Select Board
Minutes of May 16, 2019
Regular Session

I. Call to Order
Chairwoman Gregory called the meeting of the Select Board to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Select Board Meeting Room at Town Offices. Present from the Select Board:
Annie Gilbert, Chris Huntress, Dan Koh, Alex Vispoli and Laura Gregory.
Also present: Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Legal Counsel Carol McGravey, Director of Public Works Chris Cronin, Finance Director Donna Walsh, Community Services Director Jemma Lambert, Chief of Administrative Services Patrick Lawlor

II. Opening Ceremonies
A. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting began with a Moment of Silence followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Communications/Announcements/Liaison Reports
Annie Gilbert mentioned that the Select Board just recognized Town and School employees at Founder’s Day.

IV. Citizens Petitions and Presentations
There were no citizen petitions or presentations.

VI. Regular Business of the Board
A. Gas Disaster Recovery and Restoration Plan
Mr. Flanagan gave a presentation on the Gas Disaster Recovery and Restoration Plan and an overview of the settlement with Columbia Gas between the three communities. The Town Manager described the process in which the Finance Department and Accounting Office developed a chart of accounts following the gas disaster. The Town Manager described the direct, indirect, and lost revenue that were incurred as a result of the gas disaster.

Mr. Flanagan described the types of activities that occurred following the gas disaster and how the town managed that process.

Mr. Flanagan described the allocation of funds of the settlement with Columbia Gas and the Town of Andover: Road and Sidewalk Restoration: $13,965,000; Substantiated Claims: $3,851,250; General Claims: $3,000,000, for a total of $20,816,250 for Andover. Mr. Flanagan described each of these categories and how the municipalities developed the categories.

Mr. Flanagan described the capital accounts that he is recommending funding for: Restoration and investments in Roads, Sidewalks and Infrastructure; Emergency
Preparedness – Investment in Public Facilities and Parks; Deficit Reconciliation; Gas Disaster Mitigation Reserve Account.
Mr. Flanagan then described each capital account and the estimated costs of the recommended projects. Mr. Flanagan said that these projects address the impacted areas and facilities.

Mr. Vispoli asked if the paving would be curb to curb. Mr. Cronin described the type of work that will take place for roadway restoration.

Mr. Huntress asked if a scope of work exists that would catalog the type of work that would occur on each road.

Mr. Koh asked how the work will be communicated to residents. Mr. Flanagan described that a central communications and public relations process once there is approval.

Members and staff discussed the communications process relative to the restoration process.

Mr. Paul Mackay, 21 Fossen Way, remarked that this plan is excellent.

Mr. Vispoli moved, seconded by Mr. Koh that the Board vote to support the Gas Disaster Recovery and Restoration Plan. The Board voted 5-0

B. Special Town Meeting

Mr. Huntress moved to call the Special Town Meeting on June 19th at 7PM, open the warrant, insert the articles as presented, and close the warrant. Seconded by Ms. Gilbert. The Board voted 5-0 in approval.

Mr. Vispoli moved the Board vote to recommend approval of Articles 1 and 2. Seconded by Mr. Huntress. The Board voted 5-0 in approval.

VI. Adjourn
At 7:50 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Vispoli and seconded by Mr. Koh the Select Board voted 5-0 to adjourn from the meeting of May 16, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Lawlor