

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APPROVED 5.6.2014

Meeting of April 5, 2014

Bessie Buker School
School Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on April 5, 2014 at 12:30 PM in the Conference Room.

1. Call To Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Whittaker called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM

Selectmen Present: Ken Whittaker, Chair; Patrick Wilson, Vice Chair; Jack Wilhelm, Clerk

Also Present: Mark Andrews, Town Administrator; David Genreux, Finance Director; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary

Abbreviations used

BOS Board of Selectmen

CPA Community Preservation Act

2. Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meeting Discussions & Actions (if needed)

The Board of Selectmen met prior to the Annual Town Meeting to take final positions on the remaining Warrant Articles.

Chairman Whittaker reviewed that the CPA articles to appropriate funds for the Maple Street Affordable Housing Project and the Pool at Patton Park, were both pulled from the Warrant, and would be passed over.

ARTICLE 9: CPA Appropriations

1. Town Hall Preservation Bond Payment - \$163,744
2. Town Hall Record Preservation - \$10,000
3. Borders to Boston Rail Trail Kiosk project - \$750

Vote: Mr. Wilhelm moved, and it was seconded, to recommend favorable action on Article 9, CPA appropriations. The motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: Reduction of Hamilton Wenham Regional School Committee from 9 to 7 Members

The Selectmen acknowledged receiving emails from the community and School Committee regarding the reduction of the School Committee from 9 to 7 members; the majority support reducing the size of the committee.

Vote: Mr. Wilson moved, and it was seconded, to recommend favorable action on Article 12. The motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: Conversion of Town Clerk to an (BOS) Appointed Town Office (MGL Chapter 41, Section 1B)

Chairman Whittaker explained that if someone is elected as a "write in", that this person would serve as an elected office unless Article 13 passed at this Town Meeting and a subsequent ballot vote converting this position from elected to appointed. The Selectmen agreed that this person should continue to serve and only be removed "for cause", if the position was converted from elected to appointed. It was noted that this question is not on the April 10, 2014 ballot but would be on the 2015 ballot for consideration.

Vote: Mr. Wilson moved, and it was seconded, to recommend favorable action on Article 13. The motion carried by majority vote with Mr. Wilhelm abstaining.

ARTICLE 15: Amendment to the Zoning Bylaw - Signs

This article would amend the Town of Wenham Zoning Bylaw with a new Section 7.0 Signs

Vote: Mr. Wilson moved, and it was seconded, to recommend favorable action to Town Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Mr. Wilson moved at 12:50 PM, and it was seconded, that the BOS recess and reconvene in Town Meeting at 1 PM and adjourn immediately following Town Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The Selectmen adjourned at 4:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley

4.7.14