

Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020

Present: Mr. Jess Aptowitz, Chairman; Mr. Michael Trowbridge, Vice-Chair; Mr. Neil Rhein, Clerk; Mr. Frank DeVecchio and Mr. Steve Schoonveld. Mr. Kevin Dumas, Town Manager and Mr. Barry LaCasse, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director were also present.

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1. Call To Order Select Board Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Aptowitz called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. He reminded everyone that the meeting was being broadcast live and taped for future broadcast on Mansfield Cable as well the SEMRECC meeting was being recorded by another local cable station. He asked if there were any members of the audience recording, to which Donna Whitehead stated she may be recording.

2. SEMRECC Update with the Towns of Foxboro, Norton and Easton

The Easton Board of Selectmen opened their meeting at 6:02PM. SEMRECC opened their meeting at 6:02PM.

Mr. Bill Keegan gave an opening address summarizing the present state of SEMRECC's progress and then turned over the meeting to SEMRECC Executive Director Rob Verdone. Mr. Verdone gave a project update and presentation. He first summarized the history of the project and then gave a review of the opening operations of SEMRECC in 2017. He gave a construction update of the High Rock Hill location. He stated, construction has begun and the expectation is that SEMRECC will move in there later this year. He continued the update by saying; the staff has been trained in the new way of doing 911 business operations. Mr. Verdone reviewed the training that took place. He gave a summary of the operations of opening. He thanked Mansfield and Foxboro MIS departments for the efforts in getting the 911 district up and running. He thanked the police chiefs and fire chiefs in the various towns.

Mr. Verdone let the Boards know that the original projection for wireless 911 for this year was to be phase in mid-year; however it actually occurred on day one. He then reviewed the wireless direct process for everyone to understand the difference between it and other communities. The impact is that call volume has increased. In the first six months approximately 79.5% of all calls are from wireless callers. Mr. Verdone reviewed the staff numbers of the regionalization as compared to the previous individual communities. He reviewed trends of medical data and noted that this gets pushed to medical centers so they know of any health trends – such as cardiac arrest and other medical issues – so they can learn from weaknesses in response time to make improvements and be appropriately responsive. He did a comparison of call types to national numbers. He noted that the staff has been cross-trained in public safety and they dive into all aspects of public safety, police, fire, medical, national events and that numerous training types have taken place with the professional staff. He reviewed the pole number graphing they use to better identify caller locations. They are now able to specifically identify the highway mile marker from which callers are calling from on highways. They have partnered with "WAYS" to identify where callers are located, and RAPIDSOS – which takes data from a cell phone GPS location to track where callers are, even if they are moving. RAPIDSOS' Z-Access data can accurately place locations such as which floor a caller is on in a multi-level location. They are also able to identify driver information from the Uber network with it. Mr. Verdone stated that call volume is up 300% due to wireless call volume. A campaign was done to encourage people to call 911 versus using the police and fire business lines.

He commented on Assessment and Grants – Assessment was estimated to be \$580,000-\$600,000

- FY2020 assessment to Foxboro/Mansfield was \$550K
- FY2021 assessment all 4 towns will be \$508,000
- State mandated mobile phone surcharge money will offset the cost of 911.
- The High Rock construction has begun. The new roof is complete. National Grid was in today cutting over power. Verdone is estimating to open the location in the summer of 2020. The construction costs are fully funded by the State.

Mr. Verdone then opened the floor up to questions and comments.

Ms. Dottie Fulginiti, of the Easton Select Board, commented that things are getting better and better. She added the technology has come a long way and thanked Verdone for his great work.

Mr. Keegan, Foxboro Town Manager said thank you to all the town's Boards, Chiefs, and the dispatchers. He noted that this has been a full scale technological change in service. He added that the location tracking is beyond the original vision. Originally it was thought of as a costs savings, but by becoming a model 911 community it is now more than anyone could have hoped. The savings is taking place, but more important is the improvement in public safety service. Police and fire folks are reporting that

service is far more advanced than it has ever been. He finished by saying thank you to all for sharing in this vision, which is more than anyone thought of originally.

Mr. Schoonveld noted that Mansfield's liability is \$580,000. Mr. Verdone stated that he is working on a grant to offset that cost. Chairman Jess Aptowitz reinforced that the building is being 100% funded by the State. Mr. Verdone noted that the only liability to the town is the annual assessment.

Mr. Trowbridge stated, a lot of work has gone into this by the chiefs and a lot of faith by the Select Boards has also gone into this project. He noted that he still thinks a lot people are watching this project. He stated, the towns want to continue to be updated to see the progress.

Mr. DeVecchio offered his congratulations. He stated, he's not sure that he fully understood the vision, be that he was willing to listen, he got out of the way, and let the professionals do their job.

Chairman Aptowitz noted that the more efficient service is important. The budget is important, and he's glad to see the assessment going down. Chairman Aptowitz asked if SEMRECC had a website. Mr. Verdone stated it is: SE-MASS911.org. Chairman Aptowitz recognized the presence of Senator Feeney in the audience and thanked him for the funding to keep things moving forward. Town Manager Kevin Dumas stated that all board members appreciate working with Mr. Verdone and the professional staff, and the police chiefs and their staff who continue to work together on subcommittees to help keep things working. He added, regionalization does work, it save dollars, and makes efficient use of resources.

Mr. Chuck King, of the Easton Select Board asked, do you have any sense of what the response times are and how it has changed with the regionalization? Verdone noted some call process efficiencies that are in place and added that most calls are less than 20 seconds from dial to the first responder leaving.

Mr. Richard Parker of Foxboro was present and challenged Mr. Verdone on the number stated for High Rock at \$8.7 million dollars. Mr. Parker stated that the figure of \$10.271 million was given at a meeting in Foxboro. He asked if this number is all inclusive of all work and asked about the possible loss of the mobile number surcharge fees. Mr. Verdone replied that the surcharge is protected by law as its intent is to offset the cost of 911. Mr. Verdone added, the surcharge can never go into the general fund, and it is the agenda of the State to regionalize 911.

Lastly, Mr. Verdone recognized the SEMRECC staff members that were present for the meeting. SEMRECC closed their meeting at 6:47PM.

3. Maple Street Plan and Old Colony Road Project Presentation

The Select Board Meeting reopened 6:58PM. DPW Director Lee Azinheira gave an overview of work done so far on the Maple Street project (East of Cate Springs to Oakland Street). He told the Board it included the full depth reconstruction, drainage as needed, granite curbing as needed, slopes to address erosion, guard rail drop-off for safety, and varying road widths that would be reconstructed to have finished road-widths which are more consistent. Mr. Azinheira added, Maple Street is a scenic road, and as such the planning board will need to approve the plans for project. Several requests for sidewalks have been received, but because the Town has difficulty maintaining the existing sidewalks, the pinch points, narrow road widths, and because Maple Street is a scenic road, these requests cannot be honored.

Mr. Schoonveld suggested adding a bike path to which Mr. Azinheira responded that the engineers are at the maximum width and there isn't width to put sidewalks or a bike path. Azinheira stated that because Maple Street is a scenic road, where the construction might affect stone walls or trees, the Town will need to reconstruct any walls that are affected. An exception to affecting trees would be if the power company needs to cut trees to keep power lines clear. When asked why the Town uses granite for curbs Mr. Azinheira stated it wears better, it is a harder more rugged product, more durable, and easier to fix. Mr. Rhein asked if there will there be any kind of shoulder, to which Mr. Azinheira responded that there isn't space for it. Mr. Azinheira stated the goal is to get this project going by late spring or early summer. Mr. Rhein inquired as to whether or not the road will be open to public safety, busses, and residents during the reconstruction project. Azinheira responded that the road will remain open to abutters and that the abutters will be invited to a public meeting where they will be updated. Chairman Aptowitz asked if there is parking on Maple Street. Town Engineer Rick Alves said no, but the Town is proposing a parking lot at Cate Springs near the Memorial. Chairman Aptowitz noted that notice must be given for any road cuts and Azinheira responded that all abutters will be given notice.

Mr. Alves then gave an overview of the details of the Old Colony project which will begin at Old Colony Way and Samoset Avenue, ending at the Town parking lot at 214 Rumford Avenue. This proposed project is the last phase to connect the multi-purpose trail to the train station. This project is partially funded by a 2020 Housing Choice Grant in the amount of \$236,880. The improvements include curbing and sidewalks from the intersection of Old Colony Way and Samoset Avenue to Church Street along the East side of N. Main Street. It will then cross N. Main Street westerly through the existing walk-way, from the middle common to Old Colony Way continuing northerly along the west side of Old Colony Way to the Town parking lot at 214 Rumford Avenue. The path will have a minimum width of 10 feet and will include an additional five lights along the roadway. Mr. Alves added that additional lighting will be added at the public parking lot at 214 Rumford Avenue. Alves stated, the sidewalk and curbing on the East side of Old Colony Way will remain unchanged. Additional drainage will be installed as necessary; the pavement will be removed on part of Old Colony Way as needed for grading purposes. Mr. Alves noted that the paving section around 300 N. Main Street will be paid for by the developer. Parallel parking will remain as is on both sides of Old Colony Way, and new diagonal parking will be added on Thomas Street which will increase the parking there by two spaces. The new configuration of the town parking lot at 214 Rumford Avenue will result in an increase of five spaces. The island at Rumford and Thomas Street will be removed and replaced with striping to allow for proper turning radius for trucks.

Chairman Aptowitz asked if the N. Main Street developer project will interfere with this project at all. Mr. Azinheira replied that no, it shouldn't, and he added that they are planning for the overlay paving, that Crugnale is paying for, to take place around the time this project wraps up. Mr. Azinheira noted that although Crugnale has asked for the bill for the paving Mr. Azinheira has not provided one because he wants to have the actual costs for the paving before accepting payment to be sure it is not underestimated.

Mr. DelVecchio asked how bike riders are going to connect to the train station. Mr. Azinheira replied, they can use the bike rack near 214 Rumford and then use the existing path over Route 106 as we do not want people crossing at N. Main Street. Mr. Trowbridge noted that we are gaining a few spots, we are gaining a green area there, and we are dressing up what he considers a sloppy looking area. He gave his compliments to the Engineering group on a good job. Mr. Rhein asked about the availability of possible signage indicating which side bikes should use on the whole bike path to let bike riders know which side to ride on versus walkers or people pushing strollers. Mr. Azinheira replied that he would look at other bike paths and would consider adding signage to the whole bike path, not just this new section. Mr. Dumas stated that typically there are stencils on the path. Mr. Azinheira stated they would look into appropriate markings for the entire path. Mr. Schoonveld added that he likes this idea and agrees that signage is needed and perhaps something the Downtown Committee can work on is naming the path. He asked why we are removing the concrete pad at Catman Café. Mr. Alves stated that the existing concrete slab is too high and will create a trip hazard. He stated he will be in contact with the property owner, it will be removed because of the grade issue, and then the new and existing concrete will be married to eliminate the trip hazard. Mr. Alves stated that the brick handicap ramp at the Catman Café' will need some touch ups after the new sidewalk is installed.

Motion: To waive the five-year moratorium for the Old Colony development and approve the plans as submitted. (Schoonveld/Trowbridge) **Passes: 5:0**

4. To Sign the Warrant for the Annual Town Election

Motion: To sign the Warrant for the Annual Town Election. (Rhein/Schoonveld) **Passes 5:0**

5. Discussion and consideration of date of the 2020 Town Meeting

Mr. Dumas stated that he has been working diligently with his staff and the School Department on the FY21 budget and to determine which date would be our best option for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. The date that is available is Tuesday, May 5th. The meeting would take place in the MHS auditorium. This will give him time to complete the work that needs to be done without interfering with the Town Election the following week. Mr. Schoonveld asked if there is room in MHS for a pre-town meeting event. Mr. Dumas replied that he will discuss those details with the School Department.

Motion: To set the date for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting for May 5, 2020. (Schoonveld/DelVecchio) **Passes 5:0**

6. Discussion of North Main Street Fire Station and West Street Police Station Use

This item was not discussed.

7. Budget Update

This was discussed as part of the Town Manager's update later in the agenda.

8. Resident Questions and Comments

There were no resident questions or comments.

9. Review and Approve Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda may be adopted with a single motion. Any member of the Select Board may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration in which case that item will be voted on separately from the remainder of the Consent Agenda. All licenses have been routed through Town Hall Departments and any conditions have been noted below.

- a) Approval of Select Board Meeting Minutes for:
 - January 22, 2020
- b) Vote To Approve Warrants:
 - Town Vendor Warrant No. 20033T in the amount of \$1,879,558.27
 - Electric Vendor Warrant No. 20033E in the amount of \$ 1,441,490.53
 - Town Vendor Warrant No. 20034T in the amount of \$ 330,417.03
 - Electric Vendor Warrant No. 20034E in the amount of \$204,099.62
 - School Vendor Warrant No. 20034S in the amount of \$672,476.25
- c) Permits and License:
 - Consideration of 2020 Water Installers License for REBCO, Inc.
- d) Proclamations:
 - Mansfield Orthodontics Ribbon Cutting

Motion: To approve the consent agenda. (Rhein/DelVecchio) **Passes 5:0**

10. Consideration and Approval of Town Payroll Warrants:

- **Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 20033PT in the amount of \$364,718.29**

Motion: To approve Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 20033PT in the amount of \$364,718.29. (Rhein/DelVecchio) **Passes 4:0:1** (Aptowitz abstains)

- **Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 20033TV in the amount of \$ 112,194.07**

Motion: To approve Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 20033TV in the amount of \$112,194.07. (Rhein/DelVecchio) **Passes 5:0**

- **Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 20034PT in the amount of \$374,022.31**

Motion: To approve Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 20034PT in the amount of \$374,022.31 (Rhein/DelVecchio) **Passes 4:0:1** (Aptowitz abstains)

- **Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 20034TV in the amount of \$115,900.09**

Motion: To approve Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 20034TV in the amount of \$115,900.09 (Rhein/DelVecchio) **Passes 4:0:1** (Schoonveld abstains)

- **School Payroll/School Medicaid Payroll 20034PS in the amount of \$1,724,744.44**

Motion: To approve School Payroll/School Medicaid Payroll 20034PS in the amount of \$1,724,744.44 (Rhein/DelVecchio) **Passes: 4:0:1** (Trowbridge Abstains)

- **School Deductions Vendor Payroll 20034SV in the amount of \$550,891.53**

Motion: To approve School Deductions Vendor Payroll 20034SV in the amount of \$550,891.53 (Rhein/DelVecchio) **Passes 5:0**

11. Correspondence

- Xfinity Letter with a Change in Pricing
- Notice of Violation Hearing from the ABCC
- Letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Licensing Expiration Notice
- Letter from Xfinity Form 500

Mr. Rhein read a summary of the above correspondence items.

12. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Dumas gave a budget update. He stated that in two short weeks of having Mr. LaCasse on board he expects the budget to be in balance tomorrow. He noted that although there is much budget work to be done, he is pleased to anticipate a balanced budget before the goal deadline of February 28, 2020. He will be looking to the budget sub-committee to build consensus for the budget plan on February 27, 2020. Mr. Dumas thanked all of the departments for their assistance and aid in getting the

budget to this point in the process. Mr. Dumas updated the board on the Chief Assessors position. He stated the position has been posted and advertised on MMA.org, MassCareers.com, and with other Assessor resources. He stated that there are several resumes with Human Resources for the position.

Mr. Dumas commented on the SEMRECC update given by Mr. Verdone. Mr. Dumas stated that he is looking toward a ceremonial ground breaking in March. Mr. Dumas updated the Board on the open claim from the airplane crash at the airport. He stated, there has been a claim opened against the Global Aerospace liability policy to pay for \$72,000 in outstanding invoices. Mr. Dumas commented on the new furniture in the meeting room and stated that he hopes it is a testament to the governmental body here in Mansfield for years to come. He noted that it was built by MASSCOR in Shirley, MA. Mr. Dumas added that it was designed by Doug Annino. He also thanked Jack O'Neil, Mansfield Cable Access for getting the microphones and sound system completed for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Dumas told the Board that he and his staff will be having a follow-up meeting with Community Garden, of 500 School Street. Community Garden is looking to present their business on March 4th to the Board. Mr. Dumas gave a Parking Study update and noted that a meeting is scheduled with Matt Smith for March 5th with the appropriate staff to review outstanding items. Mr. Dumas informed the Board that the Health Insurance increase for FY21 is 3.56%, which was lower than budgeted and has aided in the closing the budget gap.

Mr. Dumas told the Board that there is a Potential Compete Streets project up for evaluation of School Street up Chauncy Street to Copeland Drive for possible project consideration. Mr. Dumas noted that Mr. Azinheira will be looking into the possible projects for approval. Mr. Dumas gave an Economic Development update and stated that he and Mr. LaCasse will be attending the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development breakfast this Friday at which the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development is scheduled to speak along with the Town Managers from each of the Chamber's communities. Mr. Dumas noted that he is continuing to work with Stephen Grant of BioDiversity on Francis Avenue to consistently work with biotech and life sciences companies to possibly bring them to Mansfield. Mr. Dumas added, Penta Communications is also continuing their work to understand which types of companies are allowed by right at that location to pursue additional opportunities for the Town. Mr. Dumas stated that he will be doing an Economic Development update to the Board on March 18th, where he and Industrial Development Commission (IDC) Chair, Bob Krentzmen will introduce Deborah Penta of Penta Communications. Together they will give the Board an update on their Economic Development progress and their Discover Mansfield initiative. Mr. Dumas also updated the Board on other Economic Development projects he has been working on and how Mansfield builds relationships with its local businesses to help them achieve success. He also summarized how projects such as the repurposing of N. Main Street fire station and the new construction on Reservoir Avenue are examples of how Mansfield fosters business relationships. He also noted that Mansfield helps its Economic growth by arranging State and local resources to aid in projects, and holds informational meetings to help developers to complete their projects which bring in tax revenue. IDC and Penta Communications are working together to develop a new type of Downtown Facade program for downtown businesses which may want to improve the look of their business fronts. Mr. Dumas noted that IDC's focus is on Downtown, Biotech & Life Sciences, and Cabot Park. Mr. Dumas finished his Economic Develop update by summarizing the grants that the Town has received toward infrastructure. He stated that the grants for projects such as the multipurpose path and bike trail have brought in significant money for additional work on pathways like the one from East Street to Park & Court Street and the work on Old Colony Road. He also noted that the Town leverages infrastructure dollars, such as the \$875,000 that the town invested, on top of its \$2,000,000 road bond. This will go into transportation improvement projects such as the Rt.106 project which will meet the work to be done by the State at Rt. 140 all the way up to N. Main Street at Downtown, in addition to School Street from Rt. 140 up to West Street & Copeland. He said, we are looking at how we move people, modes of transportation, and improve traffic congestion in Mansfield as this is a significant investment.

13. Select Board Member's Questions and Comments

Mr. Schoonveld stated, we are learning a lot from the One Mansfield issue that was in front of the Planning Board. He agreed that it is good to reach out to business owners who are struggling to help. He wonders if we are talking with developers whose projects are under construction to help them get businesses into their buildings sooner, and are we talking to owners of vacant properties. He feels we need to find a way to reach out to them now. He said, talking with business owners who attend the MMED breakfast is jumping off point and follow-up with every last person who attends is a good idea. He added that he understands there are limitations to staff resources, and decisions may need to be made about which businesses to follow-up with based on which ones would bring in the most tax-revenue. He added, he is interested in helping in that capacity and feels that all of the Board members would be too. He noticed that there are a couple of zoning articles on the Town Meeting warrant by the Planning board. He asked if there are any on it for the Cabot Park Business Park. He said we need to focus on that Park

because it is the biggest source of tax revenue the Town has at \$15 million per year. He asked Mr. Dumas if he has spoken to Parks & Recreation about the availability of open spaces in West or East Mansfield from tax liens for a pocket park (a parkette per Mr. Trowbridge). Mr. Dumas replied, no. He asked how the Board could move forward with the establishment of a Board of Assessors Complex Assessment Fund. He asked if a recommendation should be made to the Board of Assessors so they could run with it. Chairman Aptowitz stated he believes the Board of Assessors has a budget that could be used for this purpose. Mr. DelVecchio suggested making this an agenda item and bringing in the Assessors to discuss it at an upcoming Board meeting.

Mr. Schoonveld noted that the Solar Field was sold. He asked who will be maintaining the property now that it is sold. Mr. Dumas stated he thought it was refinanced, and might not have been sold. There was a discussion about how the Town will need to continue to be vigilant about the owners continuing to maintain the property. Mr. Schoonveld noted that a few Board members attended the calendar presentation by the Historical Society and the Cultural Council. He asked, how do we honor our historians who have paved the way for us, and could the Board have a discussion on this at some point in the future? Mr. Trowbridge asked if the Board could discuss the possibility of naming the new park as an option. Mr. Rhein stated that the Downtown Committee is scheduled to have a discussion on this at the March meeting. He said they will be discussing three name possibilities and how to arrive at which one would be presented to the Board. Mr. Schoonveld stated that there is a sense of urgency to get the Mansfield Green reorganized. He added although it is serviceable, if we are going to bend the recycling curve at all and lower our trash waste, we need easy access. So, he has asked the Trash & Recycling Committee for a plan on how we are going to reorganize so traffic can come through quickly. Mr. Dumas offered that Mr. Azinheira and Mike Ahern should be invited to the Trash & Recycling Committee's meeting on this as their insight on the limitations due to the scope of the landfill could lead to some productive discussions.

Mr. Rhein asked, how did we close that budget so quickly. Mr. LaCasse stated, we had assistance from the school; we "scrubbed" each line of the budget, conducted a 5-year analysis, and by making a comparison between the budget and the Department Heads requests. Mr. Rhein then asked about the availability of funding to further the Parking Study. Mr. Dumas said, yes that money has been transferred. Mr. Rhein then gave a "shout-out" to The Mansfield Music & Arts Society about their upcoming fundraising Gala at Lakeview Pavilion and to the Mansfield Police Department for their Night of Comedy fundraising event. Lastly, he asked if the Board can start scheduling some time for an update from each of the Boards & Committees. Chairman Aptowitz replied that he also would like to hear from them as well and recommended that we start scheduling them to come in.

Mr. Trowbridge stated that one of things he has heard over the past few months is that residents are happy with the look of Downtown, including the holiday lights; the planning of connecting the Downtown is paying off.

Mr. DelVecchio noted that he also attended the Lost Mansfield Presentation. He said it was very well attended. It was a joint effort between the Historical Society and the Cultural Council. He added, the calendar project was worthwhile. He stated it was interesting to hear older residents reminisce about Mansfield. Mr. DelVecchio stated that the Master Plan Committee met last week and the plan is moving forward. There will be a draft next month, then one more draft before Town Meeting. The Plan will focus on Economic Development and will address zoning in the Business Park and in the TOD by showing that the Town needs to look at zoning in those areas again rather than those areas being addressed in an ad hoc kind of way. He noted that the changes that were made several years ago at the request of the Finance Committee and the Planning Board were well intentioned, had some effect, but were not as effective as the Town wanted. Mr. DelVecchio stated, the projections were off and we don't have anyone on any of our Boards who is an expert in Economic Development, so the Plan may address the possibility of adding the position of a professional Economic Director.

Chairman Aptowitz stated that some residents have asked when they can have a sense of knowing more about the budget now that it is balanced. He asked, is there any intention of having public meetings where Departments can be heard by the public prior to Town Meeting? Dumas stated, one of the things he wants to do is to make a final budget presentation where he and Mr. LaCasse would compile a final version of the budget and have a public meeting to talk about the budget, with the major departments present, and then give the public an opportunity to ask their questions. Mr. DelVecchio noted, residents would have the opportunity to attend in person or they could watch on local cable so they can have their questions prepared for Town Meeting. Mr. Schoonveld suggested adding a link from the Town's website to the video recording of this meeting so resident could watch it.

Mr. Schoonveld asked if the \$500,000 SEMRECC assessment is in the balanced budget. Mr. Dumas noted that the 911 Committee at the State House had met and made some changes to the rules and regulations. One recommendation was an

incentive for communities going to regional dispatch. As part of its 5-year plan, the first three years is 100% funded back to the district – not the town or city – but to the district. The SEMRECC Board is discussing the possibility of creating a stabilization fund reserve so when the grant runs out, there isn't a spike in the Town's budget. Therefore the budgeted amount in FY21 is \$300,000. Also, the hope is that by the time the grant money runs out, SEMRECC has already been actively engaging other communities to join SEMRECC which will also aid to keep the assessment at around \$300,000 annually. Mr. Dumas noted, in FY20, even with the addition of the front desk personal at MPD, we are still saving over \$150K in FY20, on top of the regionalization costs.

Mr. Trowbridge stated, if we are going to do a pre-town budget meeting this is the year to do it since we have ample time to plan it. He suggested having it at the schools, if they are interested, so there is room for Town Department personnel and all the residents who want to participate.

Mr. DelVecchio noted that he feels the Economic Development work that Town Manager Dumas is doing with the IDC and other initiatives show that the Economic Development glass is half-full. He added that there is a misconception out there that less is being done than is actually being done. And although it has taken Mansfield a while to get its act together, we are now on the right track.

14. Any items not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to this meeting

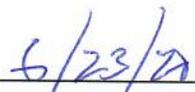
There were no items.

15. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the Select Board Meeting of February 19, 2020 at 8:29PM. (Trowbridge/DelVecchio) **Passes 5:0**



Signature



Date

Minutes prepared by Nancy L. Griffin