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2/27/2023 - Minutes

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

Councilor Slobogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and lead the Council and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

Patrick Reynolds
Mark Gould
Kathleen Prescott
Andy Shanahan
Daniel Donovan
Andrea Slobogan

Members Absent:

Justin Paré
John Simmons
Darius Gregory

Staff Present:

Town Manager Mike Borg
Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito III
Treasurer/Tax Collector Chris Sweet

Invited Guests:

Verizon Representative Don Vonner

Residents Present:

Greg Pierce

Documents Reviewed:

- Minutes from the February 13, 2023 Meeting
- Town Manager's Report February 27, 2023
- Measure 2023-038- Acceptance of Petition for Verizon New England, Inc. & NAED for Joint or Identical Pole Locations on Holmes Road • Measure 2023-040- Amend, per Bond Counsel, Measure 2022-075- FY23 Water Enterprise Fund Capital Projects for Borrowing" for borrowing language purposes.

- Measure 2023-037- Approval for the Town to accept through quitclaim deed ownership of the drainage lot (assessor's map 29, lot 337) on Veteran's Way as part of the Cushman Estates Subdivision
- Measure 2023-041- Approval of Transfer of \$125,000.00 from Capital Improvement Stabilization for North Attleboro Fire Station Feasibility Study
- Measure 2023-043- Approval of Request for the Transfer of \$9,500.00 for an FY22 Invoice for Weights & Measures.

II. Approval Of Minutes

- Approval of Town Council Minutes of February 13, 20223

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

III. Town Councilor Community Announcements

- Councilor Slobogan, on behalf of the Council, congratulated Matthew Lacasse and 8th grade History Teacher at the Middle School for receiving two awards; Teacher of the Year & U.S. History Teacher of the Year.
- "Hops for Heart" Charitable Event Fundraiser for Heart Awareness is this Wednesday, 3/1/2023 at 6:00PM

IV. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Michael Borg gave an overview of the Town Manager Report. Items he reviewed included:

- Emergency Management -Updates
- Communications-Updates
- Operations-Updates
- Budget-Updates
- Personnel-Updates

V. Resident And Community Comment

VI. Confirmations

VII. Public Hearing

- Measure 2023-038- Acceptance of Petition for Verizon New England, Inc. & NAED for Joint or Identical Pole Locations on Holmes Road

Tax Classification Public Hearing and Vote

Purpose & Justification:

Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations

Verizon New England and North Attleborough Electric Department: Request permission to locate poles, wire, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

HOLMES ROAD: Place one (1) jointly owned mid-span pole numbered T50 1/2/ E50-50 on the northeast side of Holmes Road at a point approximately five hundred eighty-two (582) feet northeasterly from the town's border with Cumberland, RI.

Reason: The mid-span pole is required to support the existing pole line; and to provide for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications and the transmission of high and low voltage electric current.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to open the public hearing regarding Measure 2023-038- Acceptance of Petition for Verizon New England, Inc. & NAED for Joint or Identical Pole Locations on Holmes Road

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Reynolds announced that the Public Hearing was now open.

Councilor Reynolds read the public hearing notice into the record.

TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH
TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
LEGAL NOTICE
FEBRUARY 27, 2023

The North Attleborough Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., pertaining to the Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations of the following public way HOLMES ROAD, by Verizon New England, Inc. & North Attleborough Electric Department. Copies of the petition can be obtained from the Town Manager's Office at 43 South Washington Street, or the Town Council's page on the official Town of North Attleborough website.

After the vote, Councilor Slobogan declared the Public Hearing open and invited the Town Manager to present information to the Council and the Public. Councilor Slobogan invited the Verizon Representative to explain the request to both the Council and the Public.

Mr. Don Vonner of Verizon New England, Inc. was in attendance to explain the project and answer any questions that both the Council and the public may have had.

Councilor Slobogan asked if there was anyone from North Attleboro Electric Department that would like to speak on this measure.

Councilor Slobogan asks the Public if there are any questions.

Mr. Greg Peirce was in attendance and asked why project was necessary and asked why they were adding an additional line.

Mr. Vonner explained that they were not adding an additional line, but this was just a midspan pole to raise the height of the wires so that they would be 18 feet above the

driveway. This project was most likely requested by the North Attleboro Electric Department.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to approve Measure 2023-038- **Acceptance of** Petition for Verizon New England, Inc. & NAED for Joint or Identical Pole Locations on Holmes Road.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Finance

Nothing to report at this time.

b. Economic Growth & Sustainability

Nothing to report at this time.

c. By-Law

d. Rules

Councilor Prescott reported that they will be meeting at the beginning of next month.

e. School Committee Representative

Nothing to report at this time.

f. Communication, Public Participation, & Engagement

Councilor Slobogan reported that they will be meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:00PM at North TV and invited everyone to attend.

g. Local Emergency Planning

Nothing to report at this time.

IX. Old Business

a. Measure 2023-040- Amend, per Bond Counsel, Measure 2022-075- FY23 Water Enterprise Fund Capital Projects for Borrowing” for borrowing language purposes.

I hereby submit the following measure to the Town Council for

its re-consideration and action:

Water System Remediation Projects

That the Town of North Attleborough appropriates the amount of Eleven Million Five Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$11,518,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs of the design, planning, engineering, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and installation of water lines, water systems and water treatment facilities, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) water system remediation projects, fluoride injection systems, upgrades to the PLC and radio systems and water tank coating projects, in the amounts and as further described in the attachment hereto, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 and/or M.G.L. c.29C, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager determines that such should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in M.G.L. c.29C, §1; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") established pursuant to M.G.L. c.29C and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection (the "DEP")

with respect to such loan or any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is

authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with DEP, to expend all funds available for the project; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Descriptions of the projects are included in the attached FY2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

Town Manager explained this measure is to amend the language "Massachusetts Clean Water Trust" the ("Trust") as per Bond Counsel. He stated that there is no change to the measure other than the language, and no change in the amount of the measure.

Town Manager Borg requested that it may be voted off the floor tonight or be referred to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review. It is up to the Council's discretion.

There was discussion amongst the Town Manager and the Council and the Council decided to vote this measure off the floor at tonight's meeting.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to vote to approve Measure 2023-040- Amend, per Bond Counsel, Measure 2022-075 "FY23 Water Enterprise Fund Capital Projects for Borrowing" for borrowing language purposes.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

X. New Business

- a. Measure 2023-037- Approval for the Town to accept through quitclaim deed ownership of the drainage lot (assessor's map 29, lot 337) on Veteran's Way as part of the Cushman Estates Subdivision

Purpose & Justification:

The Cushman Estates seven-lot subdivision approved in 2013 is complete. A condition of

approval (#8) is "Once the road has been accepted at Town Meeting, the applicant shall deed Lot 8 (retention/detention area) to the Town of North Attleborough Department of Public Works.". The road was accepted by the Town in 2019. In the planning process, it was the intent for this lot to be owned by the Department of Public Works for the drainage system to be maintained at this public way. Mark Hollowell, Director of Public Works, approves this transfer of parcel.

Town Manager Borg further explained this measure and stated that he did discuss with DPW Director Mark Hollowell and he was in agreement that the Town of North Attleboro's DPW should accept this property as it was a condition of approval in the Planning Board's Decision once the road has been accepted. This piece of property will be a retention/drainage area.

There was discussion amongst the Council and the Town Manager.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to approve Measure 2023-037-For the Town to Accept through Quitclaim Deed Ownership of the Drainage Lot (assessor's map 29, lot 337) on Veteran's Way as part of the Cushman Estates Subdivision.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Measure 2023-041- Approval of Transfer of \$125,000.00 from Capital Improvement Stabilization for North Attleboro Fire Station Feasibility Study

Purpose & Justification:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Capital Improvement Stabilization Funds, the amount of \$125,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the North Attleborough Town Manager, to be approved by the Town Council, for the feasibility study for the North Attleborough Fire Station (currently located 50 Elm Street, North Attleborough, MA.) to be constructed at a new location.

Town Manager Borg further explained this measure and requested that it be referred to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to refer Measure 2023-041 -Approval of Transfer of \$125,000.00 from Capital Improvement Stabilization for North Attleborough Fire Station Feasibility Study to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

- c. Measure 2023-043- Approval of Request for the Transfer of \$9,500.00 for an FY22 Invoice for Weights & Measures.

Purpose & Justification:

The Department of Standards from the State of Massachusetts has performed the Weights & Measures Sealer functions for the Town. The State informed the town that they are no longer able to perform these functions as of June 30, 2022. The FY23 funds budgeted in the Contracted Services Account to pay for these FY22 services were used to compensate the FY23 contract for the contractor, Kevin Duquette, who has been appointed as the Town Sealer of Weights & Measures.

It is being requested that the amount of \$9,500.00 be transferred from the Boiler Fuel Allen Avenue Account 011929-521300 to the Contracted Services Fund 012469-530010. There is currently \$20,000.00 in the Boiler Fuel Allen Avenue Account and \$00.00 in the Contracted Services Account. The total amount needed for Invoice #2023DOSCONFEEEDOS2338 is \$9,500.00.

Town Manager Borg further explained this measure did cross FY's and could be voted off the floor tonight or could be referred to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review. It is up to the Council's discretion.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to refer Measure 2023-043-Approval of Request for the Transfer of \$9,500.00 from the Boiler Fuel Allen Avenue Account to Contracted Services for the FY22 Invoice for Weights & Measures to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

XI. Executive Session

- a. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec.21(a), Sec.6- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Councilor Slobogan announced that the Council would be entering into Executive Session at 7:30PM and would not be returning back into Open Session. They would be adjourning right from Executive Session.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to go into Executive Session.

Councilor Prescott seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Reynolds - YES
Councilor Shanahan - YES
Councilor Prescott - YES
Councilor Gould - YES
Councilor Donovan - YES
Councilor Slobogan - YES

Motion carried 6-0.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES \(PDF\)](#)

Executive Session Minutes approved on 03.13.2023 and released to the public on 06.21.2023

XII. Adjournment