

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2012
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
APPROVED**

Present: Stuart M. Schulman Chairman; Peter Cunningham, Vice Chairman; John G. Petropoulos; Anna Eliot; Joshua A. Degen

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Schulman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad explained that in order for Rena Swezey, a member of the Conservation Commission and Lost Lake resident, to be part of the hearing before the Commission for weed eradication in Lost Lake, a disclosure needed to be approved by the Board and filed with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the disclosure of Rena Swezey seeing no conflict with the Conservation Commission's hearing on Weed Eradication in the lake. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to vote to authorize him to sign the SRF funding application on behalf of the Town of Groton.

Mr. Degen moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the SRF application, contingent on the articles passing at Town Meeting. Mr. Petropoulos seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

3. *Mr. Degen moved to approve the one day wine license to First Parish Church on October 20, 2012 from 7-10pm. Mr. Cunningham moved to second the motion. Motion unanimously carried.*

4. Mr. Haddad asked the board to ratify his appointment of Charlene Dapolito as an Election Worker.

Mr. Degen moved to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Charlene Dapolito as an Election Worker to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Petropoulos seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

REMAINING ARTICLES

Article 9- CPC Funding to Conservation Commission. Mr. Degen stated that as long as the contingency was in the P&S regarding state reimbursement he would support the articles. The board supported 4, in favor and 1 not in favor.

Article 17- The Board was unanimous that the Conservation Commission applies for the grant. Mr. Petropoulos wished he has seen more work with the developer on this proposal.

Fitch's Bridge-

David Manugian addressed the Board and stated advocated for Article 18 to fund the engineering of Fitch's Bridge. Mr. Petropoulos addressed the public safety concern regarding minors jumping off the bridge. Mr. Petropoulos stated that the bridge needed to come down regardless of the Towns plans for it. Mr. Degen did not support a bond in the size it would need to replace the bridge and did not want to tack it on to the fire station bond. Ms. Stoddard supported the Fitch's bridge project and noted that it would benefit the Town. Chief Joe indicated that it would be helpful to replace the bridge in order to have a pipe go across it serving

those on the other side. Mr. Haddad noted the pipe would be part of the engineering plan. Ms. Stoddard added that it would connect many trails throughout town if the bridge was replaced. Mr. Degen suggested having the second round of funding at the January Town Meeting. Mr. Petropoulos suggested a wording change in the motion to indicate replace or remove. Mr. Haddad stated that he would confer with counsel to add the words “or remove” to the Fitch’s bridge motion. The Board unanimously supported the article with this word change.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn at 6:30pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned

Approved: _____
John G. Petropoulos, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 11-5-12