A Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday May 17, 2018, 7PM, in the Francis O’Brien Meeting Room, 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, Massachusetts. Present were:

James A. MacDonald – Chair

Brendan G. Keogh - Vice Chair

Michael L. Butler

Dr. Dennis J. Teehan

Dennis J. Guilfoyle

Mr. MacDonald called the Meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Dr. Teehan was delayed.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mr. MacDonald

Mr. MacDonald wished his son James a Happy Birthday.

**DEDHAM CITIZENS OPEN DISCUSSION**

None.

Jay Fialkow asked the Board what the current status of the new Town Hall Senior Center is.

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Kern to give an update.

Mr. Kern stated that the status is going to involve some legal and organizational response to the fact that the Board of Selectmen voted to terminate the General Contractor on the job. Mr. Kern added that the General Contractor is no longer on site and now there’s a process through which the Surety Company, that financially ensures that the project will be finished, has a period of diligence that they are allowed and expected to do. Mr. Kern continued, saying that he hesitates to give timelines at this point but he stated that he would give an update a few months down the road.

**STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

The following applicants made statements to the Board, listing their experience and in some cases, describing their education and work experience.

Steve Heaslip

Joseph Borselliino

 Margaret Adams

Lindsey Barich

Jay Fialkow

Aidan Flaherty

Carey Reid

Chris Kelly

Amy Wax LaFont

Molly Uppenkamp

Agnes Portalewski

Lianna Manos

Gustavo Burkett

Samuel Thompson

Will Dashe

Mr. MacDonald reminded all that there are two openings for a three-year appointment, two openings for a two-year appointment, two openings for a one-year appointment and one opening for a one-year appointment for a High School student.

Mr. MacDonald stated that one of the 15 people who applied is a High School student, which leaves 14 people for six positions. Mr. MacDonald added that it is his hope that the people not chosen for this Commission will become active participants, because the Commission will only be as good as the input it gets from the community.

The other Board members made statements to the applicants thanking them for their foresight and interest in this Commission and also thanked them for their selflessness.

Carey Reid asked if the people that will be Committee reps, from the Fire Department, Counsel on Aging, etc. be vetted or will they be assigned by their Department Heads.

Mr. MacDonald informed all that they will be assigned by the Department Head.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved that Will Dashe be assigned to the Human Rights Commissions the High School student representative, a one-year term, to expire in May 2019; 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: REQUEST FOR BANNER FOR LIBRARY 5K RACE & PARTIAL CLOSING OF DEDHAM SQUARE FOR SUMMER READING BUS FESTIVAL (7-5)**

Janet Reynolds – representing DLIT (Dedham Library Innovation Team) was present before the Board. Ms. Reynolds informed the Board that DLIT is doing the 3rd Annual 5K BookIt! Race in August. Ms. Reynold’s added that they are requesting permission to hang a banner in Dedham Square near the Keystone Lot for a month before the race.

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

Ms. Reynolds stated that her second request was on behalf of the Blue Bunny Bookstore. Ms. Reynolds continued, saying that they have been invited by the Scholastic Book Company to host their Summer Reading Bus, Thursday July 5th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Ms. Reynolds added that they are seeking permission to close part of High Street from the corner of Washington Street to Eastern Ave, to 5pm – 8pm that evening.

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

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: ONE DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR BLUE RIBBON BBQ (5-19)**

Ms. Baker informed all that Blue Ribbon Bar-be-que is looking for a one day Entertainment license to play music from 6pm – 12pm during the Square Music Festival on May 19, 2018.

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.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: REQUEST FOR MASS RUN FOR THE FALLEN (9-8)**

Sgt. Major Jim Kelly - President of the Military Friend’s Foundation was present before the Board. Sgt. Major Kelly informed the Board that he would like to request permission to hold the Mass Run for the Fallen on September 8, 2018. Sgt. Major Kelly stated that the requests will be the same as in previous years. Sgt. Maj. Kelly continued, saying that he has met with and received the okay from the Parks and Rec Department and the Police and Fire chiefs. Following are Sgt. Maj. Kelly’s requests:

* permission to hold the run on September 8, 2018
* one day liquor license
* permission to land a Black Hawk Helicopter
* permission hang a banner on High Street by the court

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

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: CALL FOR VIOLATION HEARING(S) FOR TGI FRIDAY’S (750 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY) AND VICTORY GRILLE (233 ELM STREET)**

Mr. Guilfoyle moved that the Board call for a Violation Hearing for TGI Friday’s (750 Providence Highway); seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Mr. Butler moved that the Board call for a Violation Hearing for Victory Grille (233 Elm Street); seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**DISCUSSION WITH EVERSOURCE OFFICIALS RE: RECENT POWER OUTAGES (RIVERDALE AREA)**

Mr. Keogh asked for representatives from EverSource to come before the Board to explain the power outages in Dedham, specifically the Riverdale area. Mr. Keogh stated that there have been many outages this past year, many weather related but 4 or 5 weren’t.

Jack Lopes, Community Relations and Kenneth Brice, Manager of Engineering, were representing EverSource. Mr. Lopes explained that the Electrical Operations Director was supposed to be at this meeting but he is tied up in Connecticut because of the recent storms. Mr. Lopes informed all that that they have researched the areas affected. Mr. Lopes stated that Mr. Brice will give an update.

Mr. Brice informed all that Dedham has one major source called Station 20, on Cecil Place. Mr. Brice added that there are 17 circuits, 8 being higher voltage circuits. Mr. Brice continued, saying that one of these circuits, called a 28 6, feeds the Riverdale area Mr. Keogh was referring to. Mr. Brice informed the Board that in 2016, there was poor reliability, so EverSource addressed that issue by performing circuit patrols which revealed a number of faulty cut-outs. Mr. Brice stated that EverSource replaced 500 of

these cut-out units that were failing. Mr. Brice continued, saying that the biggest change in the past 2 years is that EverSource spent over 3.3 million dollars to upgrade the feed to Station 20. Mr. Brice added that there are 3 brand new lines feeding that station. Mr. Brice informed all that they are looking to upgrade that station with larger, higher capacity transformers. Mr. Brice continued, by explaining the issues they had in the month of March alone from underground faults, to tree related issues. Mr. Brice explained that the root cause of issues in the Riverdale section is underground. Mr. Brice added that Eversource is committed to inspecting every manhole and replacing any faulty cables or bad joints so these disruptions do not happen again.

Mr. Keogh stated that residents are hearing loud explosions up on the poles as if a transformer had blown. Mr. Keogh asked Mr. Brice if EverSource intends on replacing lines as opposed to repairing them.

Mr. Brice explained that they will start by inspecting the underground and repairing and replacing as necessary. Mr. Brice stated that he does not want these issues to continue.

Mr. Keogh asked Mr. Brice how will information be shared and how long the inspections will take.

Mr. Lopes informed the Board that the evaluation will take about a month and once we are able to do inspections and get into the manholes, we will be able to tell exactly what is going on. Mr. Lopes added that they will then put their action plan together and give the information to the Town Manager within a month.

Mr. Keogh asked for more information regarding the explosion sounds and the flashes.

Mr. Lopes informed all that usually when you hear a loud bang that is the result of a single overhead fuse blowing so it doesn’t take out the whole circuit.

Mr. Keogh asked if that would cause that flash.

Mr. Lopes answered that it could, depending on the condition of the fault current and the time of day.

Mr. Guilfoyle asked what was being done about the double poles around Dedham.

Mr. Lopes answered that he will get the information about how many double poles there are in Dedham, as well as the levels of the utilities to see who’s up next. Mr. Lopes continued, saying that until the utilities get off the original pole, EverSource cannot take the leaning pole down. Mr. Lopes went on to explain the hierarchy of the utilities on the poles. Mr. Lopes informed all that in Dedham, only Eversource can install a pole on the Public Way Public Way.

**BOS POSITIONS ON WARRANT ARTICLES FOR 2018 SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

SPRING TOWN MEETING (2018)

May 21, 2018

Unless otherwise stated, the Fin Com vote was unanimous

**Article 1 - E**lection of Town Officers (No Action Required)

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**Article 2 - P**ersonal By-Law Changes & Collective Bargaining Agreements

 (Voted six – two to approve Patrolmen’s MOU)

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**Article 3** - Operating Budget; FinCom Voted 6-2

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**Article 4 - C**apital Budget; FinCom Voted 6-0-2 mile

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**Article 5 -** Transfer/Close Out of Prior Years Special Articles

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**Article 6 -** Prior Year Bills (Indefinitely Postpone)

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**Article 7 -** Line Item Transfers ($832,000)

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**Article 8 -** Appropriation to Stabilization Fund (Indefinitely Postpone)

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**Article 9 -** Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, Deposit into RR Fund

 ($700,000)

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**Article 10 -** Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, Approp. from RR Fund

($3,864,633)

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 **Mr. Butler passed on Article 10**

**Article 11 -** Approp. To Reduce the Tax Rate (Indefinitely Postpone)

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**Article 12 -** Revolving Funds

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**Article 13 -** Sewer Enterprise Fund

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**Article 14 -** Endicott Estate Enterprise Fund

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**Article 15 -**  Reports of Committees (Indefinitely Postpone)

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**Article 16 -** Approp. For ECEC; 5-3 to Approve

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 **Mr. Keogh passed on Article 16**

**Article 17 -** Approp. For Trails & Historic Markers along Mother Brook; 7-0-1 to

 Approve

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**Article 18 -** UpdateSchool Long Term Facilities Plan

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**Article 19 -** Approp. For Collaborator/Study (Rail Trail); 5-3 to Approve

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 **Dr, Teehan passed on Article 19**

**Article 20 -** Zoning: Amendments to use Regulation Table

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**Article 21 -** Zoning:Amendments to Zoning Map

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**Article 22 -** Zoning: Amendment to Mixed Use Developments

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**Article 23 -** Zoning & General Bylaw: Amendment to Marijuana Establishments

 (Indefinitely postpone); 7-0-1

**Article 24 -** By-Law Amendment (False Alarms **); 7-1 to Approve**

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**Article 25 -**  Special Legislation Re: Binding Referendum; 5-3 to Indefinitely

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**Article 26 -** Acceptance of Statute Re: Military Service on Salary, etc. for Public

 Employees 6-1-1 to Approve

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**Article 27 -** Acceptance of Quarry Road; 6-1-1 to Approve

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**Article 28 -** Committee to Research & Evaluate Software Programs;

 (Indefinitely Postpone)

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**Article 29 -**  Petition to General Court to Increase Fines; (Indefinitely Postpone)

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Mr. Keogh moved that the Board concur with the FinCom’s recommendation on all articles not passed on; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Mr. Butler pointed out that Article 10 should read “Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, Approp, from RR Fund ($3,864,633)”, not “to RR Fund”.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved that the Board concur with the FinCom’s recommendation regarding Article 10; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Mr. Keogh stated that Article 16 deals with the appropriation for extended measures related to the traffic flow for the ECEC project. Mr. Keogh informed all that he is on the School Building Rehabilitation Committee and he wanted to reinforce the Committee’s support for this Article.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved that the Board concur with the Fin Com’s recommendation regarding article 16; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Dr. Teehan stated that Article 19 has and will generate quite a bit of conversation. Dr. Teehan added that there is a lot of support for this article and a lot of opposition for this article and to be fair to both sides, the Board felt like they needed to create a more formal framework to help move this debate forward. Dr. Teehan continued, saying that second part of the article sets the constraints on what can or cannot be done on a rather large piece of Town owned land. Dr. Teehan stated that the Board cannot really move forward with anything for this piece of Town owned land until we understand what the stakeholders, especially the abutters, think and what’s even possible based on what’s been built there in the last three years in terms of schools. Dr. Teehan added that this Board want to take some ownership of the situation and that’s what this article really represents.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved that the Board concur with the Fin Com’s recommendation regarding article 19; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL POLICE AS SPECIAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

Ms. Baker informed all that periodically the Town does have special Police officers that are appointed by Chief D’Entremont and we’re looking to add those positions to our list of special municipal employees, to afford them the opportunity to work in other capacities as it relates to the special Police officer designation, which would include those who do would do details or representatives from the Sheriff’s Department, etc.

Ms. Baker stated that under 268A Section 20 asked that they be considered to be added to the Special Municipal Employee Designation.

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

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT OF SEWER BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT COVENANT FOR 106 WASHINGTON STREET**

Dr. Teehan moved that the Board table this agenda item until the May 31, 2018 meeting; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes, Dr. Teehan, yes, Mr. Butler, yes, Mr. Guilfoyle, yes, Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: OPTIONS REGARDING PROPERTY LINE AT 26 BRYANT STREET**

 Mr. Kern stated that he asked Attorney Eichmann from KP-Law to help answer any questions the Board may have. Mr. Kern added that he will describe the issue that is not going to require any vote by the Board of Selectmen but he wanted to inform the Board about his intention along with the building committee and the design team for the building. Mr. Kern continued, saying that the issue was noted, by the architect, that the underground garage of the proposed Public Safety building, as presently designed, would extend slightly beyond the building lines established for Bryant Street by votes of April 5, 1926 Town meeting and April 2, 1940 Town meeting. Mr. Kern informed all that a building line is essentially a building setback line established by Town meeting following the procedure for laying out a public road. Mr. Kern stated that it is a setback but what the Town is looking to do is a subterranean parking garage extending inside, closer to the road from that Bryant Street layout by a very small amount. Mr. Kern added that there are three possible answers to the problem, as stated by attorney Eichmann.

Alter the design plans and move the garage back outside the building line. This is not the preferred option. Obtain a vote at Town meeting to discontinue the building lines on Bryant Street, Rely on the argument that the statutory prescription structures within the building lines applies to aboveground only. With respect to this option, the enforcement of the building lines and Attorney Eichmann’s position align with Town acting to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Kern stated that attorney Eichmann’s advice is there is not a requirement to have the Board vote any particular enforcement or lack of enforcement. Mr. Kern added that attorney Eichmann says that it is his advice that he, on behalf of the design team, indicate to the Board of Selectmen what the intention is. Mr. Kern continued, saying their intention would be to go forward as designed with the subterranean parking garage extending slightly beneath the building line.

Mr. Butler clarified that the proposed design of the underground parking does not extend below Bryant Street.

Mr. Kern stated that is correct.

Mr. MacDonald stated that there is no need for the Board to take action.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

1) There have been a number of pieces of correspondence between representatives of CTA, Arch Insurance, the OPMs, the architects, the subcontractors and the Town.  The process seems to be moving in the direction that would be inspected.  There was a walk through scheduled for today for a rep from the surety company (Arch) that was postponed because of a missed flight.  We have communicated officially our desire to have a different contractor finish the job.

2) I have communicated my intention to the apparent low bidder, Lorusso Construction that I intend to award next year’s bidder to the second low bidder due to concerns about the quality of the work performed in the most recent contract year.  They have filed a protest with the Attorney General’s Office.  We are conferring with counsel regarding the potential protest.

3)  As you know, Dedham participates in a leadership training program that began last fall.  It involved 5 of us attending 8 days of training in areas that are designed to create better leaders and better performance.  The training was phase one of the process.  Phase two is to design a project that uses some of the skills and accomplishes an objective.  Our project is to design a process that increases civic engagement.

I’ll speak for a few minutes about the project, but we believe the process has a lot to do with the performance of employees and Town officials as it relates to giving people a reason to be engaged.

Our project consists of 5 parts:  1) A survey that will go out shortly asking Dedham residents about the things they value in Dedham.  2) An all-day training of 24 employees on facilitative leadership.  3)  A meeting designed from the survey with specifically invited attendees that represent the diversity of the Town followed by specific action items from that feedback 4) after the summer, interviews with employees regarding their work and 5) an all-day training in customer service based partly on those interviews.

The participants for this year are Jessica Tracy (Public Health Nurse), Ed Paris (Riverdale Principal), John Sisson (Econ Dev Director), Mike Butler and me.

4)  Jarret Katz began work as Town Planner Monday.

5) The Attorney General’s Abandoned Housing Initiative is a program through which an abandoned house can be subject to communication from the Atty. Gen.’s office. All the properties that the Town of Dedham have received that letter and if there isn’t a response to the Atty. Gen. can take it into district court, take into receivership and then move forward. The letters of gone out and we have actually received some response.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 26, 2018**

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

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Guilfoyle reminded all that the Cystic Fibrosis walk will take place this Sunday, 11am at the Endicott Estate

Mr. Butler stated that he would like to thank the Dedham Square post office letter carriers as they ran another great food drive two Saturdays ago. Mr. Butler added the folks at the Endicott greenhouse are having a fundraiser on May 31, 2018 at the Endicott estate from 6 to 9 pm.

Mr. Keogh informed all that the Riverdale Fair will take place this Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 10am - 3pm. Mr. Keogh continued, saying that last week the Riverdale area held their first social gathering. Mr. Keogh added that last evening the Manor Neighborhood Association held their social at the Village Manor.

Mr. MacDonald thanked Martin Hanley and all the people that worked on the James Joyce ramble. Mr. MacDonald reminded all that Memorial Day is fast approaching and the annual Memorial Day services, put together by the combined Veteran’s Council will take place at 10am at Brookdale Cemetery. Mr. MacDonald continued, saying that a number of years ago we added Town Hall to the Neighborhood meetings and we got away from that. So this year Mr. MacDonald would like to do 2 of them, one at the Riverdale School and a second one at the Capen, if it is still open. Mr. MacDonald continued, saying that he has spoken with John Bethoney Chairman of the Planning Board and also with the School Committee and decided that there will be few joint meetings to help continue the communication and conversation between all Boards. Mr. MacDonald suggested that the last item on the agenda will be the Vice Chairman’s Report. Mr. MacDonald stated that it will be the Vice Chairman’s responsibility to keep track of what was talked about at the previous meetings.

Mr. MacDonald stated the Board has the need to go into executive session to discuss the following two items:

* The Disposition of Real Property
* Collective Bargaining

Mr. MacDonald informed all that discussing these items in open session would be detrimental to the Board’s position. Mr. MacDonald added that the Board will exit Executive Session only to adjourn the Open Meeting.

Dr. Teehan moved to enter into executive session, pursuant to Mass. General. Law, Chapter 39, section 23B, with respect to exemption 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property if such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body) and exemption 3 (to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position; 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 9:56pm.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 31, 2018 at 7 PM. This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Selectmen’s Meeting held on May 17, 2018, which minutes were approved on June 12, 2018.

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James A. MacDonald. – Chairman