

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, January 9, 2017
AGENDA

6:00 PM CHA Companies, John G. Morgan, Jr., PE, PTOE – Route 32 Reconstruction
Overview/Public Outreach

6:20 PM Hardwick Pond Preservation Association - Introduction to the Board and Brief
Overview

6:30 PM Liz Reilly, Youth Center – To Discuss the Youth Center Budget

6:40 PM Liz Reilly – To Discuss Process for the FY18 School Budget

New Business:

The Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group (Q-DRUG) – January 23-27th, 2017,
Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery Awareness Week
Review – Town of Hardwick Annual Audit Fiscal 2015 Management Letter

Appointments:

Hardwick Youth Commission – Liz Reilly

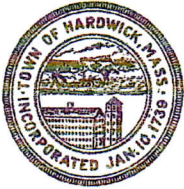
Old Business:

Department Reports:

Signatures & Approvals:

Payroll Warrant #14 & AP Warrant #14

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Minutes

Present: K. Young, R. Kmiec, K. Allen, T. Cofske, J. Ayotte, S. Krasnecky, C. Wolfe, G. Judd, L. Reilly, V. Najsti, J. Morgan, B. Zinni, D. Jones, S. Larson, J Spier

K. Young called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM and read the agenda into record.

CHA Companies, John G. Morgan, Jr., PE, PTOE – Route 32 Reconstruction Overview

J. Morgan introduced the Route 32 Reconstruction Project that CHA Companies is performing the engineering work in collaboration with the Hardwick Highway Department.

The money for the construction comes from the state. Engineering and permitting will be paid for by the Town.

To meet the State's "Complete Streets" which includes traffic, bicycles and pedestrians the project will include sidewalk reconstruction on a good portion of the Town. In areas where it is unfeasible an exemption will be applied for from the State.

At the 32/32A intersection one concept shows removing the island and adding a sidewalk. It also includes adding drainage and replacing a failed culvert.

The project is about 2 1/2 years out through the State funding process. State approval of the design is necessary.

The walking trail will be included.

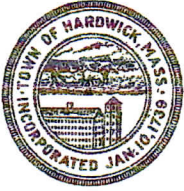
We are looking to improve the curb-cut at Cumberland Farms including potentially closing the curb-cut to Prospect Street.

J. Ayotte noted that the concrete at the railroad crossing is failing. J. Morgan: We can look into the State funding these projects: if not it is a railroad thing.

Hardwick Pond Preservation Association - Introduction to the Board and Overview

B. Zinni introduced D. Jones and S. Larson. The Hardwick Pond Preservation Association has 45 members from around the pond and the support of Senator, Anne Gobbi.

D. Jones: The main purpose of this association is the issue of invasive water plants. There is a decline in public use. We are losing a beautiful resource that may be impacting the Quabbin Reservoir. A letter of support from the Selectmen as they look for funding and support is needed.



B. Zinni: Will you look into funding for the bridge so fire trucks may better access the camps.

MOTION: K. Allen, to endorse the Hardwick Pond Perseveration Association.

SECOND: K. Young

VOTE: Unanimous

6:30 PM Liz Reilly, Youth Center – To Discuss the Youth Center Budget

L. Reilly asked that L. Desjardins pay be raised to \$15.41 per/hour which is the same rate as K. Wright is paid. This will not cost the Town more money.

R. Kmiec: We will schedule a Personnel Committee meeting to study this.

The Board of Selectmen received a request of re-appointment to the Hardwick Youth Commission from L. Reilly.

MOTION: R. Kmiec, to appoint Liz Reilly to the Hardwick Youth Commission

SECOND: K. Allen

VOTE: Unanimous

L. Rielly informed the board that there is a proposal to close the Hardwick, N. Braintree, and Hubbardston schools.

K. Young stated that the School Committee may take this vote but QRSD may not close a school without a Town Meeting Vote.

C. Wolfe said they may close programs and classes.

J. Ayotte stated that unfunded mandates and associated costs are the major problem with school funding. There was discussion about ways to improve town revenue.

J. Spier recommended the town look at ways to reduce the budget and build upon the tax base.

New Business

The Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group (Q-DRUG) – January 23-27th, 2017, Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery Awareness Week. The Town will be decorated as part of "Project Purple".



MOTION: K. Allen, to proclaim January 23-27 Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery Awareness Week.

SECOND: R. Kmiec

VOTE: Unanimous

2017 Auto Class License Renewal

MOTION: R. Kmiec, to approve the 2017 Auto Class II License renewal for Banas Used Auto

SECOND: K. Allen

VOTE: Unanimous

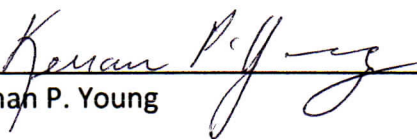
Adjournment

MOTION: K. Allen to adjourn the meeting.

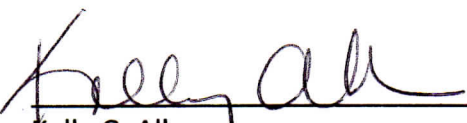
SECOND: R. Kmiec

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.


Kenan P. Young


Richard V. Kmiec


Kelly G. Allen