

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

March 16, 2015
Meeting held at Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Robert Merry, Vice Chairman Joseph Perry, Clerk Robert Snow, David Petersen (Town Administrator Deborah Eagan, Assistant Town Administrator Amy Lydon)

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Ronald Keefe - AFSCME; Carol Markland - AFSCME; Roy Ricker - Water Commissioner; Timothy Toomey - Water Commissioner; Stuart L. Dalzell Sr. - Water Commissioner; MaryBeth Wiser - Water Department; Joseph Fair - Kopelman & Paige P.C.; Matthew Venezia - Attorney; Joyce C Todd; Frank Todd; Curtis Turner - Conservation Commission; Lawrence White - Finance Committee; Andrew Bylan; Brent Baeslack - Conservation Commission

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Merry called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Water Board Chairman Roy Ricker opened the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water Commissioners with a roll call vote: Tim Toomey – aye; Roy Ricker – aye; Stuart L. Dalzell Sr. – aye.

Chairman Merry opened the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water Commissioners with a roll call vote; all in favor – roll call vote: Robert Merry – aye, Dave Petersen – aye, Robert Snow – aye; Joseph Perry – aye.

Joint meeting opened at 6:05 p.m.

Chairman Merry called for a motion to go into Executive Session for the following purposes: to conduct a collective bargaining session; and to discuss strategies with respect to collective bargaining because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town; and to return to open session. Joseph Perry so moved, Dave Petersen second, all in favor – roll call vote: David Petersen – aye, Robert Snow – aye, Robert Merry – aye. Joseph Perry – aye.

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Executive session opened at 6:07 p.m.

Executive session closed and open session resumed at 7:13 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Appointment - Steve Comley to discuss Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant evacuation concerns

Chairman Merry read the following:

Mr. Comley has submitted a packet outlining his concerns with the status of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant and the evacuation plans outlined by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mr. Comley brings up many safety concerns over the nuclear power plant.

Comley said one of the DVDs that he previously provided shows a CNN story on We the People and was shown on Earth Matters. He said it was a compelling show and showed what people did to get the truth out, and many have lost their careers, ability to take care of their families, and some have told him that they feel like road-kill because Washington doesn't listen to them.

He said the packet titled "Nuclear Safety and Health" is from 1987 and was the first time he was given evidence from the insiders at the NRC. He said he gave this to President Reagan, but he didn't act on it. He said he went to Seabrook and was told there were no counterfeit substandard parts by their public relations person, but two years later the government accounting office reported there were. He said Florida Light and Power owns the Seabrook plant now and he has been trying to find this information for a long time. He said he wants the NRC to list the counterfeit substandard parts in Seabrook, when they were replaced and if they haven't been replaced why they haven't been.

He said he testified at the NRC hearing in Hampton in December of 2013 when they wanted to extend Seabrook's license to 2030-2050, beyond the time it was planning to be decommissioned. He said the NRC then sent him a 7 page letter which didn't satisfy him, so he wrote back to the NRC to ask them to give him a listing of the substandard parts and if they have been replaced. He said their response was that they don't retain a list of parts. He said the new owners of the plant may not know these parts were/are used. He said after 80% of Rowley residents signed a petition, the NRC responded to him and told him in the event of a plant explosion, to leave the Seaview special needs residents behind with a bottle of potassium chloride. He said their view that a certain population is expendable is disgraceful and they ignored 80% of Rowley residents.

He said the nuclear industry fills the political war chests, and Rowley has the opportunity to send a message. He said that message is that when a federal agency

jeopardizes all that everyone has worked for, this Town stands up. He said people can't complain about the government and not get involved. He asked the Board to vote to approve putting language for a national petition on the May 4, 2015 Town meeting warrant so that Rowley can have a voice again.

He said the petition is to be signed by the current and former first responders in Town which asks the President and Vice President to form an independent commission to investigate the NRC. He said Senator Tarr, Representative Hill and Sheriff Cousins have endorsed the request for a public hearing by the NRC. He said if Seabrook had an accident during the summer months, the first responders say there is no way to safely evacuate the area. He said there is a double standard and the NRC isn't following its own procedures. He said before there is an accident there, the first responders need a voice. He said a State trooper told him there is a gag order on this and cannot discuss any evacuation concerns. He said this came out of the Sununu administration.

He said he saw Vice President Biden in New Hampshire on February 25, 2015, and he had a student with him who had prepared a letter on his concerns regarding the lack of evacuation procedures at Seabrook. He said Biden was to be at a roundtable discussion regarding reducing college costs, and the student wanted to go, but couldn't because the meeting was closed to the public. He said the student went to the security at the event and asked them to get his letter to Biden, but the letter was destroyed by the Secret Service.

He said he will do anything it takes in a peaceful way to get this information out to the American people. He said he has put out many signs from Ipswich to Hampton and many have been stolen. He said he guarantees that President Obama is coming to the Town of Rowley, and he is proud of Tarr, Hill and Cousins for standing up for what they believe in. He said you either believe the Seabrook Nuclear Plant can evacuate people 365 days a year or you don't. He thanked the Board for their time.

Merry said the Board will send his information to REMA and relevant departments for review, and ask them to report back to the Board of Selectmen.

Tim Toomey said he is the Hazardous Materials Coordinator for Rowley and he thanked Comley for efforts in making this a safer community and encourages the Board of Selectmen to stand by Comley.

Dave Petersen left the room.

Bob Snow made a motion to ask the departments involved in public safety to review the material and report back to the Board of Selectmen, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (3-0). Dave Petersen - ABSENT during the vote.

Dave Petersen returned to the room at 7:37 p.m.

7:15 p.m. Joint Meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners, and Fire Chief James Broderick, Police Chief Robert Barker, Highway Surveyor Patrick Snow and Conservation Agent Brent Baeslack to discuss Prospect Hill access

Chairman Merry called for a motion to open the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water Commissioners with a roll call vote. Joseph Perry so moved, Bob Snow second, all in favor – roll call vote: Robert Merry – aye, Dave Petersen – aye, Robert Snow – aye; Joseph Perry – aye; Tim Toomey – aye; Roy Ricker – aye; Stuart L. Dalzell Sr. – aye.

Joint meeting opened 7:38 p.m.

Chairman Merry read the following:

Several of our Town department heads have brought up concerns over the condition of the Prospect Hill Access Road.

We have letters and photographs that describe and show the State of this road. This road is used by several Town departments to access the water tank and the Town's emergency radio communications.

We need to discuss a collaborative approach to repair this road. The General Fund will need to cover part of this cost.

Chairman Merry will open this up for discussion.

Fire Chief Broderick said last fall he did a semi-annual check of the radio building and the access road had washed out a lot over the course of the year and it was almost impassable with a four wheel drive vehicle. He said he notified the Board of Selectmen and Bob Snow drove up with Captain Emery and saw that it was getting even worse, and they took pictures. He said they need to access that radio building which services the Police, Fire and Light Departments. Police Chief Barker said that communication is vital to the Town, and the repeater is at the top of the hill, and if it goes down, they need to be able to get up there to service it. He said there is also a back-up generator up there which needs to be tested periodically.

Stuart L. Dalzell Sr. said the Water Department and General Fund can split the cost for the repair since so many departments use the road. Merry asked if there are cost estimates. Dalzell said rough estimates are \$25,000 to \$30,000 based on three quotes, not including the fence. Toomey asked how the security is up there. Broderick said there is a fenced in area which is locked along with the equipment of the cell tower carriers. Petersen asked if engineering works will be needed. Broderick said he would

defer to someone who does that type of work, but it probably will be if drainage is needed. Snow said he visited the site with Emery, and the area from the old water tank downward has the most erosion, and it is not as bad at the top. He said he thinks we could get up there in an emergency, but the condition of the road needs to be addressed.

Brent Baeslack said he has examined the site twice and distributed his memo previously provided to the Selectmen to the Water Board. He said based on his involvement with storm water management, water from the top of the hill will need to be diverted perhaps into a swail off both sides of the road. He said once you get to the abandoned tank, there is room for a sedimentation basin to capture the water, remove the sediment and then send the water off to the side. He said TW Excavating gave a proposal for this work and said it can be accomplished without a lot of excavating and can be done with berms. He said at the bottom of the hill there appears to be a diversion ditch. He said he thinks the issue with the Glynn property was due to not maintaining that ditch and the gravel that flowed onto their property can be shoveled and put back properly.

Patrick Snow said he completely agrees with Baeslack's assessment and if the problems are fixed and appropriate drainage is installed, the problem will be corrected.

Petersen said we should get a professional opinion to see if engineering is needed, get a quote that included prevailing wages and split the cost with the Water Department.

Bob Snow made a motion for Deborah Eagan to work with MaryBeth Wiser on this and to provide information to the Board of Selectmen, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

7:30 p.m. Joint Meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners to discuss FY 16 Water Budget

Chairman Merry read the following:

The joint meeting with the Water Board is still open for this discussion.

The Water Board will review their proposed budget with the Selectmen.

If, after hearing the presentation, the Board of Selectmen is satisfied with the budget, the Board of Selectmen can vote to recommend the budget to Town Meeting. However, the Board may want to hold off on its recommendation until it has time to digest the information and to receive more information concerning water rate study.

At the conclusion of this agenda item, Chairman Merry will call for a motion to adjourn the Joint Meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners by roll call vote.

Water Superintendent Wiser reviewed the proposed four capital items: the Prospect Hill access road, the Pingree Farm access to the Water Treatment Plant, a new vehicle, and paving the parking lot at the Water Department building. She said the Prospect Hill project would be funded by a five year borrowing. She said the Pingree Farm road project may be funded with SRF money. She said the Water Board voted to approve \$52,000 for a new vehicle with a plow, but the updated MHQ price is \$54,329 plus an additional \$800-1,000 for radios. She asked the Board to consider \$56,000 for the vehicle. Stuart L. Dalzell Sr. said he has been researching this and found a vehicle with a plow for \$36,055, less \$2,000 for rebates. He said this is much less than the \$52,000 already approved, this is from a regular dealer, and if we go out to bid, we will get a better deal. Wiser said nobody in town is an expert on writing vehicle bid specifications, and if we do write them, we are stuck with what we get for bids. Eagan said the Inspector General told her that the make/model and any proprietary information cannot be part of the specifications and they will have to hire someone to come up with the specifications for the vehicle since you don't want them too broad or too narrow. She said OSD does all of that work so that cities and towns can buy from the State contracts either through collaboratives or State authorized dealers. Dalzell said the specs on the quote are pretty boiler plate, but it is difficult since they want a utility body. Merry said he thinks they would have that type of vehicle on the State contract. Patrick Snow said the Highway Department buys vehicles off the State contract and there could be a major problem if something is missed in the specifications, such as the warranty. Wiser said she worked with the Highway Department and got the quote from the same vendor they use. She said the Water Board authorized \$52,000, and she is asking for \$56,000 which is the price now that the vehicle year has changed. Dalzell said in July there will be plenty of 2015 models available. Wiser said it is the Water Board's decision. Petersen said he recommends that the truck be bought off the State contract but understands the argument about the price. Toomey said let's get the bids in and the Water Board can vote to reject them if they don't meet the specs. Wiser said there will be additional costs since they will have to hire someone to help them write the specs. Toomey said it isn't that complicated. Wiser said she doesn't want to be responsible for this and won't write the bid specs. Merry said it does get complicated and the State has already done this work, and if it is good enough for the State, it is good enough for the municipalities. Wiser said it would be more efficient to buy off the State contract and if the bids are rejected, they will have to start over. Perry said the saving will be reduced by about \$10,000 if they hire someone to write the specs.

Stuart L. Dalzell Sr. made a motion for the budget for the new vehicle with a plow not to exceed \$50,000, Tim Toomey second, all in favor - aye (3-0).

Merry said the Town Administrator does not have time to write these bid specs. Eagan said they will have to hire a professional.

Wiser said there is \$60,000 in this year's budget for paving the front of the parking lot, but this does not include the additional area in front of the garage doors. She said Board approved an additional \$40,000 in FY16 to address drainage issues in the parking lot. She said the vehicle and the extra paving work will be handled in the FY 16 budget, and the remaining items will total a \$90,000 capital borrowing item. Wiser reviewed the rest of the budget. She said the budget includes COLA and step increases for wages as well as an equipment operator to bring that work back in-house. She said she has discussed the staffing plan with the DEP and the DEP is concerned that there is not enough staff. She said under the current staffing, one operator could be called into the Water Treatment Plant and at the same time be called to respond to a water break. She said the Department needs to be split into treatment and distribution, each with their own staff, and this is what the DEP is looking for before they authorize the plant to be automatically run. She said the other option is to keep the plant in manual mode and have three shifts, but that will be expensive. Petersen said a year ago we were told the Treatment Plant would need to run 8 to 10 hours per day, and could be run with no extra bodies. He said there is a mismatch between what they were told as it was being built and now that it is online. Ricker said Weston & Sampson never told them more staff was needed. Toomey said this was all hashed out with the DEP and the State before they broke ground. Merry said they were told the plant could be controlled through iPhones. Ricker said that is true and now they are being told they have to have more people.

Petersen left the room at 8:39 p.m.

Wiser said they have the same sources and supplies, but the DEP's preliminary concern is that the person monitoring the plant may be called out for distribution work, and one person cannot handle both. Merry said if the plant is shut down at night and the tank is emptied, how long will it take to fill it back up. Wiser said it will take days to fill it. Merry said we have no choice then, and we need the second crew. Toomey said he is not voting for this because there are four people running the plant and this is a weekend issue. Wiser said during the week the staff are responsible for treatment and distribution. She said two stay at the plant and the other two do other work, but during a water break, all four will respond and the plant will be shut down. Toomey asked how long it takes for the tank to drain. Wiser said she would have to do a calculation to figure that out. Toomey said in an emergency, they could hire someone to help out and open a cross connection with another town. Dalzell said it is hard to find someone when you are in a jam.

Larry White said the hours needed based on running the plant for eight hours is a no brainer and both crews are needed. Petersen said he doesn't want to get to September and discover they should have hired more people, and they shouldn't question the DEP. Toomey said the DEP should write a letter outlining this need, he doesn't believe they will.

Roy Ricker made a motion to hire another person in FY16, Stuart L. Dalzell Sr. second, all in favor - aye (2-1) Toomey - No

Snow said in the seven years he has been on the Board, this is the most comprehensive presentation he has seen, and he thanked Wiser.

Wiser said the expenses have been reformatted to put like things together. Eagan said Wiser has spent an enormous amount of time on putting together an organized budget that makes sense using her expertise as a Water Superintendent. She said she has worked with the Town Accountant closely on this budget, and she (Eagan) is very impressed with the fantastic job Wiser has done on this. Merry said this is the best Water Department budget he has seen.

Toomey said he has requested information on line 7, there is a different spreadsheet each time, and he still wants this information. He said he voted no on the budget since he didn't get this back-up. Ricker said we get the print-out monthly, and no money is spent without the Commissioner's signatures every other week. Ricker said Wiser is not Toomey's personal secretary; the information is already available.

Wiser said last year's budget had a section for the Treatment Plant, but this year she has moved anything common for the department into line 7, such as chemicals. She said about \$100,000 was moved out of the separate section for Treatment Plant into line 7.

Toomey asked what the maintenance spending was last year compared to the budget. Wiser said she doesn't have that report, but each Commissioner has the expenditure report as of March 4, 2015, from the Town Accountant. Wiser reviewed the remaining expense lines. She said there is a Pall membrane service contract for \$50,000. Eagan said the Selectmen were concerned about the investment in the Pall membrane and looked into a service contract. Wiser said the cost of this contract will decrease over time.

Wiser said the rate study should be available at the end of the week and will forecast the next three years, and she will distribute that information. She said the discounts given in FY 15 totaled \$80,000 and she projects they will be \$100,000 in FY 16. She said the revenue for FY 15 is short by \$300,000 from the projections, so she is staying on top of spending and will not allow spending above the revenues coming in. Toomey asked for the figures of water produced for March 2014 versus March 2015. Wiser said she has to calculate losses/non-revenues and does this for the annual statistical report to the DEP. She said she should have this for the next Water Board meeting. Snow thanked Wiser for the comprehensive presentation.

Eagan asked the Board if they want to make a recommendation on the budget. She said we don't have the revenue components of the budget and the revenue estimates presented at Town Meeting last year are not hitting the targets. She said last year the

Water Board hired Russell who prepared a one page summary that said if all stays the same, the revenue should be fine. She said all has not stayed the same.

Dave Petersen made a motion to table making a recommendation on the budget until they have a better idea on the revenues, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

Dave Petersen made a motion to adjourn the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water Commissioners, Joseph Perry second, all in favor roll call vote: Tim Toomey – aye; Roy Ricker – aye; Stuart L. Dalzell Sr. – aye; Robert Merry – aye, Dave Petersen – aye, Robert Snow – aye; Joseph Perry – aye.

Joint meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Appointment: Highway Surveyor Patrick Snow to discuss FY 16 budgets: Highway, Tree Department, Town Land Maintenance, and Snow and Ice

Patrick Snow said for the Highway Department, expenses have been level funded, and wages increased by 2.25%.

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the Highway Department budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

Patrick Snow said the Snow & Ice budget has been increasing incrementally the past few years, and this year it is being increased from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the Snow & Ice budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

Patrick Snow said the Town Land Maintenance budget is used for the landfill mowing and is level funded.

Joseph Perry made a motion to approve the Town Land Maintenance budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

Patrick Snow said for the Tree Warden budget, the expenses are level funded and the wages have been increased by 2%.

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the Tree Warden budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Letter from Police Chief Robert Barker requesting appointment of Melissa Alleruzzio

Chairman Merry read the letter from Police Chief Barker.

Joseph Perry made a motion to appoint Alleruzzio as a reserve dispatcher and matron effective March 16, 2015 expiring June 30, 2016, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

2. Letter from Department of Agricultural Resources re: nomination of Inspector of Animals

Chairman Merry read the following:

We have received the annual nomination form from the State Department of Agricultural Resources of the Town's Animal Inspector.

The Board needs to vote to nominate Reed Wilson as the Town's animal inspector. Once he has been nominated he will sign the attached form in the witness of a notary and we will mail the form in to the Department of Agricultural Resources.

Dave Petersen made a motion to nominate Reed Wilson as the Town's Animal Inspector, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

3. Letter from Independent Living Center re: Annual Legislative Breakfast

Perry said he went last year and would like to go again this year.

Joseph Perry made a motion to send Joseph Perry to this event Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Rule of Necessity in signing bills payable and payroll warrants for the Light Department

Chairman Merry read the following:

With the recent resignation of Jack Cook, we do not have enough signatures to sign the Light Department bills payable warrant and the payroll warrants because both Robert Merry and Robert Snow are on the RMLP Board.

We need to institute the Rule of Necessity and vote to designate Robert Snow as a "Selectman" signatory on the RMLP bills payable and payroll warrants. Robert Snow will not sign these warrants as Light Commissioner.

The Board of Selectmen needs to vote to institute this measure until a new Selectman is elected and sworn in to office.

Dave Petersen made a motion to institute the Rule of Necessity and vote to designate Robert Snow as a Selectman signatory on the RMLP bills payable and payroll warrants, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (2-0). Bob Merry - ABSTAINED Bob Snow - ABSTAINED

2. Discuss Annual and Special Town Meeting warrants

Chairman Merry read the following:

The Annual Town Meeting Warrant closed at 4:00 p.m. today.

Debbie will now start working on the Annual Warrant.

The Board needs to vote to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant and to have it close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30.

Joseph Perry made a motion to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant and to have it close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss RFP for Lease of Camp Area and review addendum

Chairman Merry read the following:

We had two organizations attend the mandatory site visit last Tuesday – the YMCA in Ipswich and the YWCA.

In order to be eligible to submit a proposal to lease the camp area, an organization had to attend the site visit meeting.

Both the Town Administrator Deborah Eagan and Assistant Town Administrator Amy Lydon have a conflict of interest relating to the YMCA in Ipswich.

Debbie is requesting the Board of Selectmen issue an addendum changing the language in Section 5.0 – Proposal Evaluation Process & Review Criteria that will read as follows:

All proposals received by the deadline will be considered in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30B, Section 16. Only those proposals which satisfy the **“Minimum Criteria for Responsible and Responsive Proposals”** will be reviewed and ranked by the ~~Town Administrator, the Assistant Town Administrator and two Selectmen~~ **by the Board of Selectmen** under the **“Competitive Evaluation Criteria”** below. Final designation of the Camp and Activities Organization will be made by the Board of Selectmen. This determination will be made in consideration of the ~~Town Administrator’s recommendations, and~~ of the criteria set forth below. Interviews with Proposers meeting the minimum evaluation criteria may be conducted at the discretion of the Town, and the Town reserves the right to retain any consultants to assist with reviewing the proposals. Following the proposal review process, interviews and reference checks and receipt of any additional information requested of the Proposers by the Town, the Board of Selectmen will identify the most beneficial proposal from a responsible and responsive Proposer. The Town Administrator will notify all Proposers in writing of the decision.

The words that are deleted are in ~~strike through~~ and the words that are added are in **bold underline**

The Board of Selectmen needs to vote to accept these changes and issue the addendum.

Bob Snow declared that he is a member of the Ipswich YMCA.

Joseph Perry made a motion to accept the changes and to issue the addendum, Dave Petersen second, all in favor - aye (3-0). Bob Snow - RECUSED

2. Discuss: FY 16 Triton Approved Budget and Town's FY 16 budget

Chairman Merry read the following:

Selectman Joe Perry attended last week’s Triton School Committee meeting in which the School Committee voted a lower budget than what was originally proposed. The budget approved by the School Committee lowers the Town’s assessment increase from \$540,449 to \$385,626. This lower amount is still far above the Selectmen’s request to split the Town’s new tax revenue of \$431,246 to an equal 50% apportionment.

Unfortunately, the Triton increase absorbs approximately 90 percent of the Town’s estimated new tax revenue in FY 16. With a steady pace of decreasing enrollments, it is becoming harder and harder to understand why the Triton budget has grown to almost \$28 million. This assessment is being absorbed into our budget, with the result being,

that no operational expansions in any of the Town Departments can be considered in FY 16. The real concern for the Town is what happens in FY 17, 18 and 19, if the Town continues to receive these kinds of assessments.

Joseph Perry said at the meeting they discussed the strain on their ability to provide level services and acknowledged that some classes with a low number of students can be combined. He said they were reluctant but acknowledged that the Towns couldn't afford the higher budget. Snow said he is not against education, but student enrollments are decreasing, the median income in surrounding towns is decreasing, and the taxpayers are exhausted. Merry said education is very important, and we need to come up with a scheme where the school can offer its best performance and the Towns survive. He said maybe the State can come up with some money. Perry said we have to work on the State's funding of Chapter 70 which has been level funded for the past ten years which isn't fair to the schools and towns. He said it was an unfair comparison for Triton to compare the tax bills of Rowley to West Newbury and Amesbury. Larry White said he has looked at Triton's cost per pupil from 2005 to 2015 and they are up 79% over the past ten years, while inflation has been 20%. He said if the population remains the same and costs continue to increase at this rate we will be bankrupt in another ten years. Snow said the average taxpayer is not receiving a pay raise and health insurance costs continue to increase.

FY 16 BUDGETS

- **Fire Department and REMA**

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Fire Department and REMA budget, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (3-0). Bob Merry - RECUSED

- **Selectmen**

Chairman Merry said, "Debbie changed the Selectmen's budget to increase the Stormwater Compliance line to \$20,000 to cover compliancy requirements under the Federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit."

Eagan said she has spoken with Brent Baeslack who has attended a number of these workshops and structural changes will probably be required in FY 17. She said this \$20,000 will allow the town to hire consultants and engineers to work on this unfunded mandate. She said the MMA is pushing this issue, but the cost will fall to the cities and towns.

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Selectmen budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Treasurer/Collector**

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Treasurer/Collector budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Town Hall & Annex**

Bob Snow made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Town Hall & Annex budgets, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Inspection Department**

Bob Snow made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Inspection Department budget, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Shellfish Constable and Shellfish Commission**

These budgets were not ready for approval.

- **Triton**

Joseph Perry made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Triton budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Street Lights**

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Street Lights budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Council on Aging**

Bob Snow made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Council on Aging budget, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Recycling**

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Recycling budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Recreation Committee**

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Recreation Committee budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Bradstreet & Girl Scout land Property Expense**

Joseph Perry made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Bradstreet & Girl Scout land Property Expense budgets, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Handicap Committee**

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Handicap Committee budget, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Unemployment, Blanket Insurance, Retirement**

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Unemployment, Blanket Insurance, and Retirement budgets, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

- **Health Insurance**

Chairman Merry declared that he is a recipient of the Town's health insurance as a retired Town employee.

Dave Petersen made a motion to approve the proposed FY 16 Health Insurance budget, Joseph Perry second, all in favor - aye (3-0). Bob Merry - RECUSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Central Street Proposed Reconstruction Public Hearing with Highway Surveyor Patrick Snow and Norman Brown of Bayside Engineering is scheduled for March 30, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Board of Selectmen is reminding residents that if they have the opportunity and the ability to clear hydrants near their homes
- The Town has the following vacancies:
 - a) **Fence Viewer**— three positions;
 - b) **Wood, Lumber & Bark Inspector**; and
 - c) **Zoning Board of Appeals Associate** – two open seats
 - d) **Historical Commission-Historic District Commission** - two seats
 - e) **Parks and Recreation Committee** - two seats
 - f) **Open Space Committee** is seeking membersFor more information on these positions, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 948-2372
- Rowley Food Pantry is in need of donations. The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Town Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pine Grove School

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Merry called for a motion to adjourn. Dave Petersen so moved, this motion was not completed.

Steve Comley Sr. said before the Board adjourns, he would like to request that the Board send a letter to the NRC to object to the license extension until they hold a hearing with the first responders. He said he would like to be part of a safety committee formed for this issue. Merry said we will deal with the safety issues after we get input from the Town's public safety personnel, and he is not sure we want to put this on the Town Meeting warrant until we hear back from them. Comley said he would like to request that the Board send a letter to the NRC to object to the license extension until they hold a hearing with the first responders.

Dave Petersen made a motion to adjourn, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0).

Open meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lydon
Assistant Town Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Meeting memo regarding 7:00 p.m. Appointment - Steve Comley to discuss Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant evacuation concerns and attachments
2. Meeting memo regarding 7:15 p.m. Joint Meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners, and Fire Chief James Broderick, Police Chief Robert Barker, Highway Surveyor Patrick Snow and Conservation Agent Brent Baeslack to discuss Prospect Hill access
3. Email from Captain Mark Emery regarding Prospect Hill
4. Letter from Fire Chief Broderick to Board of Selectmen regarding Prospect Hill
5. Photos of Prospect Hill access road
6. Letter from Brent Baeslack to Board of Selectmen regarding Prospect Hill, and maps
7. Meeting memo regarding 7:30 p.m. Joint Meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners to discuss FY 16 Water Budget
8. Draft Water Department FY16 budget package
9. FY 16 draft budgets for Highway, Tree Department, Town Land Maintenance, and Snow and Ice
10. Letter from Police Chief Robert Barker requesting appointment of Melissa Alleruzzio
11. Meeting memo regarding General Business #2: Letter from Department of Agricultural Resources re: nomination of Inspector of Animals
12. Letter from Department of Agricultural Resources re: nomination of Inspector of Animals
13. Letter from Independent Living Center re: Annual Legislative Breakfast
14. Meeting memo regarding New Business #1: Discuss Rule of Necessity in signing bills payable and payroll warrants for the Light Department
15. Contract with Pavilion Floors
16. Meeting memo regarding New Business #2: Discuss Annual and Special Town Meeting warrants
17. Meeting memo regarding Old Business #1: Discuss RFP for Lease of Camp Area and review addendum
18. Meeting memo regarding Old Business #2: Discuss: FY 16 Triton Approved Budget and Town's FY 16 budget
19. Draft FY 16 Balanced Budget prepared by Susan Bailey
20. Triton projected enrollment sheet
21. Triton Regional School District Revenue/Assessment Summary
22. Triton Regional School District FY 16 Final Budget Alternatives
23. Larry White's analysis on Triton budget from 2005 - 2015
24. Proposed FY 16 Fire Department and REMA budgets
25. Proposed FY 16 Selectmen budget
26. Proposed FY 16 Treasurer/Collector budget

27. Proposed FY 16 Town Hall & Annex budget
28. Proposed FY 16 Inspection Department budget
29. Memo regarding FY 16 Shellfish Constable and Shellfish Commission budget
30. Proposed FY 16 Triton budget
31. Proposed FY 16 Street Lights budget
32. Proposed FY 16 Council on Aging budget
33. Proposed FY 16 Recycling budget
34. Proposed FY 16 Recreation Committee budget
35. Proposed FY 16 Bradstreet Property & Girl Scout land property expense budgets
36. Proposed FY 16 Handicap Committee budget
37. Proposed FY 16 Unemployment, Blanket Insurance and Retirement budgets
38. Proposed FY 16 Health Insurance budget