BOARD OF SELECTMEN – January 26, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was posted and held at the WCAT Studios, 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA, with Chairman Brian E. Falvey presiding, Selectwoman Ann McGonigle Santos, Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, Selectwoman Betsy Sheeran and Selectwoman Phyllis J. Hull in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen. Selectman Tiziano Doto and Selectman Patrick S. Glynn as well as Clerk to the Board of Selectmen Sherri A. Dalton were absent. Town Accountant Kevin Gill was also in attendance.

Chairman Falvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of January 12, 2015, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio delivered his annual fiscal forecast. He predicts that fiscal year 2016 will be a challenging year but also sees the town is in pretty solid shape. The town is in very good shape in respect to the reserve funds. Priorities for the coming fiscal year are public safety, roads and sidewalks, drainage, building maintenance, business development, town employee contacts and recreation activities. Fiscal Year 2016 revenue is at \$78,986,801.00 and total expenses come to \$79,011,774.00 which places the town at about \$25,000.00 in the red. But Town Administrator Maio said that at this early point in the budget process, he is not concerned.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Treasurer Department Budget in the amount of \$184,341.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Legal Department Budget in the amount of \$171,614.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Tax Collector Department Budget in the amount of \$230,935.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Town Clerk Department Budget in the amount of \$206,621.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Election and Registration Budget in the amount of \$37,000.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the Election Expense Budget in the amount of \$32,666.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Finance Committee Budget in the amount of \$7,060.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Conservation Commission Budget in the amount of \$40,841.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Board of Appeals Budget in the amount of \$21,200.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Fire Alarm Budget in the amount of \$55,120.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran abstaining.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Building Department Budget in the amount of \$241,923.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Sealer of Weights and Measures Budget in the amount of \$6,000.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Council on Aging Budget in the amount of \$208,629.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Miscellaneous Selectmen Budget in the amount of \$19,125.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Unemployment Budget in the amount of \$75,000.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran abstaining.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Reserve Fund Budget in the amount of \$300,000.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Estoppel Certificate for property located at 100 Quannapowitt Parkway, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from the Dolbeare School Staff for a granite bench to be placed outside of the Dolbeare School in memory of Jeanne Hudd, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from John J. McCarthy, Jr., Town Treasurer to transfer \$173,012.50 from the Town's Capitol projects account to the general account for the following bond: public safety interest \$78,650.00; Land Acquisition interest \$9,175.00; Galvin Feasibility interest \$5,443.75; Athletic Fields interest \$79,743.75, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Sharon Gilley, Director of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the library in the amount of \$3,335.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Correspondence:

Winn Street Bridge

Comments:

Town Counsel – informed the Board that he needs a Confirmatory Deed signed for 36 Avon Street. Selectman DiNocco motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a Confirmatory Deed for 36 Avon Street, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to adjourn at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk