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MINUTES OF : Meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners

MEETING POSTED: YES

DATE: 1/21/2014 TIME: 3:00pm PLACE: Town Hall Room 126

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brewster Conant, Joe Will

ALSO PRESENT: Allura Overstreet, Tom Tidman, Mike Gowing

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 3:05pm

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and sign minutes from the November & December meetings.
Reviewed and signed

NEW BUSINESS:

Repurpose past warrant articles.

Tom Tidman is seeking the Commissioners approval to repurpose two outstanding warrant articles. The articles date back to the 1980's and 1990's and were created to provide funds to erect a garage type building in Woodlawn and Mt. Hope Cemeteries. Since the funds allotted will not cover the actual cost of erecting even one of these buildings, Mr. Tidman would like to repurpose the funds and use them to purchase the old Wildlife Commission building and garage located on Harris Street. The garage would be used to house Natural Resources equipment instead of building a new facility.

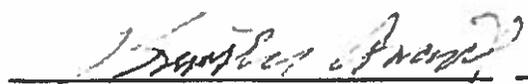
Brewster Conant has reservations about the amount of money the cemetery would be giving up. He also requests that any decisions on this matter be postponed until all 3 members can be present.

List of documents presented for consideration:

- 4/8/1985 Article 15 Section C copy
- 4/6-8/1998 Article 27 copy

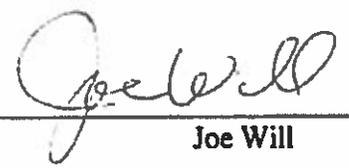
Meeting adjourned at : 3:45pm

Next meeting scheduled for: 2/12/2014



Brewster Conant

William A. Klauer



Joe Will

April 8, 1985 - Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

ARTICLE 15. - Capital Expenditure Budget

To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds or from Federal and State grants, or authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow for the various purposes listed below.

A. Motion: Mr Gilberti moves that the Town appropriate the sum of \$97,500.00 for construction of, and original equipment for the refuse transfer station and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow, under G.L. c. 44, as amended, as appropriate, to meet such appropriations.

A. Voted: To appropriate the sum of \$97,500.00 for construction of, and original equipment for the refuse transfer station and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow, under G.L. C. 44, as amended, as appropriate, to meet such appropriations.

TOTAL VOTE - 103 YES - 100 NO - 3

B. MOTION: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for reconstruction and extraordinary repairs of the roof of the Memorial Library and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow, under G.L. C. 44, as amended, and raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the payment of interest and underwriting cost on such borrowing in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985, or take any other action relative thereto.

B. Voted unanimously: To appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for reconstruction and extraordinary repairs of the roof of the Memorial Library and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow, under G.L. C. 44, as amended, and raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the payment of interest and underwriting cost on such borrowing in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985.

C. MOTION: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for construction of a maintenance building for the cemetery department and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow, under G.L. C. 44, as amended, to meet such appropriation and raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the payment of interest and underwriting cost on such borrowing in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985, or take any other action relative thereto.

C. Voted unanimously: To appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for construction of a maintenance building for the cemetery department and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow, under G.L. C. 44, as amended, to meet such appropriation, and raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the payment of interest and underwriting cost on such borrowing in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985.

D. Mrs. Resor moves that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for engineering and design services to prepare plans and specifications for a sewage treatment and disposal system and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow, under G.L. C. 44, as amended, to meet such appropriation and raise and appropriate \$16,000.00 for the payment of interest and underwriting cost on such borrowing in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985.

MOTION POST TOTAL VOTE - 454 YES - 228 NO - 226

flatbed mowing trailer, and hauling of debris and materials from grounds projects. During the winter the truck is equipped with a snow plow, and is used during each storm on a regular plow route. Due to age and heavy use the truck is no longer reliable for routine operations.

Direct inquiries to: David Brown, Highway Supt., 264-9624
Selectman Assigned: Herman Kabakoff

Selectmen: Recommended
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - FOREST ROAD LANDFILL CLOSURE
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$126,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Town Manager for design, specifications and preparation of bid documents to permanently close the Forest Road Landfill, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUMMARY

This Article will provide the funds necessary to prepare detailed closure plans for the Forest Road Landfill. In 1985 the Forest Road Landfill was closed and an interim cap was installed. This cap does not meet the current requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Since then the Town has applied for clay capping material from the Central Artery / Tunnel Project. Delivery is expected to start this spring. This material, which is a Boston blue clay, comes to the Town free of charge (a savings of approximately \$400,000 in the expected total cost of the capping program) and will be used to create an impervious cap on the landfill. Other items that will be required to meet DEP regulations will be a drainage layer on top of the clay cap, loam & seed on top of the drainage layer, and gas venting pipes. These funds will be used to hire a qualified consultant to prepare the plans, specifications and bidding documents for this work.

Direct inquiries to: David F. Abbt, Engineering Administrator 264-9628
Selectman Assigned: William Mullin

Selectmen: Recommended
Finance Committee: Recommendation Deferred

ARTICLE 27 STORAGE BUILDING
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$100,000, or any other sum to be expended by the Town Manager for construction of a storage building and making necessary improvements to the parking lot at Woodlawn Cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUMMARY

This article will provide the necessary funds to design and construct a two bay storage building to house equipment used to maintain Acton's cemeteries, conservation land and recreation areas. The proposed building will be 40' X 60' with overhead doors, a concrete

**EXCERPT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 1998
WITH ADJOURNED SESSIONS HELD APRIL 7, AND APRIL 8, 1998**

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MOTION: MR. KABAKOFF moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$100,000.00 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of designing and constructing a storage building and making necessary improvements to the parking lot at Woodlawn Cemetery and to raise such amount, \$100,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash.

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foundation and floor slab. Construction will include removal of existing pavement, regrading the existing parking area and installation of drainage structures to service the new parking area.

Direct inquiries to: Thomas Tidman, Natural Resources/Cemetery Director - 264-9631
Selectman Assigned: Herman Kabakoff

Selectmen: Recommended
Finance Committee: Recommendation Deferred

ARTICLE 28 GRAND OPENING AT NORTH ACTON RECREATION AREA
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$10,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Town Manager to host a grand opening celebration at the North Acton Recreation Area, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUMMARY

The requested funds will be used as "seed" money for a weekend of activities to celebrate the grand opening of the town's sole intergenerational park. The purpose is to showcase our 40 acre park which will open to the public during the summer of 1999. This inaugural event is intended to enhance our sense of community and introduce the town to the facilities, including the nine acre pond, the entertainment amphitheater, the picnic pavilion and seven acres of athletic fields through a weekend of enjoyable activities.

Direct inquiries to: Thomas Tidman, Natural Resources/Cemetery Director - 264-9631
Selectman Assigned: William Mullin

Selectmen: Recommended
Finance Committee: Recommendation Deferred

ARTICLE 29 TOWN BOARD SUPPORT - SPECIAL PROJECTS
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$5,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Town Manager for the on-going expenses of the Acton Boxborough Cultural Council, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUMMARY

The ABCC seeks \$5,000 to produce cultural activities and programming in the Acton community. These funds will help foster collaborations among local artists and cultural

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I - BONDABLE ITEMS

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
A. Transfer Station Construction Extra Cost and Equipment	97,500
B. Roof Replacement Memorial Library	100,000
C. Cemetery Maintenance Building	100,000
D. Sewage Treatment Facility Study	300,000
E. Town Hall Office Space	1,500,000
F. Local School Repairs and Equipment	2,500,000

SUMMARIES FOR BONDABLE ITEMS

A. This request provides additional funds to complete the site work of the transfer station which was funded by Article 29, 1983 Annual Town Meeting. The shortage of funds was caused by the cost of the building construction being greater than what was originally estimated.

(S) Recommended
(F) Recommendation Deferred

B. This is a request for funds to replace the roof on the Memorial Library. The existing tar and gravel roof is seventeen years old, and is showing signs of deterioration. Part of the work will be to close off the now useless skylights, and to add extra insulation to the roof.

(S) Recommended
(F) Recommended

C. For the design and construction of the proposed building at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

(S) Recommended
(F) Recommended

D. This request provides the Town's local share of \$300,000, the cost to design and prepare plans, specifications, and bid documents to implement the recommendations of the Supplemental 201 Facilities Planning Report which was funded by Article 4, June 20, 1983 Special Town Meeting.

(S) Recommendation Deferred
(F) Recommended