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Meeting Minutes

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Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30 A, c. §18-25)

DEPT./BOARD: Select Board
Strategic Planning Session

DATE: May 18, 2022
Wednesday

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Grand View Farm
55 Center Street

Discussion: Goal/Objectives

Members Present: Nicholas Priest, Chairman, Michael Runyan, Vice Chairman, Michael Espejo, James Tigges, Joseph Morandi

Staff Present: Paul Sagarino, Town Administrator, John Danizio, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Accountant, John Sanchez DPW Superintendent, Rachel Leonardo Business Manager, Gary Gianino, Treasurer/Collector

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Priest, the subject of the meeting was to set goals no voting would take place.

Subcommittee Assignments - Mike E was assigned to all of Bob's committee's and asked that someone take Veteran's so Mike R will take that one. School Liaison has always been Chair and Vice Chair.

Trash – John S. and Rachel came to review the current contract and advice it will be expiring in June of 2023, so we need to start the process so it will be in place in time, showed some possible options to cut back because we will be looking at a 500,000 dollar increase.

Water Restrictions – Wanted to remind all we implemented a level 1 water ban that is still currently active back in October and asked that Paul be given permission to authorize level 2 in an emergency.

Succession Planning (DPW, FIRE) – DPW Operations Manager has been posted hoping to find an internal candidate. Fire looking to bring assistant chief more front forward as he would be the best choice to move up but then the process would need to start to fill his spot.



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Town Hall Space needs (Carpenter House/Grandview Study) - Over the past few years new positions and things being spreads out to different issues spacing seems to be more of an issue, Could Grandview be used more? Main hearing room be moved over there and that space turned into offices? Carpenter House built into Office space or the last building to make a complete campus approach?

Digital Sign – Town Common Paul was not been ignoring the topic just digging deeper by Town Counsel on specific land specific and to assure all avenues have been reviewed.

Select Board, Mission Statement – Overall language to be reviewed as suggested, what are the objectives and goals. Mike R and Nick will work on this and bring it back to the Board for more discussion.

Coordination of Mental Health Services – All in agreement not enough being done, what is the best path forward to utilize services. Mike E and Jim will contact Christine YFS and to coordinate a time to speak with her to see what else can be done.

Government Review – Gary spoke about the need for an independent study, the Select Board needs to lead this and stand together strong with TM and the community, currently the Town Gov't is ineffective.

3A Cambridge Street/Safety Improvements – Discuss taking back a portion of 3A ultimately control our own destiny. Long-term decision.

Old/New Business – Property between Grandview and the Police Station needs to be addressed, Sculpture Park needs to decide what and where the sculptures can be placed.

Meeting Closed @ 7:31

Submitted by:
Lyn Mills
Recording Clerk