

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
JOINT MEETING BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium
109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present: Board of Selectmen Members

Barbara Anderson, Chairwoman
Michael Barbaro
Amy Salter
Austin Cyganiewicz

Keith R. Hickey, Town Manager
Debra Dennis, Recording Secretary

Present: School Committee Members

Danielle LaPointe, Chairwoman
Janet Corbosiero, Vice Chairwoman
Dawn Harris
Larry Murphy

Steven Haddad, Superintendent
Richard Ikonen, School Business Manager
Barrie Martin, Recording Secretary

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- School Committee Applicant Felicia M. Nurmsen resume (filed)
- Memo from Chief David P. Walsh dated October 27, 2016 regarding Crossing Guards Elmwood Road (attached)
- Town of Winchendon Mass Energy Reduction Plan dated October 2016 (filed)

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Anderson at 6:02 p.m. with the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States*.

Chairwoman LaPointe asked if anyone was recording and the School Recording Secretary said she was.

Chairwoman Anderson made a motion to take New Business out of order; Selectman Barbaro seconded. ANDERSON(Y) BARBARO(Y) CYGANIEWICZ(Y) SALTER(Y)

Presentation of Town-wide Energy Reduction Plan: Mr. Hickey said this is one of the requirements to be a green community. He said they can apply for up to a \$250,000 of grant funds. The first year is guaranteed. Both boards have to agree to do this. The grant to the town the first year could be \$160,000 and it is based on population. He said we had a company come in an audit all town and school buildings. Work at Town Hall will be done the first year. The bid for the boiler for town hall came in at \$80,000 more than expected. He said there is a draft letter that he is asking both boards to sign approving. He said he will then send it to the state.

Janet Corbosiero said the \$250,000 isn't guaranteed. Mr. Hickey said if we get less than we will have to look at priorities. He said his concern is if the town doesn't become a green community and reach the 20% energy savings. He said as long as we are applying for grant funds and trying to reach our energy savings the town won't have to pay back the money.

Selectman Barbaro moved to approve and send the letter; Janet Corbosiero seconded. All aye by roll call vote.

The Blue Devil Middle School boy's football team came in chanting. They introduced themselves. Chairwoman LaPointe congratulated them. Chairwoman Anderson said the Board of Selectmen and the town congratulates them on their undefeated season. Superintendent Haddad said they played with passion last night.

Chairwoman LaPointe asked the team about community projects they have done. One of the members said in October they went to Broadview and worked outside and also inside talking to the residents. He said they also wrote letters to servicemen. The coaches were introduced.

Crossing Guard Discussion: Superintendent Haddad read the letter from Chief Walsh. He said he went to the crossing guards and asked if they could extend their day because there is a need from 7 am to 7:30am. They didn't want to. He said we never had a crossing guard for the Middle School traffic. He said they can paint the roadway and look into signs that show speeds. Selectwoman Salter said she went there two days and at 7:15 am there were cars everywhere. She said there should be a crossing guard; kids are too young to not have one. Superintendent Haddad said he would speak with Chief Walsh and maybe have a car there. Mr. Hickey said we can speak to the chief about having a car there but there will be a cost. Larry Murphy said what about the School Resource Officer. He said it needs some research and they need to look at the cost. Selectwoman Salter said she had some concerns and wanted to bring it to the School Committee's attention. Selectman Barbaro asked about the crossing guard that used to be by route 12. Superintendent Haddad said we put kids on a bus because we didn't want kids crossing there.

School Committee Vacancy Interview-Felicia Nurmsen: Ms. Nurmsen came forward. She said she owns a consulting firm. She has time to be on the board and said it would be a pleasure to serve. Larry Murphy said it's not just two meetings a month it's a lot of work. Ms. Nurmsen said she has time to dedicate to it. She said the School Committee has worked on setting goals and wanted to know what type of goals. Chairman LaPointe said we are looking at a five year plan. Chairman Anderson said she was thrilled to have someone so qualified.

Selectman Barbaro moved for the applicant; Selectwoman Salter seconded. By a roll call vote the vote was 7 yes and 1 no (Ms. Corbosiero).

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman Barbaro moved to adjourn; Selectwoman Salter seconded.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Debra Dennis
BOS Recording Secretary