A Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday February 1, 2018, 7PM, in the Francis O’Brien Meeting Room, 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, Massachusetts. Present were:

James A. MacDonald

Michael L. Butler

Dennis J. Guilfoyle

Brendan G. Keogh

Dr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mr. MacDonald informed all that Chairman Teehan was under the weather and would not be present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mr. MacDonald.

**DEDHAM CITIZENS - OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Dan Hart – 75 Harvard Street**

Mr. Hart stated that he was present to make his concerns regarding traffic known. Mr. Hart added that the volume of traffic, plus the speed of the vehicles and the recklessness and ignoring of pedestrian is making the situation more and more dangerous. Mr. Hart continued, saying that the amount of cars traveling above the speed limit is shocking. Mr. Hart stated that there have been fatalities on the High Street corridor and we are another fatality away from it becoming a major issue. Mr. Hart added that his kids do not feel safe at the end of the street and walk home from school. Mr. Hart continued, saying that he’s not sure if Engineering would have any possible solutions or Dedham Police.

Mr. MacDonald informed all that they will be talking about lowering the speed limit in about 10 minutes.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: Two (2) One-day Liquor Licenses for Ursuline Academy (2/8/18 & 5/9/18) and Request to hang Banner in Dedham Square for DLIT Community Gala**

Janet Reynolds was present before the Board. Ms. Reynolds stated that there are two events this winter and spring at Ursuline Academy that they would like one day liquor licenses for. Ms. Baker added that one is a trivia night for parents and alumni and the second one is a parent volunteer appreciation reception.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval of both one-day liquor licenses for Ursuline Academy; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, absent; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Ms. Reynolds stated that she is also representing the Dedham Library Innovation Team and they are in preparations for the “Annual Dedham Reads Together” program. Ms. Reynolds added that they are requesting permission to hang a banner on the railing of the Keystone Lot for 4 to 5 weeks before the event to advertise the Gala event on April 13, 2018.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval of DLIT hanging a banner on the railing of the Keystone Lot to advertise their Gala event; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, absent; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE W/ TOWN ENGINEER JASON MAMONNE**

* **Execution of Drainage Easement for Border Street**
* **Greenwood Avenue Recommendation**
* **Opt-In to 25 MPH Speed Limit & Amendment to Traffic Rules and Regulations**

**Execution of Drainage Easement for Border Street**

Ms. Baker stated that some residents might be coming in for the Greenwood Avenue discussion. Ms. Baker suggested that they do the drainage easement first and then the speed limit item 2nd.

Town Engineer, Jason Mammone, was present before the Board. Mr. Mammone stated that the first thing before the Board this evening is the drainage easement for Border Street. Mr. Mammone informed all that there were three houses to be built on Border Street and the Town had an existing drainage utility that rented those properties that did not have a secure easement. Mr. Mammone added that the easement was underneath the proposed foundation of the house, so it was relocated in between houses and the easement needs to be established formally so the Town can take over operation and maintenance of it according to the proper means and methods. Mr. Mammone informed the Board that Town Counsel has everything in front of you and there is a document there for an easement for the drainage on Board Street.

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

**Opt-In to 25 MPH Speed Limit & Amendment to Traffic Rules and Regulations**

Mr. Mammone stated that the next item as a follow up on our previous meeting where the options that were available were discussed regarding the modernization act to reduce the speed limit in thickly settled business district areas is from 30 mph to 25 MPH. Mr. Mammone added that one of the things that is left to do is to have the Town formally generate the motion by which the Board moved to establish that speed limit of 25 MPH and tonight is that formal vote too opt into section 17 C chapter 90 of the Massachusetts Gen. laws

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Mammone remind everyone of the streets that would not be affected by this.

Mr. Mammone stated he did not have the list with him but he could read off quite a few of them. Mr. Mammone added that the roads not affected by this are usually major collector roadways in Town: High St., Bridge Street, Milton Street, Whiting Ave., Mount Vernon and other roads where you see heavier vehicular traffic and they typically already have a posted speed limit that is established by the state speed regulations. Mr. Mammone informed all that those streets will not be affected. Mr. Mammone continued, saying that those that are affected will be the remainder of the roads in Town which are considered either thickly settled or within a business district. Mr. Mammone stated that there are probably around 20, plus or -5 roadways that have an existing posted speed regulation and it’s the remainder of the roads in Town that would benefit from the reduction from 30 to 25 MPH. Mr. Mammone then showed the Board a flyer that will help to notify the residents of Dedham of the speed limit change and asked the Board for any suggestions they may have. Mr. Mammone explained that after the motion this evening, following is the vote to amend the traffic regulations, and then it has to go in the local paper newspaper for a 21 day appeal period. Mr. Mammone added that once all is approved he will give the Town two months to get everyone up to speed.

Mr. Butler suggested that as part of the education effort we should include in the flyer streets that will remain at their currently posted speed limit.

Mr. Mammone stated that they will be on the website for sure.

Mr. Butler asked Mr. Mammone if he could put the roads not affected on the back of the flyer.

Mr. Mammone stated that he could do a double-sided flyer.

Mr. Keogh moved to determine that the Town of Dedham in its entirety constitutes a “thickly settled or business district”, as that phrase is defined in G.L. c.90, s.1, and, in accordance with such determination, and pursuant to G.L. c.90, s.17C and the vote of the November 13, 2017 Fall Annual Town Meeting under Article 15 accepting the provisions of that statute, in the interest of aorta to establish a speed limit of 25 MPH on all roadways in the Town that are not state highways and are not otherwise posted pursuant to the issuance of special speed regulations; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, absent; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Mr. Keogh moved to amend Part 1, Article VIII of the Town’s Traffic Regulations to read as follows:

SPEED REGULATIONS

1. In accordance with Chapter 90, Section 18 of the General Laws the list of roadways designated in Schedule No. XIII have the indicated posted speed limits established through the issuance of special speed regulations.
2. In accordance with Chapter 90, Section 17c of the General Laws and the votes taken thereunder, all roadways within the Town limits that are not state highways and are not otherwise posted pursuant to the issuance of special speed regulations shall have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

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

**Greenwood Avenue Traffic Study Recommendation**

Mr. Mammone stated that this issue was formally presented to the Board back in October 2017 and was spearheaded by Dmitri Kapalis of 431 Cedar Street. Mr. Kapalis asked the Board to see if something could be done to look into the semi tractor-trailers that have been utilizing Greenwood Avenue and Depot Avenue as a cut through/turnaround. Mr. Mammone stated that there been several instances where these trucks have caused property damage to 431 Cedar. Mr. Mammone added that Mr. Kapalis suggested turning Greenwood Avenue into a one way scenario, where traffic will be going from default to East Street. Mr. Mammone informed the Board that one thing you want to do is create an area that is less appealing to those that want to use it. Mr. Mammone continued, saying that in order to make it less appealing to a tractor-trailer driver, you have to make Depot a one-way street with do not enter signs, narrow the entrance of the way and narrow the roadway width so that it is very comfortable for them to utilize it. Mr. Mammone stated that another option is to take a survey of the existing signage off the highway heading towards the Endicott Rotary. Mr. Mammone added that there is only one warning sign leading up to the Endicott Rotary. Mr. Mammone continued, saying that they definitely do not have enough warning signs posted. Mr. Mammone described to the Board some signs that they created to warn drivers of certain types of vehicles. Mr. Mammone stated that they were two other options, both would utilize the one way protocol. Mr. Mammone explained that the first one had on street parking, so the roadway width is approximately 13 to 14 feet, with sidewalks on both sides of the road as well as grass strips and on street parking and on one side. The second option is more severe, which completely eliminated on street parking altogether, which narrowed the road down but still allowed for sidewalks on both sides and had wider grass strips to narrow it down. Mr. Mammone added that he created these options, created conceptual plans and conducted a neighborhood meeting to create a dialogue to get some feedback. Mr. Mammone continued, saying that 6 or 7 of the 14 abutters attended. Mr. Mammone informed all that there was not a consensus of which option to go with and added that the neighborhood must be accepting of whichever option is chosen going forward. Mr. Mammone continued, saying that the traffic calming policy itself requests that the Engineering Department send out a ballot with all the options clearly spelled out and make sure they have all the info including drawings. Mr. Mammone stated that a vote would be taken on the options that the residents feel will be best implemented in their neighborhood. Mr. Mammone added that based upon the policy, if more than 75% of the ballots specifically select one option than that would be the approved option to go with. Mr. Mammone informed all that 12 of the 14 abutters responded but he did not get 75% for any of the options. Mr. Mammone stated that he then had to take a step back and recognize that even though they may not agree on which option they want but there’s definitely something that can be done. Mr. Mammone added that right now that would be the first option which suggests increasing the signage on East Street and evaluated over a 12 month period to see if it has become more effective.

**Dmitri Kapalis – 431 Cedar Street**

Mr. Kapalis described the impact that the increase in tractor-trailer traffic in the neighborhood has caused. Mr.Kapalis stated that his fence has been hit and damaged more than five times and on another occasion the telephone pole was knocked down.

Mr. MacDonald thanked Mr. Kapalis for his thoughts and added, unless Mr. Mammone thinks there should be a re-vote the Town is to go with the option that was recommended. Mr. MacDonald continued, saying that we have to start someplace and the Town should start with the signage for a period of time and then go back to the neighbors if this study shows no positive affect. Mr. MacDonald stated then you have options 2 and 3 to choose between.

Mr. Kapalis stated that he believes option number 1 will have no effect as a deterrent to these truck drivers.

Mr. Mammone stated that we would have to come back 12 months to look at the data to make a decision from there.

Mr. Guilfoyle asked Mr. Mammone if there’s any way to shorten the data study period to six months

Mr. Mammone answered that a typical study lasts about a year as you would like to give it plenty of time to get it through each season.

Mr. Butler asked Mr. Mammone if he had any idea how many trucks go up that street.

Mr. Mammone stated that the Police may have incident reports on the ones that they are aware of but he is not sure if the Police get them all. Mr. Mammone added that there would only have an incident report if the truck causes damage or get stuck.

Mr. Butler stated that he would like to see a report after six months.

Mr. MacDonald also believed he would like to see report after six months.

Mr. Butler stated that there have been other complaints regarding the amount of traffic and the speed at which they come through certain sections of Dedham. Mr. Butler added that the Board is always looking for a better idea regarding traffic situations, as there was a fatality, a couple of years ago on High Street in Dedham.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved to accept the first option presented by Town Engineer Jason Mammone, for a year study with an update after six months; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, absent; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Mr. MacDonald thanked Mr. Kapalis for his time and effort regarding this matter and invited him to come back in for the six month update.

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Mammone how long it would take to order signs and get them up.

Mr. Mammone answered that they could be up by March or April.

**DISCUSSION VOTE W/ ENCOUNTER CHURCH RE: EGG DROP**

Kelly Whiffen and Annalise Fare, representing encounter church, were present before the Board.

Ms. Whiffen stated that they are asking permission to hold their third annual egg drop event, the Barnes Memorial Park, where they drop thousands of Easter eggs, from a helicopter, all over the field. Ms. Whiffen continued, saying that they will have other activities going on that day including inflatables, a petting zoo and other attractions like that. Ms. Whiffen informed all that the main attraction is definitely a drop.

Mr. Butler asked what date the event will take place.

Ms. Whiffen answered March 24 with a rain date of March 31.

Mr. Keogh asked Ms. Whiffen if they will follow the same event protocols as they have for previous events.

Ms. Whiffen answered absolutely. Ms. Whiffen added that they have the approval of the Police Chief D’Entremont and with Fire Chief Spillane.

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

**DISCUSSION & VOTE RE: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM CABLE CAPITAL/TECHNOLOGY**

Mr. Kern stated that this next agenda item is in reference to part of the Town hall project that involves cable TV design and a provision of a public address system that will be used in the new Selectmen’s chambers. Mr. Kern informed all that this will feed into the Dedham TV broadcast. Following is a detailed list of the request:

**Municipal Segment of Public Access Franchise Fee (1%)**

CATV Design – Amendment to Architect Contract:               $4,365.00

CATV Design - Amendment to Architect contract:                 $2,880.00

Dedham TV/Public Address System changes (CTA):              $31,789.51

**Total                                                                                      $39,034.51**

Mr. Kern stated that the request is for the Board to approve the expenditure of the $39,000 from the municipal segment of the public access franchise fee.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved approval of the expenditure of the $39,034.51 from the municipal segment of the public access franchise fee; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, absent; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVES KEVIN MAHONEY & ROBERT WALSH & OFFICER JAMES QUIGLEY**

Police Chief Michael D’Entremont thanked the Board for having them in this evening. Chief D’Entremont stated that when there is drug activity in the neighborhood it is very unnerving and concerning for the community. Chief D’Entremont informed all that when information comes, it is up to the detectives to follow up. Investigations are long and drawn out, taking place off hours. Chief D’Entremont stated that they also work with regional partners, particularly the Norfolk County Police anticrime unit. Chief D’Entremont continued, saying that a month-long cocaine investigation that took place in early January and it involved collaboration with other communities and involved Detective Kevin Mahoney and Sgt. Detective Walsh. Chief D’Entremont added that on January 8, these officers executed a couple of search warrants, one on Veteran’s Road and one on Coburn Street. These warrants resulted in multiple arrests and charges being filed.

Sgt. Detective Walsh thanked Chief D’Entremont for his willingness to commit the time and resources that he does through the detectives to this NORPAC task force. Sgt. Detective Walsh added that he has been a member of this task force for about 15 years and it produces a lot of good work. Sgt. Detective Walsh informed all that this particular investigation has roots that go back to the summer. Sgt. Detective Walsh continued, saying that they had detectives in from a number of different communities, assisting Detective Mahoney with surveillance in a neighborhood where there were reports of problems. Sgt. Detective Walsh stated that a Detective Lieut. from the Town of Plainville, who was assigned to the DEA task force for a number of years, witnessed a hand-to-hand transaction on the street in a residential neighborhood. The detective Lieut. made note of a vehicle that was involved in that served as the basis for the investigation.

Detective Mahoney stated that Chief D’Entremont lets the detectives put in a lot of time with these things and he really appreciates that. Detective Mahoney added that the NORPAC task force has been especially good to the Town of Dedham and he appreciates the officers from other communities putting down their caseloads and helping them. Detective Mahoney also thanked his Sgt. for keeping them focused on the task at hand and not forgetting the little details. Detective Mahoney then thanked Selectmen Butler for his efforts with the drug coalition which keeps the public aware of these issues.

The Board thanked Sgt. Detective Walsh and detective Mahoney for all their work that they put in over the years.

The Board then presented Sgt. Detective Walsh Detective Mahoney with certificates of recognition.

Chief D’Entremont stated that annually they look to recognize one Ofc, as Dedham’s Ofc. of the year. Chief D’Entremont pointed out that Sgt. Detective Walsh and Detective Mahoney were past recipients of this award. Chief D’Entremont informed all that what they’re looking for is an officer who distinguishes him or herself as a leader without a title. Chief D’Entremont added that he asks lieutenants and Deputy Chief Buckley to come up with nominees each year. Chief D’Entremont continued, saying that this year they had several nominations. Chief D’Entremont asks to the lieutenants and Deputy Chief Buckley to look for someone who consistently does more than is asked of them, continually looks for ways to improve themselves and the department, makes their life as a supervisor easier, represents the department in a positive manner, has a positive attendance record, is productive and proactive and provides a high level of service to the community. Chief D’Entremont informed all that Ofc. James Quigley was nominated by two supervisors, Lieut. Nedder and Lieut. McMillan and was voted as Dedham’s Ofc. of the year.

The Board then thanked and congratulated Ofc. Quigley for his exemplary service to the Town of Dedham.

The Board then presented Ofc. Quigley with a certificate of recognition.

Ofc. Quigley thanked the Board for having them in this evening for recognition. Ofc. Quigley stated that he works with a tremendous group of men and women and is lucky to have the supervisory group that he has.

**DISCUSSION W/ TOWN COUNSEL, LAUREN GOLDBERG, RE: MARIJUANA BALLOT QUESTION & POSSIBLE JOINT LITIGATION**

Town Counsel, Lauren Goldberg, was present before the Board. Ms. Goldberg informed the Board that she is prepared to answer any questions the Board may have about the form of the ballot question that will be presented to the voters at the annual election. Ms. Goldberg stated that the voters at the fall Town meeting voted in favor of a ban on the locating of recreational marijuana establishments in the Town of Dedham. Ms. Goldberg added that because of the way the law is written the bylaws will not be applicable unless they are also approved by the voters at the annual Town election. Ms. Goldberg continued, saying that what you will see on the ballot in Dedham is the question,” shall the Town adopt the following bylaws set by statute?”. Ms. Goldberg informed all that there will be a summary that has been prepared by Counsel that is essentially a short form explanation of why this question is appearing and what it would do. The why is, because it’s the law says so in a Town that voted yes on question for, you need this ballot question as well. Ms. Goldberg stated that what that will do is been recreational marijuana establishments in the Town of Dedham. Ms. Goldberg continued, saying that actual bylaws themselves will follow and finally yes and no statements under the Town’s information for voters statute

Mr. MacDonald asked Ms. Goldberg how the no response is prepared.

Ms. Goldberg stated that the Town’s responsibility is to try to find someone who would like to represent the no and if that does not occur then Counsel can write the no position as well.

Mr. MacDonald asked Ms. Goldberg how the Board goes about soliciting someone to write the no response.

Ms. Goldberg responded saying that typically happens through the Town Manager’s office and if there is anybody who is active in the “no” approach at Town meeting the Board could look to them. Ms. Goldberg continued, saying if there was a person is written opinions to the newspaper or has taken a public position, he could ask them.

Mr. Butler stated that if people want to prohibit the commercial sale of recreational marijuana in the Town of Dedham, they should vote yes to adopt the bylaws.

Ms. Goldberg stated yes and further clarified, saying if voters want to prohibit recreational marijuana sales they vote yes, if they want to allow it they vote no. Ms. Goldberg continued, saying that if the majority voted no, it does not necessarily mean there will not be any regulation on the sale of recreational marijuana in Dedham. Ms. Goldberg added that this does gives the opportunity for Town meeting to revisit the matter and adopt different bylaw.

Ms. Baker informed all that the last ballot question initiative that the Town had that required a proponent/opponent was put on a Board agenda and also put a notice in the newspaper stating that there was an opportunity for someone to step up for either position.

Mr. Butler stated that if we vote yes to ban, then that’s the end of discussion.

Ms. Goldberg stated correct.

Mr. Butler continued, saying that if people but no, to not support Town meeting’s vote, then the sale of recreational marijuana can begin at a certain date.

Ms. Goldberg stated that at some point that would be a possibility then added that the licensing of recreational marijuana establishments, whether they be retail, cultivation or any other kind, is pursuant to a rigorous state process under the jurisdiction of the cannabis control commission. Ms. Goldberg continued, saying that one of the things that has come out in the regulations that they have promulgated in a draft format is that there are several steps that have to be taken before a license can even be applied for. Ms. Goldberg informed all that one of those is a notice to the public through a publication, at least six months ahead of time a public listening session has to occur and there has to be a one page certification with the proponent and the Town stating that a host community agreement has been negotiated. Ms. Goldberg continued, saying that before a license can even be applied for, though steps need to occur. Ms. Goldberg added that if all those steps were to occur, then the applicant goes in and certifies that the local zoning does not prohibit the locating of the facility in the location that is proposed for. Ms. Goldberg stated that the underlying zoning provide some limitations on where these different types of establishments could be located but it wouldn’t prohibit it.

Mr. MacDonald stated that knowing when our election is and when our Town meeting is, the soonest something could be done would be November. Mr. MacDonald added that unless there is something that is filed by tomorrow for the annual Town meeting there would be a throwaway article that if it passes nothing happens, if it fails then the opportunity to address something at Town meeting comes.

Ms. Goldberg stated that it is true that you could have a placeholder article that would allow some sort of action at Town meeting. Ms. Goldberg added that in a community that voted yes, there is an ability to limit marijuana establishments to an amount not less than 20% of the number of licenses a Town has Ms. Goldberg continued, saying that those limitations you could address in a zoning bylaw that were not require approval from the voters, as long as you stay within that. Ms. Goldberg added that if you do less than 20% you have to go to a ballot question. Ms. Goldberg stated that this would also apply if you were a bit one or more types, you have to go to the ballot question. Ms. Goldberg went on to discuss other types of limitations.

Ms. Goldberg informed the Board that if they chose to call for a special election under the circumstances, Councel would be happy to draft something for the Board.

The Board responded that they think that would be a good idea just so they are prepared. Mr. MacDonald asked Ms. Baker to put placeholder in for the May Town Meeting.

Ms. Goldberg stated that they could draft an article for now, and it would be a zoning bylaw, so it would be referred to the planning Board and we go through a public hearing process.

Ms. Goldberg stated that it is on the agenda to talk about the nationwide opioid litigation and that is being pursued by several cities and Towns in Massachusetts. Ms. Goldberg added that the opioid epidemic has hit all over the country. Ms. Goldberg informed all that the Atty. Gen.’s office has been pursuing potential litigation and so have cities and Towns on an independent basis. Ms. Goldberg stated that they are working with a group of nationwide attorneys who are working on this project as well. Ms. Goldberg continued, saying that the targets are manufacturers of opioids. Ms. Goldberg went on to describe the factors of the litigation, Ms. Goldberg stated that there is the potential for this to be a valuable exercise for the Town. Ms. Goldberg added that she does not see a downside in the potential upside is significant and if the case does not settle there will be no cost. Ms. Goldberg listed a few cities and Towns that have signed on to this effort already:

Greenfield, Methuen, Woburn, Revere, Malden, Everett, Tewksbury, Charlton, Tyngsboro, West Springfield, Amesbury, East Hampton, Newburyport, Chelsea, Lowell

Ms. Goldberg informed the Board that there are many others that have already acted on it or are considering it in the next few weeks.

Mr. Butler stated that this is something that they may want to follow up on at a later meeting. Mr. Butler added that he would like a copy of the complaint.

**DISCUSSION RE: AMES PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Kern stated that he had a meeting with the architect, the owner’s Project Manager, Ron Votta, the general contractor, the surety company and the attorneys for the Town and the general contractor, CTA. Mr. Kern added that this was a meeting that was put together to get everybody back in the room and gauge the progress of the Ames building project. Mr. Kern continued, saying that he and Mr. Votta were trying to gauge the number of people in the building at a given time as well as measuring the attitude and the essence of how the information is being laid back to him. Mr. Kern stated that both of the meetings that have occurred since the surety company has been brought on, the attitude has changed for the better. Mr. Kern continued, saying that he communicated to the general contractor a completion date of February 15. Mr. Kern added that the executive in charge of the project said that if the outstanding issues are resolved immediately, or very quickly, that they would be four weeks out. Mr. Kern informed the Board that the opinion of the architect and the OPM was that the date is probably more likely to be six weeks out, so mid-March. Mr. Kern informed all that economic director John Sisson, has set up a walk-through, at 2:30 PM, for the Boards that were involved in the permitting of the project.

Mr. Votta stated that the project has shown an increase in the manpower and they’re moving forward, closing rooms off to be completed. Mr. Votta added that the number of carpenters on the job has increased and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) are pretty much up to speed. Mr. Votta continued, saying that notifying the bonding company has changed the course of the project.

Mr. Guilfoyle discussed the improvements that he saw on his last walk-through, stating that he saw significant improvements.

Mr. Votta informed the Board that if any of them would like to walk the site on a Saturday, he would be more than glad to show them around. Mr. Votta stated that the smoke detectors are clean and operational so Chief Spillane can sleep at night.

Mr. MacDonald suggested that the Ames project update be moved to one of the top items on the agenda so Mr. Votta does not have to sit here for two hours waiting to speak.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Kern stated that quite a bit of the last 2 weeks has been individual budget meetings with departments and the associated benchmarking effort with the finance committee.

Mr. Kern informed the Board that Interviews for the Town Planner have begun.  The job market is as you would expect in a period of full employment. Mr. Kern added that there will be three interviews next week.

Mr. Kern stated that the Capital Expenditure Committee begins meeting next week

Mr. Kern reminded all that the Design Meeting for Ames and Bridge Street MASSDOT project is this Wed, March 7th at 7:00PM in the lower conference room.

Mr. MacDonald stated that he and Mr. Keogh have reached out to precincts one and two by sending a flyer around. Mr. MacDonald added that he visited Jack Audy’s business, whose property directly abuts the project and he was not aware of the meeting. Mr. MacDonald stressed doing some outreach so other businesses will know about the meeting.

Mr. Kern informed all that the West Suburban Health Group Steering Committee will meet next Thursday to consider new rates and added that the PEC negotiations are close to ending.

Mr. Kern added that big changes have been proposed and are being reconsidered in the GIC – this only applies to us if chapter 21-23 comes to pass.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD**

**GIFT ACCEPTANCE**

**$450 Gift from the Dedham Retired Men’s Club and a $100 Gift from Mr. Mrs. John Heffernan for the Upkeep and Beautification of the Endicott Estate**

Mr. Guilfoyle moved to accept both Gifts; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, absent; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes

**DRAINLAYER’S LICENSE APPROVALS**

CJ Mabardy

50 Mooney Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

Hercules C&G Drain, Inc.

182 Bonham Road

Dedham, MA 02026

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

**Request from Saint Luke’s Church to hold the “Pack The Pantry” 5K walk/run on Saturday, June 9, 2018 beginning at the Church at 8 AM**

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

**Cultural Council Appointments**

Ms. Baker informed all that there are three more people interested in continuing their service on the cultural Council which fills three of the remaining six vacancies; Jan Civian, Margaret Adams and Beca Gates.

Mr. Butler moved to re-appoint Jan Civian, Margaret Adams and Beca Gates; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, Absent; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

**Minutes Approval** – 12/13/17, 12/20/2017 and 12/28/2017

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

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Keogh reminded all that the meeting regarding Ames and Bridge Streets will be taking place this coming Wednesday, at 7 PM in the lower conference room at Town hall.

Mr. Guilfoyle stated that there are soliciting phone calls, on behalf of the American Legion, telling people that if they want to donate money to help the elderly, they should put a check marked for deposit only and tape it to their door. Mr. Guilfoyle stressed that the American Legion is definitely not taking donations through this process.

Mr. Butler stated that there was a meeting this past Tuesday at the Middle School, sponsored by the Dedham Square Steering Committee. Mr. Butler added that at this stage the committee has hired an Architect/Planning Firm to help develop design guidelines for new buildings that will be proposed to go up in Dedham Square over the next 5 to 15 years. Mr. Butler continued, saying that Tuesday night was a chance for more than 100 people to weigh in on the project. Mr. Butler informed all that information from that meeting is online. Mr. Butler continued, saying that the next public meeting on that topic is Tuesday, March 13, 7PM at the Middle School.

Mr. MacDonald informed all that a resident contacted him regarding the parking study for the Franklin Square neighborhood and was wondering what the status was of the study.

Mr. MacDonald stated that last evening, The Women in Democracy sponsored a Government 101 session. Mr. MacDonald added that 125 people attended.

Mr. MacDonald pointed out that there is a new organization called transparent Dedham and a resident attends meetings and takes notes. Mr. MacDonald stated that the organization was quick to point out that the Board of Selectmen is probably the best in Town for having the minutes done, approved and posted.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the Riverdale neighborhood is looking into what the Manor, East Dedham and Oakdale have done regarding forming a neighborhood group. Mr. MacDonald added that on February 15 in the lower conference room at 7 PM residents of the Riverdale neighborhood are encouraged to come to this meeting to discuss this possibility.

Mr. Guilfoyle moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Keogh. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, absent; Mr. Butler, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 15, 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 February 1, 2018, which minutes were approved on 3/27/2018.

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Dennis Teehan, Jr. – Chairman