

**DPW Facility Committee Meeting Minutes**      Approved as corrected at the March 28, 2017 meeting  
**March 21, 2017**  
**Longmeadow High School Room A15**

**Committee Members Present:** Chris Cove, Peter Greenberg, Arlene Miller, Mary Beth Morris, Mary Pat O'Connor and Ryan Shanks.

**Absent:** David Appleman, Doug Jangraw and David Horowitz

**Other Attendees:** Mike Richards, (Weston & Sampson); Stephen Crane (Town Manager); Richard Foster (Select Board);

**Public Visitors:** Doug Sarnelli

**Public Comment:**

1. No public comment was offered.

**Old Business**

1. **Approve Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the February 28, 2017 minutes. The motion passed with Peter Greenberg abstaining.

**New Business**

1. **Grande Meadows Site Acquisition update:** Stephen Crane reported that the Emanate Domain authorization appraisal has been completed. Two appraisals were considered and the final number is \$21.6 million dollars. Stephen has not yet spoken to the owner about that number. He reported that the warrant article will reflect the cost of the total project to be \$21.6 million but the language on the warrant will allocate some of that cost to water and sewer operation. The approval process will require a positive vote on two articles at the May Annual Town Meeting, Article #9 will ask the voters to allow the Town to "take possession " of the property. Article #10 will ask the Town to approve the appropriation of \$21.2 million through a debt exclusion override to fund the construction of a new town yard facility, the purchase of the property and the closure of the Pond Side Road facility. Both of these articles will require a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting. Article #10 will also require majority vote of the voters in a June ballot vote.
2. **DPW Pre-Town Meeting Deliberative Forum April 11<sup>th</sup> Preparation:** There was a general discussion about the Forum scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Ryan suggested that we distribute the Forum invitation via the social media Face Book page he has created. All agreed. In order to be well prepared for the meeting, our committee agreed to meet again on March 28<sup>th</sup> to "walk" through every room in the plan so we are prepared to answer questions. There was also a request to Mike to provide break-out costs within the major cost centers so we have a better understanding and ability to respond to questions about detailed costs such as the cost of the demolition of the Grande Meadows building.
3. **Exit Costs for Pond Side Road:** There was a discussion about the exit costs associated with Pond Side Road. The amount of \$700,000 is included in the project at this time. Arlene reported that she has had preliminary conversations with DEP about requirements to "exit" the site. More discussion and detail is needed before we can get a clear understanding of what is required. Mary Beth and Arlene agreed to meet with DEP and discuss this further and report back to the committee.

4. **Finance Committee meeting of March 8:** Chris reviewed the details from the meeting with the Finance Committee on March 8<sup>th</sup>. They had asked quite a few questions. It is possible that the committee might be split as far as giving support to his project. Stephen suggested that a few of us attend their next meeting and reiterate issues such as why we can not use the current site and what are the alternatives if this proposal fails.
5. **Social Media Blitz Update:** Ryan and Mike offered an update on the various social media topics. We also heard about a possible series of tapings on LMCTV with Arlene and Mario “walking through” the facility. Ryan emphasized that the Face Book page should be interactive. Peter volunteered to assist with that activity. All agreed that the social media effort should go live on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We need to begin to get this information out to the public. Other media such as the revised project flyer and the LMCTV series will be ready to distribute in the following weeks.
6. **Confirm Date and Time for Next Meeting:** The next task force meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The location will be determined.

A motion was made (Miller/Morris) to adjourn at 8:40PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Notes taken by Arlene Miller