

Coordinator report April 25, 2019

I read in the Recorder that the board has approved membership in school district merger planning committee. We need to check the minutes / have Rosa confirm because as I recall this was not voted. I put it on this agenda in case.

We were notified that DESE has approved the Leyden Elementary closure. No word on approval of the budget voted change. I will find out from counsel what our TM requirement to consider the requested district assessment means. We may need to vote on it and not just table or pass over.

How about an article to bury the TX STA enterprise fund deficit? Over the course of three years we piled up \$6k in losses. No action will maintain the deficit fund balance which in a few years we should resolve with the 20% bag fee increase. We could consider clearing the slate.

Ray has resigned as Town Hall Janitor and proposed his replacement, Jerry, a new resident who Ray is training. We budget about \$1k annually and pay \$15 hourly. I have asked Ray to train Jerry and he has started provisionally. If directed by the Selectboard I will advertise the position at whatever cost and see what applicants reply. This seems simpler.

Tom W. has communicated a desire to set a meeting date w/ Broadband Committee. Brad won't be available for a month. I suggested we settle a date after ATM.

Boston Teacher Union v. SC of Boston provides the caselaw supporting our plan to repudiate the five year contract the SC signed with Superintendent. It says, "an appropriation funding the first year of the contract constituted an approval by the legislative body of the entire agreement..."

Town got a Notice of a land acquisition and request for a waiver from DCR. They want to close on this inland holding this fiscal year. Given their largess and our recent acquisition we should grant.

Working on the annual town report. Need PD FD, BOH. I plan to start printing on Monday.

We got a hefty free cash certification and need to guard against using it for recurring expenditures. This resulted in part from the incorrect booking of appropriations that reduced our free cash in the past. About \$75k of the total is truly one time. And as budgets get tighter, we will have less excess revenue than anticipated and less unexpended appropriations. Our practice of voting free cash to reduce the levy has this pitfall. Let's not go crazy with this windfall. Let's save it for capital expenses.

We need to sign and post the ATM Warrant by or before 7 pm Monday. For this reason, I may ask that some agenda items be taken out of order.