in the end. Mr. Fuller asked how we are year to date. Mr. Mullen said we are on target. Mr. Fuller said it doesn't look like we will run a deficit this year so we will have an even higher surplus next year.

Mr. Hudson said the Budget Committee recommends putting an Article on the Warning to fund the police department with an additional \$33,000. Mr. Todd said the Chief recommends another twenty hours of police coverage. Mr. Slade said there was discussion within the Budget Committee to take away from the highway department to allow money for police coverage. Mr. Arrison said he likes the idea of the Article for police coverage but doesn't think we should specify it is for an Investigator. Mr. Boyer agreed with Mr. Arrison. Mr. Clattenburg said why should we ask the Town to vote on it when our current Chief says we need additional help, it should be put in the budget. Mr. Fuller said he doesn't support the Article, he feels it should be funded from the fund balance. Mr. Todd said we can still discuss not replacing the highway worker even though the position has been funded. Mrs. McMenemy said as a taxpayer she doesn't like the idea of paying for personnel using surplus funds. Mr. Hudson said we could use a part time person in the Highway department to replace the full time person that is leaving. Mr. Clattenburg said it is obvious that we can save money if we don't have full time employees so they are not eligible for benefits. Mr. Todd said in the past it has been discussed if an employee is out sick then there may not be enough help to maintain the roads. He noted the current mechanic has a CDL license so he can drive a truck whereas in the past the mechanic did not have a CDL.

Mr. Todd said he is not in favor of these budgets if we don't have employees contribute to their healthcare costs or remove the pay raise that we originally put in for budget purposes. There was discussion once again on the total compensation package for employees and the consensus was it needs to be looked at but it can't be addressed during the budget season. The consensus of the Board was they are ok with leaving the 1.7% pay raise in and not have the employee's pay any of the health care.

It was decided to add the additional expense of the police department into the budget and not have a separate article. Mr. Fuller said he sees no need for an increase in taxes, we should use the fund balances so we are level funded

Mrs. McMenemy said the Library is asking for 2 cents this year because they are gearing up for the expansion. She said they need \$250,000 in the bank before they can move forward on the construction project and go for grants. She said the estimated cost of the expansion project is \$1,200,000.

Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the Library's Article on the Warning. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion which passed 4 - 1 with Mr. Fuller being the dissenting vote.

C. Review Draft Warning for 2013 Town Meeting: It was the consensus of the Board to delete the article for the highway garage furnace, remove the article for highway radios and remove the article for the reappraisal fund.

6. Appointments: None

7. Sign Treasurer's Warrant: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to approve the Treasurer Warrants as follows:**

General Fund Payroll	\$16,658.11
General Fund Operating Expense	\$21,917.00
Highway Fund Payroll	\$16,391.63
Highway Fund Operating Expense	\$25,018.18
Solid Waste Management Fund Payroll	\$ 1,352.59
Solid Waste Management Fund Operating Expense	\$ 3,554.51
Library	\$ 1,204.78

Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

8. Future Meeting Agenda Items: Budget, Warning & Police Committee.

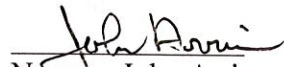
9. Executive Session: Annual Town Manager's Evaluation: **Mr. Arrison made the motion to go into Executive Session for the Town Managers annual evaluation. Mr. Todd seconded the motion which passed without dissent.**

10. Adjourn: **Mr. Clattenburg made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Arrison seconded the motion which passed without dissent.** The Select Board meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Submitted by,
Lisa Slade

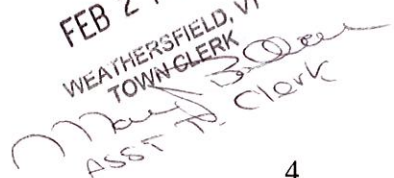
Approved by the Weathersfield Select Board on February 4, 2013


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