A regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday April 12, 2017, at 7pm in the Lower Conference Room, 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, Massachusetts. Present were:

Dennis J. Teehan

James A. MacDonald

Michael L. Butler

Dennis J. Guilfoyle

Brendan G. Keogh

Mr. Guilfoyle called the Meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by the State Champion AAA Dedham Squirt Hockey Team

**DEDHAM CITIZENS - OPEN DISCUSSION**

None.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Guilfoyle read a statement reflecting on his year’s Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. MacDonald moved Dr. Dennis Teehan into nomination for Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, abstained; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Dr. Teehan opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Guilfoyle nominated Mr. MacDonald for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, abstained.

Dr. Teehan made a few brief statements. He thanked Mr. Guilfoyle for his service as Chairman for the past year in thanked all the residents that came out and voted last Saturday. Dr. Teehan stated that he appreciates the opportunity to serve again and hopes to continue to do things that advocate for Dedham and fight for the Town of Dedham. Dr. Teehan added that he wants to promote transparency on the Board. People really need to know what’s going on up here and we really need to improve our efforts to communicate with people. Dr. Teehan continued, saying that he really wants to promote financial conservatism and doing the right thing in the long run for Dedham. Dr. Teehan stated he wants to continue to do what it takes to keep Dedham a livable community with a good quality of life. Dr. Teehan added that he looks forward to working with the other Selectmen and the other elected officials representing the Town of Dedham.

**RECOGNOTION OF JAMIE WHELDON – NEW ENGLAND YOUTH WRESTLING CHAMPION**

Dr. Teehan asked Jamie to tell the Board and everyone in the room what it is that he achieved.

Jamie responded that he is a four-time sectional champion, a three-time state champion and a two-time champion. Jamie added that he won a Big East tournament and four Bay State League Championships.

Mr. MacDonald stated his congratulations to Jamie and asked what weight class he was part of.

Jamie answered that this year was in the 215 lb. weight class and last year he was in the 188 lb. weight class.

Mr. MacDonald stated that it looks like Jamie is following in the footsteps of other great wrestlers that have come through the program. Mr. McDonald asked Jamie what the next step was for him.

Jamie responded that he hopes to continue on the path he is on at Dedham High.

Mr. Guilfoyle asked Jamie how many years he’s been under the tutelage of Coach Maher.

Jamie answered, since first grade.

Mr. Keogh stated his congratulations to Jamie and to Coach Maher. Mr. Keogh added that the Board has to recognize athletes like yourself as this speaks volumes to the Dedham wrestling program. Mr. Keogh continued, stating that Jamie should be proud of himself as should his family and we’ll look forward to hearing good things about him in the future.

Mr. Butler asked Jamie to describe the discipline it takes to perform at the level he has demonstrated for the last several years.

Jamie stated it takes the dedication to show up to practice every day and put in the work. Jamie added that he keeps trying to improve himself and learn from his mistakes.

Dr. Teehan read the Certificate of Achievement which listed his accomplishments. Dr. Teehan then proceeded to give Jamie the certificate.

Jim Maher stated that Jamie has been with the program a long time and we saw how talented he was as a fourth grader so we brought him up to the middle school team. Mr. Maher added that from there he has risen to the top of youth wrestling in New England. Mr. Maher stated that that they may be a small-Town program but they are competing with some of the best club programs in the state. Mr. Maher thanked Jamie’s father, who is there every day for him, every tournament for him.

**RECOGNITION OF DEDHAM YOUTH HOCKEY AAA SQUIRT STATE CHAMPIONS**

Jeff Adams, coach of the Dedham Youth Hockey AAA Squirt State Champions, was present before the Board.

Dr. Teehan asked Mr. Adams to tell the story of how they came to be here this evening.

Mr. Adams stated that they started off as a double A team in a hundred team league. Mr. Adams added that they were probably around 55th in the league and by the end of the season we were the number one team in the number one division. Mr. Adams continued, saying that on March 12 they became state champions with a 3-2 win in overtime after being down 2-0 in the third period. Mr. Adams informed all that they won the valley league championship with a 3-0 win. Mr. Adams added that that their final record was 33-2.

Dr. Teehan stated that all these guys worked very hard to gain these accomplishments but the parents also showed immense support to the team.

Mr. Guilfoyle congratulated the team and the coaches and thanked the parents for their help and support.

Mr. Keogh congratulated the team on a fantastic job. Mr. Keogh asked Mr. Adams to point out his assistant coaches.

Mr. Adams pointed out Craig Ward, Paull Iantosca, Doug Smink, Timmy Holton, Tim Doyle and Mike Moreno. Mr. Adams stated that they could not have done this without the parents. Mr. Adams added that this was definitely a team and a family effort.

Mr. McDonald told the team that there are kids younger than them looking up to them. Mr. McDonald added that you are now role models for this community. Mr. McDonald stated that to build and accomplish what you have is a result of your hard work and your dedication along with the help of the coaching staff. Mr. MacDonald added that he looks over this room he sees a lot of people who are proud of you and your accomplishments.

Mr. Butler asked what it was like in the locker room at the state championship game.

Mr. Adams stated that it was pretty amazing in the locker room and on the ice. Mr. Adams informed all that he’s been playing hockey since he was five years never felt like that before and it’s a feeling this team will never forget.

Mr. Butler asked if they were going to put together a little video clip of the celebration.

Mr. Adams stated yes there will be.

Mr. Guilfoyle then proceeded to hand out certificates from the Board of Selectmen, Sen. Rush and Representative McMurtry, to the coaches and the players.

Mr. McDonald asked if there was one hockey player that would like to come up to the microphone and tell us about the season and what the team did.

Tim Holton stated that they won lots of games which was good, so we could celebrate and that’s it.

**OFFICIAL SWEARING-IN OF FIREFIGHTERS RICHARD BECKER, JOHN FONTAINE, KEVIN GALIAZZO, MATTHEW JASSET, SEAN LEDWIDGE AND JOSEPH RILEY**

Chief William Spillane was present before the Board.

Chief Spillane stated that this is a very special group and we are here tonight to present to the Board six newest Firefighters for the Town of Dedham. Chief Spillane added that they just recently completed a 21 week, very strenuous program over at the Boston Fire Department, where they learned all aspects of the basics to become a Firefighter. Chief Spillane informed everyone that they were trained by the best and when the candidates come out of there, they have a solid foundation to work off of. Chief Spillane stated that their training will continue every day, every month, and every year that they are on this job.

Chief Spillane informed all that of the six positions, four represent the additional staffing levels to our department, which allows us to have a three-man letter company, something that the Town is never had before. This is a true credit to the Town for allowing us to have these additional Firefighters on the trucks to serve the community that much better. Chief Spillane then presented to 60 Firefighters for the Town of Dedham.

Paul Munchbach, Town Clerk, proceeded to swear in Richard Becker, John Fontaine, Kevin Galiazzo, Sean Ledwidge and the Joseph Riley. Ms. Baker proceeded to swearing-in Matthew Jasset. Each FirefIghter was also pinned.

Mr. Munchbach informed all that all six Firefighters signed the official record book on April 12, 2017 and will be recorded in the Town Clerk’s office.

Mr. Guilfoyle congratulated the new Firefighters thanked them for dedicating themselves to help protect the residents of this Town. Mr. Guilfoyle stated that one thing that they want is for you to go home safe every day. Mr. Guilfoyle added that there are a lot of good officers that you will be working with, so pay attention to them and learn from them. Mr. Guilfoyle told new Firefighters that common sense goes a long way.

Mr. Butler congratulated the new Firefighters. Mr. Butler stated that it is great to see the terrific men that you all have become. This is due in large part to your own efforts and discipline and by no small measure to the discipline you received from your parents. Mr. Butler added that these new Firefighters are joining a department that is a lot younger than it was 10 years ago and we are fortunate to have the influx of new talent. Chief Spillane and his leadership team are dedicated to providing ongoing training and this Board supports that wholeheartedly.

Mr. Keogh congratulated the new Firefighters and stated that he is the brother of a Boston Firefighter and he remembers the day his brother was sworn in. Mr. Keogh’s entire family was very proud of him. Mr. Keogh thanked their families for their sacrifices.

Mr. MacDonald congratulated the new Firefighters and stated that his brother is also a Boston Firefighter. Mr. McDonald added that the job you all have chosen is a difficult one but the training they just went through was at the best Academy in the state. They prepared you in all ways to be able to take your education to the next level. Mr. MacDonald continued, saying that you will have the best equipment and teachers. Mr. McDonald stated that at the end of the day to be able to retire is the goal. Mr. MacDonald added that people enduring a tragedy are going to be looking to you to help them.

Dr. Teehan congratulated the new Firefighters and stated that he has a relationship with Fire Department in Boston as he is the doctor there. Dr. Teehan added that he thinks a lot about what it takes to be a Firefighter, the sacrifices that you will make daily. Dr. Teehan thanked the Firefighters for their service to the Town.

Dr. Teehan asked each new Firefighter to come up to the microphone and say a few words. Each Firefighter came up to think people that help them along the way and to state their gratitude.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE WITH DEDHAM SCHOOLL OF MUSIC FOR BANNERS & LAWN SIGNS**

Amy FIchera, Executive Director of the Dedham School of Music was present before the Board. Ms. Fichera stated that the Dedham School of Music is a nonprofit organization that has been around for about nine years. Ms. Fichera added that in order for them to be able to offer all the programs that they do, they have to rely on community support largely through grants and fundraising. Ms. Fichera informed the Board that they wanted to add a fundraiser this year that not only reached out to Dedham residents but also served them. So on June 10 they will be holding a Town wide yard sale. Ms. Fichera continued, saying that in order to get in front of as many residents as possible, she is requesting permission to hang and post signage throughout the Town to let people know of the event.

Mr. MacDonald moved approval of the request to hang and post signage by the Dedham School of Music; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle.

Mr. Butler informed all that as he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dedham School of Music, he will be recusing himself from discussions and voting regarding this agenda item.

**On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, abstained; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE 350 WASHINGTON STREET/AFFORDABLE UNITS**

Attorney Peter Zahka representing Petruziello Properties, LLC, was present before the Board. Mr. Zahka informed the Board that construction on the new building at 350 Washington Street was just about to be finished. Mr. Zahka added that during the permitting process the Planning Board had requested that his client use reasonable efforts to have 5% of the units within the building be affordable. Mr. Zahka stated that they entered into a memorandum of understanding and his client has pursued that. Mr. Zahka added that his client has also retained the appropriate consultants to put the package together which he has submitted to the Board. This requires the chief elected official of the Town to sign that document, it would then be pending state approval and would affect a total of three units.

Dr. Teehan asked if there were any questions from the Board.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval of the request by Mr. Zahka; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Mr. Zahka requested that Dr. Teehan, as the Chairman of the Board, sign the document.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: ACCEPTANCE OF SEWER EASEMENTS AT 77 LEONARD STREET**

Atty. Peter Zahka, representing Fran Pearsall, was present before the Board. Mr. Zahka informed all that Ms. Pearsall owns property which currently has a failed septic system. Mr. Zahka added that Leonard Street, starting in front of her house, is a private way. The Town engineer has implemented a policy that in order to extend the sewer main to bring it down to her house, we are required to grant sewer easements in the street. Mr. Zahka informed the Board that in front of them was a grant sewer easement from Fran Pearsall, as well as the gentleman across the street. Mr. Zahka added that the forms in front of the Board have been reviewed by Jason Mammone, the Town engineer, as well as by Town Counsel. Mr. Zahka continued, saying that in addition to that we have secured, for both addresses, subordinations of any of any mortgages that may be on those properties.

Dr. Teehan asked Ms. Baker if either the Town Engineer or Town Counsel have raised any concerns with this.

Ms. Baker answered that both are recommending that it be executed by this Board.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval of the request by Mr. Zahka; seconded by Mr. MacDonald. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: REQUEST FOR LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE (4/30/17)**

Dan Maher, President of Dedham Youth Baseball, was present before the Board. Mr. Maher stated that he would like to formally request a permit for the opening day parade. Mr. Maher went on to describe some of the details including the parade route. There will be a brief ceremony at Memorial Park and the bouncy house and a DJ to help entertain the kids. Mr. Martin explained that they hold the event on April 30 to coincide with the James Joyce Ramble for which the streets are already closed and police details already out and about.

Dr. Teehan moved approval the request for the Little League Parade; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION**

Stefano Loretto from Good Energy, was present before the Board.

Mr. Kern stated that this is a subject he brought up at the last Selectmen’s Meeting. Mr. Kern informed all that this is a program that the Town of Dedham and 22 or 23 other communities entered into to lock in a low electricity rate. Mr. Kern added that he asked Mr. Loretto to speak tonight to try to describe to the Board why Good Energy is recommending that the larger group should consider going out to bid now, based on market conditions. Mr. Kern continued, saying that what we ultimately need is a motion and a vote from the Board authorizing him as the primary designee and Nancy Baker as the alternate designee, to represent the Town on April 19, 2017 in a potential awarding of a new bid.

Mr. Loretto thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak in front of them. Mr. Loretto informed the Board that he wanted to provide a quick update and some reasoning as to why we are seeking to renew the program. Mr. Loretto stated that the program started in January 2016, for an initial 24 month term and runs through the end of this year.

**Dedham Electricity Aggregation Program Update**

**April 12, 2017**

**Program Summary**

•2 Year Residential Savings: $496,422 - forecast of the summer Eversource rate is 11.3 cents and the forecasts to date have been within three tenths of a penny. These are conservative forecasts so Eversource’s price could potentially be higher.

•**Constellation** acquired the initial bid winner, Con Ed Solutions

•New suppliers brought into the market: **Dynegy & Crius**

•April 19 Bid - day for renewal

•Impacts of capacity increase

•Additional MA Class 1 RECs for 2016: 3,732

* Equivalent to 3.2 MW Solar
* 3,147,868 lbs of CO2 displaced
* 302 cars driven for 1 year

**Awesome The Value of Buying Forward in Today’s Market**

* Under normal conditions, forward prices (prices for future calendar years of power available to buy today) carry a premium which increases in each future year.
* The current forward power market is *over supplied,* which causes sellers to lower their future prices as an incentive. In the current market, future years can be bought for nearly the same price among them, as indicated in the circled area.
* The prices for 2019, 2020 and 2021 are nearly the same, representing a compelling bargain for power buyers.

Mr. Loretto informed all that right now they are receiving prices that are 7% from their all-time low for future years and that represents value. Mr. Loretto stated that this is why that even though the contract does not expire until the end of the year, we see a buying moment. Mr. Loretto added that we have an advantage over the utilities as they are forced to purchase on set days of the year while we can purchase when the market dictates that it is advantageous.

Mr. Kern stated that just to be clear, we would be buying early and the new negotiated locked-in price would pick up on January 1, 2018.

Mr. Loretto informed all that another reason they are doing this now, is that of the last 10 mildest winters, nine of them have resulted in very hot summers. So they think there is very good chance we are going to have a very warm summer we could see these prices going up in the fall and things could be really out of sight by then.

Mr. Loretto stated that the thing that is really focusing on is the capacity and the capacity market in its simplest sense is making sure that there’s enough supply of energy to meet demand and the supply is increasing. Mr. Loretto added that they are forecasting a significant increase in capacity charges and this is another reason why they are expecting the Eversource summer rate to increase significantly to over 11 cents at this point.

Dr. Teehan thanked Mr. Loretto for showing the presentation giving an update regarding the electricity aggregation.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved to designate Mr. Kern as the representative of the Town of Dedham and Nancy Baker as the alternate, at the bid next week; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD**

**Request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for the annual Great Strides Walk – Sunday May 21, 2017 at the Endicott Estate**

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**Minutes Approval – 3-30-17**

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Ms. Baker informed all that there will be a Recycling Day in Dedham on April 29, 2017, from 9 AM to 12 PM, at the Dedham Middle School, 70 Whiting Ave. Ms. Baker added that this event is on the Town’s website where you will find a list of items that will be collected that day.

Ms. Baker stated that in celebration of Earth Week, there are a number of events coming up.

* April 22, 2017, there will be a kick off of Earth Week with a Dedham Grows Program, at the Dolan Center.
* April 27, 2017, the Town of Dedham Public Works and the Sustainability Committee will be celebrating Arbor Day, at the Endicott Estate with a series of speakers at 7 PM.
* April 28, 2017, there will be an event with tree climbing demonstrations and others at the Endicott estate at 9 AM
* April 29, 2017, Earth Day cleanup at various locations.
* May 20, 2017, Family Festival

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Guilfoyle thanked everyone for reelecting them back to the Board of Selectmen and stated that it is a great honor for him to represent the Town of Dedham.

Dr. Teehan also thanked everyone for coming out to vote and for all the support that people gave him. Dr. Teehan added that is truly an honor to serve as a Selectmen to represent Dedham for three more years.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Kern informed all that Mr. Keogh asked him to update the Board on Jason Mammone, Town Engineer, and his adventures with the Town wide speed limit. Mr. Kern added that the Board voted to opt in to the section of Chapter 90 that allows for the changing of the speed limit in all the areas that are not already posted. Mr. Kern continued, saying that the question is how to properly post, explain and enforce the new speed limit. Mr. Mammone shared his concerns with Mass DOT stating that he’s not sure it would work very well and Mass DOT responded saying that they tend to agree and they are still working on it. Mass DOT has also proposed the posting of all side streets and gave some suggestions on how to execute that. Mr. Kern stated that Mass DOT is trying to avoid the situation where a person gets pulled over and is legitimately confused about what speed limit is. Mr. Kern added that he will keep the Board in the loop in regards to how that is proceeding. Mr. Kern informed the Board that is not a bad thing to take some time to try and get it right instead of flailing around later. Mr. Kern continued, saying that a couple of communities just put up signs, Boston and Salem being among them.

Mr. Keogh stated that it seems like there is kind of a feeling out process. Mr. Keogh asked Mr. Kern if they were trying to gauge how other communities are doing it or are we waiting for Mass DOT to get back to us.

Mr. Kern stated that as of right now the Town is waiting for Mass DOT. Mr. Kern informed the Board that thinks it might be better if Mass DOT figures on how they want to do and they send out a directive stating how they’d like it done. Mr. Kern continued, saying that if the State takes too long he thinks Towns are going to start getting impatient and will start to take action. Mr. Kern stated that he thinks it’s possible that Mass DOT will observe how the Towns are doing it and say that’s a pretty good idea, that’s what we will do.

Mr. Kern stated that last night was the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, where articles 3 and four were discussed and voted. Mr. Kern informed all that the Capital Plan was voted 6-3 and Article 3, the operating budget, was the 8-1 to move forward.

Mr. Kern stated that as part of those discussions they debated how to use the Town’s existing cash surplus. Mr. Kern referred to the document below which is essentially what the Finance Committee agreed to support. Mr. Kern informed all that the proposal is to use about $3.7 million of the present available cash surplus, 3.2 from the overlay and $520,000, tax levy. Mr. Kern added that we have designated amount coming back from all the back and forth between the Robin Reyes fund over the last few years.

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Mr. Kern stated that as it stands now, the proposals to put a partial payment of $2 million towards the unfunded liability, the pension. Mr. Kern added that the snow and ice deficit is estimated at $325,000. Mr. Kern continued to summarize the Revised Free Cash Proposal document.

Mr. Kern stated that the best approach would be to make a partial payment towards the pension. The idea there, as Mr. Kern discussed with the Finance Committee last evening, is to make a $2 million payment to the pension. That will allow us to engineer it so our payments to the pension fund step down over the next two years, so we get a tax levy benefit in each of those two years. Mr. Kern added that over the last couple years we have infused a good amount of our free cash into our budget calculations. Mr. Kern continued, saying that we had to find a way to smoothly move out of that, in preparation for a year where we may not have enough free cash to continue to use it the way we have been able to. That also, to some degree addresses some concerns regarding the abilities of members of this Board with regard to investment performance. Mr. Kern added that he spoke with the Town of Wellesley which is one of the few Towns that actually made it to the point where they funding their pension. Mr. Kern continued, saying that they not only stopped the additional amount but they stopped funding the normal cost as well. Mr. Kern informed all that the actuary felt very comfortable giving him the kind of information that we were talking about, given that we would be almost limited to the mid-90 percentile.

Dr. Teehan clarified that the 2.94% reduction in the levee is brought on by the full $3.7 million and not the $520,000.

Dr. Teehan stated he asked Mr. Kern to do this because it is a really important conversation that is going to have implications down the road and depending on how the future goes it could be considerable implications. What we are doing here is something we have done the last few years, which is using free cash to artificially lower the tax rate and forgo the opportunity to pay down debt. Dr. Teehan stated that we have two debt exclusions at about $6.1 million and we still owe a little bit on our unfunded pension. Dr. Teehan added that the prosperity of the Town the last couple of years has afforded a unique opportunity to set ourselves up for a good financial future. Dr. Teehan continued, saying that we are at this point in bringing the tax or Town lower than people realize by doing were doing. The average text on Massachusetts went up 4.6% last year, while Dedham has been in the 1.5 to 2% for straight years. Dr. Teehan stated that by continuing to bring the tax rate down lower than it probably should be in lower than what most other communities are experiencing, we are passing up the opportunity to pay down debt. Dr. Teehan added that if the financial conditions change, if the market changes or if we start suddenly stop having a free cash surplus and we can no longer do this, we may have missed the boat and a chance to maybe set us up for a better financial future while getting rid of debt exclusions and pension liability. Dr. Teehan continued, saying that he believes it is really important to have that conversation as a Board and it is important that Town Meeting know this. There is the possibility that something expectedly changes we set ourselves up for a really bad tax year down the road by doing this.

Mr. Kern stated that this represents the culmination of the conversation that occurred in the Finance Committee deliberations over the last number of weeks. This was a conversation about how people on the Finance Committee felt about what we are talking about which is the balance between now and later and this is a result of that discussion. Mr. Kern added that we can arrive at different conclusions and one of the concerns is we can lean more toward spending more money for the long view but there is some uncertainty associated with that. Mr. Kern continued, saying that this is not a simple conversation but we have spent a lot of time on it with the Finance Committee and this is where it kind of sits now.

Dr. Teehan stated that the pension will be funded at about 95% with a $2 million payment. Dr. Teehan asked Mr. Kern if the plan was to fund out the last 5% over two years.

Mr. Kern stated that he would like to see it in two years because it gives a significant savings in both years.

Dr. Teehan asked Mr. Kern if there’s any thought of spreading it out over a longer time and taking more savings in FY 19 to see what happens with free cash in future years.

Mr. Kern stated there was, but it is a balance between trying to make up for the amount of free cash we’ve used the previous years in the present year.

Mr. MacDonald stated that this is a complicated issue and there is not one answer, because you can never predict the future. Mr. MacDonald added that Dedham has the reputation of a high tax Town and it comes down to what we want in a community and what are you willing to spend. Mr. MacDonald continued, saying that the job of this Board is to advise the Town Manager but ultimately it’s Town Meeting that decides the direction of the community and votes on the budget. This Board of Selectmen, working with the Board of Assessors, calculates the tax rate in November December, based on the action of Town Meeting. Mr. Macdonald stated that some of the things that the Board has done the last two years has reduced the levee by taking and moving excess funds to it in order to provide tax relief. That is how this Board, working with the Town Manager, has been able to accomplish that.

Mr. Butler stated that Mr. Kern presented a budget recommendation to the Board last month. Since that time there been a series of Meetings with the Finance Committee and the Finance Committee did its job. Mr. Butler added that they spent a lot of hours looking at a lot of detail and asking a lot of questions and this document represents the Finance Committee’s view of how the budget should move ahead. Mr. Butler stated his appreciation for the Finance Committee’s work along with the work of Mr. Kern, Ms. Baker, Andrea Terkelsen and the team here. Mr. Butler continued, saying that in the end the budget represents a compromise but it also represents the values of the Town.

Dr. Teehan stated that just as in our private finances, there is no right or wrong, it’s a question of value.

Mr. MacDonald stated that he would like to have a moment of silence for Bill Podolski. He was a member of the Finance Committee, School Committee and many building Committees. Mr. McDonald added that he was also a decorated veteran of the Korean War.

The Board initiated observed a moment of silence for Bill Podolski.

Mr. MacDonald moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Bill Podolski; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 27, 2017 at 7p.m. This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the Minutes of the F of Selectmen’s Meeting held on April 12, 2017, which minutes were approved on April 27, 2017.

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Dennis Guilfoyle - Chairman