

## RTM Public Works Committee Meeting - October 26, 2015

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Adiletta at 7:12 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mark Adiletta, Frank Adelman, Patti Bumgardner, Jenn Hite, Richard Poli, Allison Stolar, Tom Moore, James Cameron

Absent: Katie Keith, Jeff Marston, Brad Patelli David Young

Audience Members: Ted Hawkins, RTM member

The Public Works meeting began with a discussion of the First Resolution (15-22) - Care, Custody and Control of 35 Leroy to the Board of Education

Allison Stolar commented that the Board of Education is located at 35 Leroy and is already caring for the building - they should continue its care and maintenance.

Mark Adiletta read a definition of Care, Custody and Control from the Moderator and the question was asked - is this about ownership? In addition - will the costs of maintaining the building take away from the budget for students?

Frank Adelman is in favor of this resolution but will not vote for it at this time because he believes the work on the building promised during the shuffle should first be completed.

When Darren Oustafine, Department of Public Works, visited with the RTM Public Works Committee, he said Public Works was not maintaining the building at this time - the Board of Education is maintaining the building. Public Works is only doing maintaining a catch basin and pump. Mark believes Public Works is the best department in town to maintain town buildings.

Committee members questioned where the Resolution came from? Allison thought the Board of Education; Patti Bumgardner thought the Selectman brought it up, Ted Hawkins agreed. Frank again commented that he supports the Resolution, just not at this time.

Allison again brought up whether the cost to maintain 35 Leroy would look like an increase in the overall BOE budget. Tom Moore offered that the Board of Education would have to come back to the RTM to approve capital costs.

James Cameron joined the meeting as we voted on the Resolution.

**First Resolution:** A motion was made to give Care, Custody and Control of 35 Leroy to the Board of Education. It was seconded it. The vote 6 in favor and 2 opposed.

The Public Works meeting continued with a discussion of the Second Resolution (15-3) - Intervale Road Drainage revised budget for an additional \$300,000

In 2006 and 2007 massive rain storms caused damaging flooding throughout Town. After these storms and subsequent flooding, the Town did a study and prioritized watersheds that needed improvements. At the time of flooding 3 households and 6 backyards were damaged. The project originally budgeted for \$1.2 million was approved by the RTM. The Town was unable to get two easements from neighbors affected by the project. As a result, they had to re-route the project through Stanley Road. The revised route calls for running the new line instead down Stanley Road, which is less desirable as it requires much deeper (and costly) digging. In the intervening years that this project has been in the planning stage, a UCONN study citing greater intensity and frequency of storms in this area has gained attention. As a result, the project redesign also incorporates a 50-year storm standard, vs. the 25-year storm standard of the original plan. The additional cost of both redesigns is \$300,000 above what is currently available in the Capital Account. The cost of each portion of the redesign was not broken out.

Patti wondered who went out to talk to the neighbors and while she is in favor of flood assistance, she believes this price tag is high. James asked about eminent domain. Tom commented that by the time you pay for lawyers, it may not be worth it.

**Second Resolution:** James Cameron made the motion to approve the Intervale Road Drainage revised budget for an additional \$300,000. Tom Moore seconded it. The vote was 6 in favor and 2 opposed.

**First Motion:** Allison Stolar made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded. The minutes were approved with 7 in favor and one abstention.

There was a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Hite and Patti Bumgardner