

DPW Commissioner Meeting  
Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 7pm  
Police Station Community Room

Present were Commissioners Reed and Gardner, Chairperson Sena, Director Parisi, Asst. Director Olson

**Approval Items:**

Commissioner Gardner moved to approve minutes of the 4/13/16 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reed, Vote: 3-0.

Cemetery Lots were signed.

Chairman Sena thanked T. Arsenian for his efforts on getting information out to residents on the DPW barn.

**Open Discussion:**

T. Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, spoke about the Special Town Meeting, and funding for Millbrook Pond, he said at the Town Meeting Dorothy Carvalho said that Millbrook is the last ditch resource for water. Chairman Sena said the state wouldn't allow Millbrook to be used as a water source. The DPW should be on the Board of Selectmen agenda regarding storm water plans.

**DPW Barn:**

Next steps since it didn't pass at the ballot were discussed. Asst. Director Olson said they are going forward with the RFQ, and are looking to hire a designer, approximately \$65,000 remains for funding for schematic design, etc. We can get as much information as possible; maybe lower some of the contingencies. It was discussed that we should concentrate on the cost estimate and try to reduce the cost. Perhaps we should go to Fall Town Meeting for design money and ask the Finance Committee.

Director Parisi recommended breaking the project down, design, etc. Perhaps a Fall Town Meeting Vote, with the prop. 2-1/2 cap. We will need to visit the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. There is also an opportunity to go back on the ballot in November, so there are some options. The first step is to continue with the RFQ process and select an appropriate engineer. It will be necessary to negotiate the design costs with a negotiating committee selected by the Board of Selectmen, include J. Parisi, L. Sanders, T. Olson, and the Finance Committee. The Fall Town Meeting is in September. We don't have sufficient funds for the complete design now, so we need more funds for that and we'll have to wait for September.

The Sept. vote is before town meeting. The state would have to let us know if they would put it on their ballot. We would need two separate tables for checking in and checking out. It would be held on the same day as the Presidential election.

Commissioner Reed said he isn't in favor of doing anything now due largely to misinformation. He said without FaceBook and other avenues of communication, we shouldn't proceed. He said we need to deal with the misconceptions about this.

Director Parisi said we should speak to Kopelman & Paige to see how we can proceed with procurement. MGL allows for a 2/3 Board of Selectmen vote to get on ballot; we will need construction funds. How much more would be needed for the design portion, (approx. 6.6% of the project cost) therefore \$400-\$500,000 would be needed and we have around \$65,000. September 23, 2016 is Fall Town Meeting and by the November ballot we'd be ready.

T. Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, said if we don't want to wait for 3 years, the year after next the school committee will be going after an override. If they get the override, funding for the DPW barn is less likely in the same year.

Frederick Tarr, 154 Main Street, said what killed this was the misinformation out there.

Commissioner Gardner said a video about the barn would be helpful that we can post on the internet; Northbridge had a video on community television on their barn. It was recommended that we not compare ourselves to other projects; we should breakdown the costs of our project and explain them.

T. Olson recommended developing a committee of taxpayers that could get the information out. Use FaceBook to show the current barn. Part of the RFQ process is hiring a consultant; we need to establish a design construction committee. Once they delegate a selection committee, take the three highest ranked finalists. Then once the finalist is chosen the Board of Selectmen designates a negotiating committee. The Board of Selectmen must also approve the OPM (J. Parisi).

**Capital projects:**

- Pigeon Cove is going well, finishing in June, pumping over channel, awaiting first FEMA reimbursement; July of 2016 is the estimated completion date.
- Back Beach, awarded contract to D&M Civil from Middleton. They are a fairly new company. They have another ACOE project ongoing. This project is approximately \$432,000; there will be FEMA funding for that. It should be finished by July.
- Pigeon Hill Tank, getting ready to erect the tank (5/9/16). Finishing up some of the pipe work, should be complete by the end of June, 2016.
- Subarea 6 lining project is complete.

**Transfer Station bins:** J. Parisi said he received the quote from IPR but hasn't had time to review it. Director Parisi said he will call McGuire; they refurbish them; we need to see how to fund this. Commissioner Reed inquired about the pricing on the recyclables. Director Parisi said the price is going up all the time. Commissioner Reed questioned when is it going to become non-advantageous to recycle. Director Parisi said the cost to deal with this is more than the cost of disposing of it.

8:10 pm: Commissioner Reed moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, Vote: 3-0.

**Next meeting:** Wed., 5/18/16, 7pm, Police Station Community Room