

MINUTES
OPC MEETING
MARCH 20, 2014

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order in Room 206 at Town Hall.

Present were First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Selectman Susan Marks, Board of Education Chairman Betsy Haggerty-Ross, Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Susan Cameron, RTM Moderator Sarah Seeley, Board of Finance Chairman Elizabeth Mao, and Town Administrator Karl Kilduff.

Board of Education

The Committee was advised of an initial meeting between representatives of the Board of Education, Town and Board of Finance to discuss the possible consolidation of non-education services. The Town and Board of Education will move forward and cooperate by establishing a working group to discuss areas of collaboration.

Chairman Haggerty Ross reported on an on-going organizational analysis by the Interim Superintendent which will help the Board of Education in the future as well as assist in collaborative discussions with the Town. Other significant projects by the Interim Superintendent were discussed with a goal to have these projects finished before a new Superintendent of Schools starts.

It was also reported that a long-range facility study proposal was received from NESDEC. The Board would have a meeting to discuss just this proposal. It is anticipated that NESDEC could have its analysis underway by May 1.

Board of Finance

Chairman Mao noted the review of operating budgets by the Board of Finance. She also noted that the Board of Finance was reviewing the fund balance policy and the possible use of fund balance to address delayed projects. Chairman Mao was looking to work with the Board of Selectmen to identify priority projects that were not proposed for funding.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Chairman Cameron reported that there was a lull in permit activity. She noted that FEMA map amendments were resulting in a large amount of staff time with residents to explain the impacts of the change. In addition, she reported that the Commission would receive a presentation from Planimetrics as a potential consultant for the update to the Plan of Conservation and Development. She also reported on an upcoming meeting to discuss parking in the Downtown to support continued development.

Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Seeley offered that the RTM may have a special meeting in April. She also discussed RTM attendance and filling district vacancies.

First Selectman

First Selectman Stevenson noted that the Town now owned 4 Short Lane and work was started to move toward demolition with a hazardous materials assessment underway. It was also reported that the Board of Selectmen would request an ordinance change of the RTM to move the Town from being the member of a RPA to a COG. Regional Planning Agencies were eliminated by State law and all similar regional agencies organizations had to become a Council of Governments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Kilduff
Town Administrator