

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

**TOWN HALL  
7:30 P.M.**

Present: Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe, Councilmen Jay P. Boardway Gary E. Vara and Lawrence A. Murtha.

Absent: Councilman Jeffrey A. Genzel.

Also Present: Town Attorney Kobiolka and Highway Superintendent Telaak.

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to adopt the minutes of the February 5, 2014 regular meeting.

four (4) Ayes

Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and seconded by Councilman Boardway, upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills on the Abstract dated February 13, 2014 in the amount of \$117,812.48 be paid.

four (4) Ayes

Carried

The following persons were heard:

Bryant Burnes - expressed his concerns regarding tree removal and the use of Highway employees to do so and snowplowing issues at the end of Chestnut Lane in Boston. He also noted that he was allegedly threatened by a Highway employee and would like the Town Board to look into that matter.

Supervisor Ballowe: Supervisor Ballowe reminded Mr. Burns that the Town Board has answered and taken care of all the concerns he has brought before them and the incident with the Highway employee will be looked into.

At 7:43 p.m. a Public Hearing was held to consider the application from Catherine Cherry-Myers for a Special Permit for a bed and breakfast located at 6405 Ward Road.

Supervisor Ballowe read the legal notice.

The following persons were heard:

John Solomon, 6551 Ward Road:

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Mr. Solomon had several questions regarding this Special Use permit. He did not state whether he was for or against said permit. The Town Board referred him to Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson and Assessor Fitzner for answers to his questions.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Boardway to close the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Murtha upon the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson to approve the Special Permit from Catherine Cherry-Myers for a bed and breakfast located at 6405 Ward Road.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Murtha and was seconded by Supervisor Ballowe to approve the Application for Use of Facility for the Boston Historical Society for April 29, 2014 for a potluck dinner.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and seconded by Councilman Murtha to approve the General and Highway Fund Transfer of Appropriations as follows:

**Transfer of Appropriations- February 13, 2014- FOR YEAR 12/31/13**

**GENERAL FUND**

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>Acct.</u></b>	<b><u>Debit</u></b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>
Appropriations	A 0960	116,041.00	
Court- Equip	A1110.2		1,000.00
Assessor- Per Svc.	A1355.1		733.00
Contingency Acct.	A1990.4		69,508.00
Parks- Per Svc.	A7110.1		7,800.00
Youth Programs- Per Svc	A7310.1		17,000.00
Hospital/Medical Insurance	A9060.8		20,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>116,041.00</b>	<b>116,041.00</b>

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<u>TO:</u>	<u>Acct.</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Appropriations	A 0960		116,041.00
Court- Contractual	A1110.4	7,000.00	
Auditor	A1320.4	1,550.00	
Accounting Fees	A1321.4	400.00	
Assessor-contractual	A1355.4	700.00	
Town Clerk- Per Svc	A1410.1	950.00	
Town Clerk- contractual	A1410.4	120.00	
Records Mgt- contractual	A1460.4	18,250.00	
Buildings- Equip.	A1620.2	15,350.00	
Buildings- contractual	A1620.4	19,000.00	
Code Enforce-contractual	A3620.4	225.00	
Program for Aging-contractual	A6772.4	330.00	
Parks- Equip.	A7110.2	38,500.00	
Parks- contractual	A7110.4	5,850.00	
Play & Rec Ctr- Per Svc.	A7140.1	500.00	
Youth Programs- Equip	A7310.2	3,600.00	
Youth Program-Contr.	A7310.4	500.00	
Historian Property (contract)	A7510.4	526.00	
Celebrations-contractual	A7550.4	30.00	
Community Beautification	A8510.4	2,150.00	
Other Home/Community	A8989.4	300.00	
Unemployment Insurance	A9050.8	210.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>116,041.00</b>	<b>116,041.00</b>

**HIGHWAY FUND**

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>Acct.</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Appropriations	D 0960	76,050.00	
Estimated Revenues	D 0510		18,057.00
State Aide-Chips	D 3501	18,057.00	
Snow Removal- Per Svc	D5142.1		8,025.00
Svc Other- Per Svc	D5148.1		8,025.00
Snow Removal- contractual	D5142.4		30,000.00
Svc Other- contractual	D5148.4		30,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>94,107.00</b>	<b>94,107.00</b>

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<u>TO:</u>	<u>Acct.</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Appropriations	D 960		94,107.00
Gen Repairs-contractual	D5110.400	65,850.00	
Gen Repairs- Fuel	D5110.410	5,200.00	
Gen Repairs- drainage	D5110.420	5,000.00	
Capital Outlay	D5112.2	18,057.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>94,107.00</b>	<b>94,107.00</b>

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Boardway and was seconded by Councilman Murtha to refer the proposed site plan request from Lenny Ciolek, to the Planning Board with the stipulation that Mr. Ciolek must pay his application fee before having any further discussions about said project.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to table the USDA Rural Development - Required Water District Audit.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and was seconded by Councilman Vara to approve Town Clerk Mulé to attend the 2014 NYS Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs NY from April 27, 2014 through April 30, 2014.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Vara and was seconded by Councilman Boardway to approve the 2013 Service Award Points for the Boston Emergency Squad.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Town Clerk Mulé reported on the following:  
- Tax bills have been mailed.

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Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

- Highway employees have been cutting back snow from ditches and cleaning out culverts.
- 2,800 tons of salt has been used this year. Sand is being hauled in.
- Repairs being done on several plow trucks.
- Highway Superintendent Telaak responded to Mr. Burns' statement about tree removal on Hillside Drive. He clarified that the power company had cut down the branches. The highway workers merely chipped up the brush that was left behind.

Councilman Murtha reported on the following:

- There were two ice jams reported which have been cleared up. He is looking into the legality of property owners having to maintain creeks that are above other property owners

Councilman Boardway reported on the following:

- The tax impact from the Cider Mill project could be in the tens of thousands of dollars. This Town Board tries to be business friendly.
- Overtime is down for Highway employees even with all of the snow accumulation.
- Self repair of the Highway trucks saved the Town of Boston an estimated \$200,000. The truck will probably last another 12 years.

Councilman Vara reported on the following:

- Attended the Conservation Advisory Council meeting where they discussed the upcoming fishing Derby scheduled for May 10. The Conservation Advisory Council is always looking for new members.
- Discussion involving possible changes to the Environmental Awareness day by adding agricultural and farming aspects.
- Senior nutrition lunches have decreased to \$3. More participants are needed to keep the program going,
- Three bids received for the resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts.

Supervisor Ballowe reported on the following:

- Received monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Dog Control and Code Enforcement.
- Noted that the budget for 2013 came in between two and four percent under budget for the year. Even with all the projects and capital improvements there was still a savings to the residents.
- Water damage repairs are almost complete at the trooper's barracks.
- Noted that he will be looking into the accusation of a highway employee threatening a town resident.
- He will continue to do his best to resolve all issues brought before him and will continue to do the best job he can for the Town of Boston.

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A motion was made by Supervisor Ballowe and seconded by Councilman Boardway to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

four (4) Ayes

Carried

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**JENNIFER A. MULÉ, TOWN CLERK**