
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – March 4, 2020
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman William D. Buckley, Selectmen William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Michael K. Walsh and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

1. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 27, 2020 as submitted. Mr. Walsh seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

2. **Invitation to Speak – NONE.**

3. Chairman Buckley informed the Board that the Town Administrator contacted Major/Commander James H. Rhoden, Jr. to begin negotiations for the Police contract.

4. **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – March 4, 2020**

A. 32 Central Street Update – I was asked by the Board to provide an update on the property located at 32 Central Street, the former Stone property. As the Board knows, the Town acquired this property by eminent domain as voted on at the October 30, 2017 Special Town Meeting. An award of \$270,000.00 was paid to Michael Stone. Mr. Stone appeared before the Board and requested additional time to vacate. A lease was then signed on February 11, 2018 whereby Mr. Stone would lease the property from the Town. The term of the lease expired on December 31, 2019. Mr. Stone has not vacated the property. Town Counsel spoke with Mr. Stone’s attorney and he requested additional time to vacate, but did not provide a specific date to vacate. Town Counsel served a thirty (30) day Notice to Quit on Mr. Stone for him to vacate on March 1, 2020, the earliest date required by State Law. He has now filed a Summary Process Complaint in the Milford District Court. We expect a Hearing date the end of March or early April. Also, we have approximately \$150,000.00 remaining in the Town Meeting Article the appropriation for the demolition of the property.

5. Chairman Buckley requested the Building Commissioner make sure the property at 32 Central Street is empty. He further stated the Building Department should be vigilant in enforcement for buildings that are boarded up in the future.

6. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen’s meeting at 7:10 PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman William D. Buckley and Selectmen William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Michael K. Walsh all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to

meet with the Police Chief to discuss Strategies for Pending Litigation Police Department Grievance, meet with Attorney Patrick Holland regarding a Senior Center Position – MACE Union, meet with Attorney Patrick Holland regarding Collective Bargaining – MACE Union, meet with the Town Administrator to discuss a Contract and meet with the Town Administrator to begin discussions regarding the Fire Chief Contract.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh