



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
May 18, 2015
Cotter Room
6:30 p.m.**

Members present: Mike Franey, Maureen Jansen, Andy Burbine, Ken Coyle, Alex Bezanson

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Announcements:**

James Crosby, Director of Veterans Services, and Tom McCarthy, Assistant Director, presented the Board of Selectmen with a refurbished MIA Honor Chair. This Chair will be permanently placed in the lobby of Town Hall.

Selectman Bezanson announced that Since 1983, the Rotary Club has handed out 500 Douglas Fir Seedlings at Beaver Brook, Woodsdale, and St. Bridgets. This was done last week as is done every year during Arbor Week.

Selectman Coyle announced that Flag Dag in Abington will be June 13th and June 14, and will have an unveiling of the abolitionist stone, civil war encampment Saturday night, and a picnic and concert on Sunday.

Selectman Burbine announced that Memorial Day Festivities will kick off on Memorial Day at 7:30 a.m. at Laidler Field, and continue to the Memorial Arch, and follow with the Parade to Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

Selectman Jansen announced that 2015 Girls Softball are selling T Shirts. All monies will be donated to Dana Farber in the name of Karen Needle.

Selectman Franey thanked the Department Heads for attending the last Selectmen's Meeting for review of their articles, and announced that Town Meeting will be held on June 8, 2015.

Public Appointments:

6:35 p.m. – Public Hearing for an above ground storage flammables license at 1431 Bedford Street.

M/Burbine to open the advertised hearing

S/Coyle

Voted 5-0

Mr. John Mono from PraxAir addressed the Board and explained that the license is to hold various sized cylinders that can total 15,000 cubic feet of flammable gas and/or 1,500 gallons total of propane gas in various sized cylinders. Abutters have been notified. There are no abutters present.

M/Jansen to close the hearing

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

M/Coyle to approve the above ground storage flammables license contingent upon final approval from the Fire Chief

S/Bezanson

Voted 5-0

Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of May 11, 2015 open session minutes

M/Jansen to approve

S/Coyle

Burbine abstains

Voted 4-0-1

2. Appointment to Old Colony Elder Services Board Director – Suzanne Djusberg

M/Jansen to approve Suzanne Djusberg confirming this is the choice of Old Colony Elder Services

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

3. Selectmen appointment to Plymouth County Advisory Board

M/Burbine to appoint Alex Bezanson as Selectman Member

S/Jansen

Voted 5-0

4. Selectmen Policy Review – Selectmen’s Policies and Procedures; Re-adopted

Selectmen’s appointment and reappointment process.

M/Coyle to delete #9 on appointment process and revise #1 and adopt draft revisions for Policies and Procedures (attached)

S/Bezanson

Voted 5-0

5. Discussion on current volunteer application form and announcement of vacancies –

M/Coyle to adopt first paragraph as presented by Chairman Franey from another Town, and delete some of the form as presented

S/Bezanson

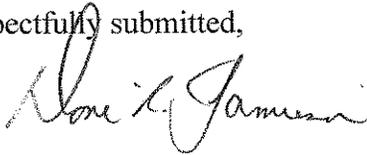
Voted 5-0

6. Announcement of the posting of two School Committee vacancies and one Water Commissioner Vacancy. The posting was accomplished today, and to set up an additional meeting on June 2, 2015 for the joint appointments.
7. Setting the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants for Constable posting – M/Burbine to set the warrants and to recommend the articles for the warrant at the next meeting on June 2, 2015
S/Jansen
Voted 5-0
8. FY2016 Budget Update -- (attached)
9. Town Manager Report (attached)
10. Public Comment – none

M/Jansen to adjourn
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson
Assistant Town Manager



Town of Abington

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To: Board of Selectmen
From: Town Manager
Date: May 15, 2015
Subj: Budget Update

Similar to last week's update attached please find the following documents:

1. The spreadsheet summary of the budget process to date entitled "Revenue Budget Forecast";
2. A one page document entitled "DEFICIT REDUCTION WORKSHEET"; and,
3. The four page budget document summary.

MOST OF THIS DATA REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM PRIOR UPDATES.

It appears unlikely that we will have the specifics of what the FEMA reimbursement will entail prior to the need for Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen to make recommendations. Therefore the current recommendation continues to include:

- Utilizing the recent legislation allowing for deferral of up to \$472,000 additional snow over-expenditure until we are certain as to how much FEMA reimbursement can be applied. Unfortunately we may not know this prior to town meeting or even the close of FY 2015.
- Waiting for the FY 2015 Free Cash certification to pursue capital items at the customary fall Special Town Meeting beyond those with alternative funding sources (fire, sewer, water) and **hopefully pay off the remaining snow deficit at that time once we know exactly how much remains after the FEMA reimbursement.** I am not proposing to utilize the new state legislation to defer for three years but rather only until we are certain of the final number.

The proposed budget provides the **minimum necessary to maintain level services with one exception.** You may recall in my original budget memo to the Board and Finance Committee in January I pointed out that I firmly believed that the major budget challenge for us going forward was police department staffing and that our number one administrative goal was additional hours in the Town Clerk's Office. I know that you are all aware that the dynamics of the FY 2016 budget process simply don't provide the opportunity to address the police staffing need, however, **the attached recommendation does provide \$15,034 additional funds to the Town Clerk budget to bring the current half-time position back to full time.**

The rationale for this has become even clearer over the past several months, particularly in light of the

recent special and regular town elections. Despite the best efforts of the Town Clerk, there were too many times when the town clerk's office was not open to the public for the hours that the town hall is open when people were seeking to register to vote and/or to vote absentee. In addition, there is nobody legally eligible to function as an "Assistant Town Clerk" to fulfill the statutory obligations of the Town Clerk in her absence. To simply elevate the current part-time Administrative Assistant to that position does not take into account the additional hours necessary to achieve and maintain certification. Although I was anticipating using some of the expected attrition within the town offices over the next year or two to modify the current staffing to address this need I would ask for support in addressing this in FY 2016.

And, to accommodate this financially without impacting the bottom line I am happy to report that School Supt. Peter Shafer has informed me that he would be supportive of shifting the necessary funds from my most recently proposed school budget number. He is confident that when the total impact of retirements within the school department is final that he will be able still meet their goal of shifting faculty to accommodate an elementary school position intended to lower class size at the early elementary level from approximately 30 to 25 students.

The only other area that has been addressed is Trash Collection. As I have previously reported we have been negotiating with Republic Services for an extension of the existing contract. That process culminated this week and includes adding the condominium and school recycling services that had been part of a separate contract with another vendor. Although the pricing remains close to the FY 2015 budget I have included a buffer due to the fact that the updated agreement does provide for some adjustment in the case of a significant increase in fuel costs.

Unless we experience any unanticipated legislative changes prior to the end of the state budget process I expect this to be my final recommendation on the budget document. I very much appreciate the individual feedback and questions over the past several months from members of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee and truly respect the efforts of our financial and school officials. One only needs to read the newspaper to see the results of lack of cooperation, compromise, and trust between town/school officials. This is not the case in Abington for which I am grateful.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Town of Abington

Revenue Budget Forecast

Includes Other Sources of Funds

Revenue Sources	FY15 Town Meeting Approved	FY16 Requested	FY16 Level	FY16 Town Manager		
Total Warrant Articles				\$ 20,989		
Total Expenses	42,874,304	45,646,469	45,187,593	44,589,951	\$ 1,715,647	
Total Revenues	42,954,920	43,672,881	43,672,881	43,760,026	\$ 805,106	
Proposed Budgets versus Projected Revenue + or -		(1,973,588)	(1,514,712)	(850,914)		
General Fund Operations Revenue Estimate:						
FY 14 Levy Limit	\$ 26,885,225	\$ 27,820,086	\$ 27,820,086	\$ 27,820,086		
FY 2.5% Adjustment	\$ 672,131	\$ 695,502	\$ 695,502	\$ 695,502		
New Growth	\$ 262,730	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000		
Sub Total	\$ 27,820,086	\$ 28,687,588	\$ 28,687,588	\$ 28,687,588	\$ 867,503	3.12%
Debt Exclusion	\$ 1,529,024	\$ 1,561,898	\$ 1,561,898	\$ 1,574,562		
Excess Levy						
	\$ 29,349,110	\$ 30,249,486	\$ 30,249,486	\$ 30,262,150	\$ 913,040	
Actual Levy	\$ 29,349,110	\$ 30,249,486	\$ 30,249,486	\$ 30,262,150	\$ 913,040	3.07%
FY Cherry Sheet State Receipts-						
Chapter 70	\$ 7,423,394	\$ 7,423,394	\$ 7,423,394	\$ 7,472,269	\$ 48,875	
Charter Tuition	\$ 105,644	\$ 105,644	\$ 105,644	\$ 103,914	\$ (1,730)	
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	\$ 1,750,435	\$ 1,750,435	\$ 1,750,435	\$ 1,813,451	\$ 63,016	
Police Career Incentive					\$ -	
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 115,241	\$ 115,241	\$ 115,241	\$ 79,374	\$ (35,867)	
Exemptions - Vets, Blind & Surviving Spouse	\$ 91,476	\$ 91,476	\$ 91,476	\$ 91,663	\$ 187	
- Elderly					\$ -	
State Owned Land	\$ 119,238	\$ 119,238	\$ 119,238	\$ 119,238	\$ -	
Cherry Sheet Assessments						
Estimated State Revenue	\$ 9,605,428	\$ 9,605,428	\$ 9,605,428	\$ 9,679,909	\$ 74,481	0.00%
Motor Vehicle						
Motor Vehicle	\$ 1,742,210	\$ 1,742,210	\$ 1,742,210	\$ 1,742,210	\$ -	
Penalties & Interest on Taxes						
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	\$ -	
Fees						
Fees	\$ 90,194	\$ 90,194	\$ 90,194	\$ 90,194	\$ -	
Licenses & Permits						
Licenses & Permits	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	
Fines & Forfeits						
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	
Investment Income						
Investment Income	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ -	
Medicaid Reimbursement						
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	
Whitman Intermunicipal						
Whitman Intermunicipal	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
Meals Tax						
Meals Tax	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	
Total Estimated Local Receipts:	\$ 2,885,404	\$ 2,935,404	\$ 2,935,404	\$ 2,935,404	\$ 50,000	1.73%
Stabilization						
Stabilization	\$ 250,000				\$ (250,000)	
Transfers						
Transfers	\$ 864,978	\$ 882,563	\$ 882,563	\$ 882,563	\$ 17,585	
Total Estimated Other Sources of Operational Funds:	\$ 1,114,978	\$ 882,563	\$ 882,563	\$ 882,563	\$ (232,415)	-20.84%
Total Estimated GF Operational Revenue:	\$ 42,954,920	\$ 43,672,881	\$ 43,672,881	\$ 43,760,026	\$ 805,106	1.67%

Capital Request \$329,233

DEFICIT REDUCTION WORKSHEET

Projected Operating FY 16 Deficit w/o Free Cash	\$ 850,914.00
Certified Free Cash	\$ 785,632.00
STM Article Restoring Stabilization Funds	\$ 300,000.00 -
Remaining Free Cash for Deficit Reduction	\$ 485,632.00
Deficit After using Remaining Free Cash	\$ (365,282.00)
Amount of Snow Deferral Pending FEMA Reimbursement. See Note Below.	\$ 472,977.00
Available	\$ 107,695.00

Notes:

- 1 **Projection anticipates deferring free cash funded capital expenditures until this fall.**
- 2 **Provides for a 2.82% increase in Abington Schools operating budget to avoid staff reductions.**
- 3 **Avoids layoffs and program reductions.**
- 4 **Allows room for final negotiations of FY 2016 trash/recycling contract.**
- 5 **The Snow Over-expenditure = \$872,911 - approximately \$473,000 above 5 year average**

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2016	% Change Town Manager
	Town Meeting Voted 42,874,304	Requested BUDGET 45,646,469	Level BUDGET 45,187,593	Town Manager Recommended 44,589,951	
TOWN MEETING SALARIES	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
TOWN MEETING EXPENSE	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
TOTAL TOWN MEETING	271,333	270,663	270,663	271,413	0.03%
SELECTMEN SALARY	64,964	64,960	64,960	63,410	-2.23%
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	336,187	335,623	335,623	334,823	-0.41%
TOTAL SELECTMEN	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
FINANCE COMMITTEE SALARIES	400	400	400	400	0.00%
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.00%
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0.00%
RESERVE FUND	152,515	159,796	153,743	153,743	0.81%
TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARIES	7,365	24,390	24,390	17,390	136.12%
TOTAL ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	159,880	184,186	178,133	171,133	7.04%
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	133,663	135,761	135,761	135,761	1.57%
ASSESSORS SALARIES	55,024	55,024	55,024	55,024	0.00%
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	188,687	190,785	190,785	190,785	1.11%
TOTAL ASSESSORS	196,142	200,368	200,368	200,368	2.15%
COLLECTOR/TREASURER SALARIES	48,319	52,465	52,465	52,465	8.58%
COLLECTOR/TREASURER EXPENSE	244,461	252,833	252,833	252,833	3.42%
TOTAL COLLECTOR/TREASURER	79,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	-24.05%
TOTAL TOWN COUNSEL	65,243	72,554	72,554	72,554	11.21%
INFO TECH SALARIES	112,481	116,714	116,714	116,714	3.76%
INFO TECH CAPITAL OUTLAY	0				
TOTAL INFO TECH	177,724	189,268	189,268	189,268	6.50%
TOTAL TAX TITLE	25,000	35,000	35,000	25,000	0.00%
TOWN CLERK	85,078	112,753	112,753	97,578	14.69%
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	8,705	9,089	9,089	9,089	4.41%
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	93,783	121,842	121,842	106,667	13.74%
ELECTIONS SALARIES	18,907	11,450	11,450	11,450	-39.44%
ELECTIONS EXPENSE	9,350	9,350	9,350	9,350	0.00%
TOTAL ELECTIONS	28,257	20,800	20,800	20,800	-26.39%
TOTAL REGISTRARS	5,520	5,501	5,501	5,501	-0.34%
PLANNING BOARD SALARIES	18,676	25,187	25,187	18,687	0.06%
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	1,100	2,000	2,000	1,250	13.64%
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	19,776	27,187	27,187	19,937	0.81%
ZONING BOARD SALARIES	22,586	22,760	22,760	22,760	0.77%
ZONING BOARD EXPENSE	200	200	200	200	0.00%
TOTAL ZONING BOARD	22,786	22,960	22,960	22,960	0.76%
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE BUILD	83,523	86,531	86,531	86,531	3.60%
TOTAL TOWN REPORT	4,250	4,250	4,250	4,250	0.00%
TOTAL NORTH RIVER	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
TOTAL ADA	150	150	150	150	0.00%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,499,984	1,567,816	1,561,763	1,521,538	1.44%

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2016	% Change Town Manager
	Town Meeting Voted 42,874,304	Requested BUDGET 45,646,469	Level BUDGET 45,187,593	Town Manager Recommended 44,589,951	
POLICE SALARIES	2,427,345	2,791,689	2,491,689	2,447,244	0.82%
POLICE EXPENSE	349,876	361,846	361,846	361,846	3.42%
POLICE CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	83,294	83,294	0	
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,777,221	3,236,829	2,936,829	2,809,090	1.15%
FIRE SALARIES	1,863,639	2,057,767	1,956,345	1,868,301	0.25%
FIRE EXPENSE	273,750	293,230	293,230	293,230	7.12%
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,137,389	2,350,997	2,249,575	2,161,531	1.13%
BUILDING SALARIES	109,698	169,358	169,358	112,707	2.74%
BUILDING EXPENSE	13,150	13,530	13,530	11,529	-12.33%
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	122,848	182,888	182,888	124,236	1.13%
SEALER SALARIES	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
SEALER EXPENSE	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
TOTAL SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.00%
TOTAL CIVIL DEFENSE	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES	15,702	15,823	15,823	15,823	0.77%
ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE	841	841	841	841	0.00%
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	16,543	16,664	16,664	16,664	0.73%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	5,064,501	5,797,878	5,396,456	5,122,021	1.14%
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	20,244,425	21,256,646	21,256,646	20,801,023	2.75%
SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL	2,223,452	2,334,625	2,290,156	2,240,209	0.75%
TOTAL EDUCATION	22,467,877	23,591,271	23,546,802	23,041,232	2.55%
HIGHWAY SALARIES	603,214	710,437	710,437	609,245	1.00%
HIGHWAY OFFICE	3,915	3,915	3,915	3,915	0.00%
HIGHWAY CONSTR&MAINT	203,756	206,329	206,329	206,329	1.26%
SNOW & ICE SALARIES	40,000	50,000	50,000	40,000	0.00%
SNOW & ICE EXPENSE	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0.00%
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	100,000	110,000	110,000	100,000	0.00%
STREET LIGHTING	100,231	100,231	100,231	100,231	0.00%
WASTE COLLECTION SALARIES	6,250	14,311	14,311	14,311	128.98%
WASTE COLLECTION EXPENSE	827,540	833,540	833,540	845,000	2.11%
TOTAL WASTE COLLECTION	833,790	847,851	847,851	859,311	3.06%
CARE OF LOTS	600	600	600	600	0.00%
TOTAL HWY & PUBLIC WORKS	1,845,506	1,979,363	1,979,363	1,862,446	0.92%

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION	FY 2015		FY 2016		FY 2016		% Change Town Manager
	Town Meeting Voted	BUDGET	Requested BUDGET	Level BUDGET	Town Manager Recommended	Town Manager	
BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	104,863	117,984	117,984	117,984	106,284	1.36%	
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	7,660	10,775	10,645	10,645	8,358	9.11%	
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	112,523	128,759	128,629	128,629	114,642	1.88%	
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%	
COUNCIL ON AGING SALARIES	74,803	75,383	75,383	75,383	75,383	0.78%	
COUNCIL ON AGING EXPENSES	32,739	37,778	37,778	37,778	33,196	1.40%	
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	107,542	113,161	113,161	113,161	108,579	0.96%	
VETERANS SALARIES	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	70,838	41.68%	
VETERANS EXPENSE	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.00%	
TOTAL VETERANS	150,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	170,838	13.89%	
WOMAN CRISIS	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	385,065	456,920	456,790	456,790	409,059	6.23%	
LIBRARY SALARIES	290,205	303,604	298,002	298,002	297,601	2.55%	
LIBRARY EXPENSE	162,800	181,841	180,641	180,641	166,684	2.39%	
TOTAL LIBRARY DEPARTMENT	453,005	485,445	478,643	478,643	464,285	2.49%	
RECREATION SALARIES	108,483	147,925	147,925	147,925	111,483	2.77%	
RECREATION EXPENSE	19,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	19,000	0.00%	
TOTAL RECREATION	127,483	174,925	174,925	174,925	130,483	2.35%	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	300	800	800	800	300	0.00%	
MEMORIAL/VETERAN DAY	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.00%	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	588,788	669,170	662,368	662,368	603,068	2.43%	
RETIREMENT OF DEBT	1,611,477	1,732,300	1,732,300	1,732,300	1,704,156	5.75%	
LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST	445,080	396,144	396,144	396,144	396,145	-10.99%	
SHORT TERM INTEREST/ADMIN	10,381	10,115	10,115	10,115	21,057	102.84%	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	2,066,938	2,138,559	2,138,559	2,138,559	2,121,358	2.63%	
COUNTY RETIREMENT	2,166,042	2,340,302	2,340,302	2,340,302	2,340,302	8.05%	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.00%	
HEALTH INSURANCE	4,402,260	4,661,412	4,661,412	4,661,412	4,494,436	2.09%	
LIFE INSURANCE	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	13,000	-7.14%	
MATCHING MEDICARE	280,000	293,000	293,000	293,000	293,000	4.64%	
DEFERRED COMP	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	0.00%	
LIABILITY INSURANCE	491,328	534,578	534,578	534,578	499,578	1.68%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	7,466,330	7,955,992	7,955,992	7,955,992	7,753,016	3.84%	
Snow & Ice Deficits	405238	400,000	400,000	400,000	872,911	115.41%	
Allowance for Abatements	380000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	0.00%	
CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS	665842	670,000	670,000	670,000	865,368	29.97%	
COUNTY ASSESSMENT	38335	39,500	39,500	39,500	37,934	-1.05%	
Other Deficits							
Overlay Deficits							
TOTAL AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED \$	1,489,415	1,489,500	1,489,500	1,489,500	2,156,213	44.77%	
	42,874,304	45,646,469	45,187,593	45,187,593	44,589,951	4.00%	



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: TOWN MANAGER
DATE: MAY 15, 2015
SUBJ: GENERAL UPDATE

The following is meant to be a general update of activities of the Town Manager and staff. Should any member desire more information regarding any particular matter please contact me personally.

1. Memorial Arch – The bronze restoration work (including the Abolitionist Stone) is in process. The eagle is completed and next week we expect the remaining work to be completed, however weather permitting this could lapse into the following week. Completing the Bronze restoration performing any ancillary clean-up work should all be finished within two weeks.
2. Treasurer/Collector – Yesterday Leo Provost provided me with written notice of his intention to retire in August. In coming days I will be giving some thought to the hiring process. But, in the meantime please make sure you give your regards to Leo when you bump into him.
3. Chestnut/N. Quincy/Boundary Street – As an FYI we will be participating in a meeting later in the month in Brockton to discuss the process going forward with design and construction changes to this intersection. Brockton's traffic engineering firm, CDM Smith, is facilitating the meeting. While the majority of the intersection is in Brockton we obviously wish to remain involved in the design process.
4. Animal Control – We continue to work with Whitman and Hanson with regard to a joint animal control program that would help us take advantage of the fact that Whitman has a shelter. As I have stated before my interest is not to change the current set up for Abington but rather to try and maintain a level of spending in the future that is reasonably close to the current level. ACO Robert Hammond has expressed to me concerns that may prevent him from remaining in his position for much longer.
5. Budget Process – See Agenda
6. Police 5K – You are probably already aware that the Police 5K race is tomorrow (Saturday) and all are encouraged to run/walk.