

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2012
APPROVED**

Present: Stuart M. Schulman Chairman; Peter Cunningham, Vice Chairman; Anna Eliot
On Phone: John G. Petropoulos
Absent: Joshua A. Degen
Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Schulman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and made some brief announcements.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board grant a One Day beer and Wine License from Blackbird Café for Friday, October 26, 2012 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm for their two year celebration.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve a One Day Beer and Wine License for Blackbird Café, subject to fee. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Eliot-aye; Cunningham-aye; Schulman-aye; Petropoulos-aye

2. Mr. Haddad requested the Board ratify his appointments.

Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Patrice Garvin as Representative to the Minuteman Nashoba Health Group, to expire 6/30/13. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Eliot-aye; Cunningham-aye; Schulman-aye; Petropoulos-aye

Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Gina Marini of Nashua, NH at a Grade 3, \$13/hour, to expire 6/30/13 for the Cable Production Assistant. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Eliot-aye; Cunningham-aye; Schulman-aye; Petropoulos-aye

Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Robert Brown, Thomas Lombard, and Patrick MacDonald as Special Police Officers, to expire 6/30/13. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Eliot-aye; Cunningham-aye; Schulman-aye; Petropoulos-aye

3. *Review Town Meeting Warrant:*

Article 6 Lost Lake Sewer Design- Mr. Haddad stated that with a 2% Bond rate the average tax payer would pay \$52 towards the debt serve a year. Mr. Haddad noted that the tax payers are currently paying this amount for the Lost Lake appropriation of \$350k at a prior Town Meeting. Mr. Haddad noted a chance to qualify for 0% funding of the Lost Lake project, and that decision still needed to be determined. Mr. Petropoulos stated his concern that there was no guarantee that there would be no increase costs to the project. Mr. Haddad replied that he would not seek an override to fund the project and if need be other areas of the budget would have to be cut.

Article 10 & 11 are the Citizen Petitions for the Lawrence Homestead Trust land. Mr. Haddad stated that he was waiting for counsel's opinion on the impact of the P&S on the articles. Mr. Petropoulos asked what the impact would be. Mr. Haddad stated that the question was if the Town Meeting can override a contract.

Article 17 Purchase of Land on Chicopee Row.

Mr. Haddad noted that members of the Conservation Commission were present to discuss the selectmen's position on the article. Mr. Auman, Mr. Easom and Mr. Morrison addressed the Board. Mr. Auman handed out supporting documents on the land in question. Mr. Morrison stated that the land was 108 acres and that it was listed on the 2001 Priority List. The Commission is planning on applying for a state grant that would yield maximum \$400k. Mr. Morrison stated this purchase will protect the water supply. Mr. Haddad noted that the Conservation Commission is asking for \$25k in another article to help purchase the land. Mr. Cunningham asked if there was a way to set up the purchase stating it would proceed only if the reimbursement was granted. Mr. Morrison stated that could be stipulated. Mr. Schulman stated that there was precedent for the contingency of a purchase. Mr. Schulman noted that it appeared that only five lots could be buildable leaving 98 acres unbuildable. Mr. Cunningham stated that he looked at the appraisal and there was potential for lot development. Mr. Cunningham was concerned with the Conservation Commission using all of their funds to purchase this parcel and that it could take years to build up reserves.

Ms. Ganem stated they would know about reimbursement by the end of November. Mr. Morrison stated that he would work on a P&S with the contingency. Mr. Cunningham suggested other Board members who have not read the appraisal get a copy. Ms. Stoddard urged the Board not to place the contingency on the P&S. Mr. Cunningham stressed to the Commission that other properties may come up in the future that would not be able to be purchased due to low funds. Mr. Haddad clarified the discussion and stated that members of the Board may support the article if a contingency was in place. Mr. Haddad stated that a formal vote would occur on October 15th prior to Town Meeting.

SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Cunningham held office hours and stated it is a good opportunity to meet resident. Mr. Petropoulos went to the Talk with Tom and spoke on the Lost Lake Sewer project.

MINUTES

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 4, 2012, as amended. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Eliot-aye; Cunningham-aye; Schulman-aye; Petropoulos-aye [Document 1: Draft Minutes 9/4/12]

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2012. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Eliot-aye; Cunningham-aye; Schulman-aye; Petropoulos-aye[Document 2: Draft Minutes 9/10/12]

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn at 8:00pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned

Approved: _____
John G. Petropoulos, Clerk

respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 10-22-12