

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MINUTES JUNE 6, 2016  
APPROVED**

**BOS Members Present:** John G. Petropoulos, Chair; Anna Eliot, Vice Chair; Joshua A. Degen, Member; Peter S. Cunningham, Member; Barry Pease, Member

**Also Present:** Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant;

Mr. Petropoulos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and reviewed the agenda.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Pease asked if it was allowable for two members to be nominated for one position. Mr. Haddad said that there was nothing that prohibited more than one nomination. Mr. Pease said that last year the reelected member was appointed as Chair adding that the current Chair had done a great job. He nominated Mr. Petropoulos as Chair for another year. Mr. Cunningham nominated Ms. Eliot for Chair adding that she had been Vice Chair for two years and it was the last year of her term. Mr. Pease nominated Mr. Degen for Chair. Mr. Petropoulos said he would like to have them write down their votes and turn them in to be counted. Mr. Eliot stated reasons that she would like to be Chair and provided four priority areas that she would like to promote; Budget: initiate zero based budget exercise; Government admin: work toward efficiency and cost savings; fulfillment to services from Transfer Station to Library and how responsive they are; and inclusion and diversity including pride in their civic services. Mr. Cunningham said that he thought it was good for them to rotate chairmanship as had been past practice and recommended they choose someone different. Mr. Degen agreed there had not been a history of chairs repeating but thought that every day was a new day and they needed to do what was in the best interest of board and town as a whole.

*There were three (3) votes for Mr. Petropoulos; and two (2) votes for Ms. Eliot.*

Mr. Cunningham nominated Ms. Eliot as Vice Chair. Mr. Petropoulos nominated Mr. Degen for Vice Chair. Ms. Eliot declined the nomination. *The vote was 4-0-1 with Mr. Degen abstaining stating he was not voting for himself.*

Mr. Degen nominated Mr. Pease for Clerk. *The vote was unanimous.*

**KEVIN FORSMO – BUDGET SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Forsmo said that he was present to report progress and receive feedback. He said that they created weekly two hour meetings on Thursdays at 7am. He said that they started with defining sustainability and assigned preliminary assignments for looking at revenue and expenses. Mr. Forsmo said that the next steps were to determine a timeline, around Sept 30th to provide the Committee's written report. Mr. Forsmo presented the Committee's definition of sustainability they adopted. Mr. Haddad said that the Committee was looking for the Board to give them direction, feedback and any other expectations.

Mr. Cunningham asked about integration with the School Committee adding that Ms. Manugian could take recommendations back to the Committee. He added that he thought the purview of this committee was on the municipal side. Mr. Degen said he agreed with Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Forsmo. He said that they needed to be looking at the municipal side but keep the schools informed about what they could afford. Mr. Degen said he also thought the definition was very good and was comfortable with it as a working definition. He said that as far as expectations, he expected the Committee to dissect the budget and operations to the fullest extent without touching existing positions. Ms. Eliot said that she would like to see them attempt to work with and meet with the School Committee financial people all while keeping each other and the Board of Selectmen

informed. She said that with the definition, nothing was ever cast in stone and was happy to go along with it. Mr. Pease said that the quality of life desired by the town needed to be defined and measured. He said that he would expect that they would have a way to measure this or suggest how it be measured. Mr. Forsmo said that there was some discussion adding that the definition they settled on didn't preclude more limitation. He said he didn't think it was up to committee to determine the quality of life of the town but something more for the BOS and Town to determine. Mr. Pease said that he thought it might be valuable for them to send out invites to those Committees that might be able to offer assistance to them such as the Planning Board, Personnel Board and Economic Development Committee to name a few. Mr. Petropoulos said that he thought it was good they had a relationship with the schools and that they have a member of the School Committee on the Committee to distribute information back. He said that he was not present for the meeting when the definition was decided adding he was looking for something a little tighter.

*Mr. Petropoulos said that he would accept a motion to accept the proposed definition. Mr. Cunningham made the motion. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Haddad said that The Town received a gift of \$1,000 from an individual who wished to remain anonymous for the purpose of helping to offset EMT tuition costs. The donor had expressed the intention of adding to this amount on a regular basis. The Town Accountant had set up a gift account for this purpose, but the Board of Selectmen needed to vote to accept this gift. He respectfully requested that the Board consider this acceptance. Mr. Haddad added that an EMT course ran between \$1,000 and 1,200 per course.

Mr. Degen thanked the donor for their donation. Ms. Eliot said that she was abstaining from the discussion.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to accept the gift from the anonymous donor. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Ms. Eliot abstaining.*

2. Mr. Haddad said that the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission updated the 2008 Montachusett Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. As the Board will recall, the Town of Groton provided input to this plan in 2014, and in 2015 a representative from MRPC attending a Public Hearing before the Board to review proposed changes in more detail. Revisions were also made to the plan based on input from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He said that the next step in the process was for local adoption of the Montachusett Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015 Update. Mr. Haddad respectfully requested that the Board consider voting to accept this update.

Mr. Degen asked if MEMA had reviewed it. Mr. Haddad said that that was part of the approval process. Mr. Degen asked if the Chiefs had reviewed it. Mr. Haddad said that they had.

*Mr. Pease moved to accept the Montachusett Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015 Update. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Mr. Degen asked that the motion be amended to include that it be subject to FEMA approval. The amendment was seconded. The Board voted unanimously for the amendment and the final motion.*

3. Mr. Haddad said that with the recent turnover on the Board, it made sense for the Board to review their liaison assignments.

Mr. Pease said he would be the BOH liaison.

Ms. Eliot said she would be the ZBA liaison.

Mr. Cunningham said he was happy to make Mr. Pease the alternate to the Tri Board Committee.

Mr. Pease said that he would like to be the Planning Board alternate  
Mr. Pease said that he would be the Sewer Commission liaison.  
Mr. Petropoulos would be the main liaison to GELD and Mr. Cunningham the alternate.  
Ms. Eliot said that she would like to be the Council on Aging liaison alternate.  
Mr. Degen said that he would like to be the primary liaison on the Country Club.  
Mr. Pease said that he would be the liaison to the Library and the Assessors.  
Mr. Pease said that he would like to be the alternate liaison to the Finance Committee.  
Mr. Pease said that he would be the liaison to the IT Department, the HR Department and the MBTA.

4. Mr. Haddad said that he provided the Board with a proposed Records Policy at their last meeting that was established after a recommendation from the Charter Review Committee. He said that the Board made some minor revisions to the Policy and requested that he bring it back to their next meeting for formal adoption by the Board. He said that he enclosed a copy of the final draft of the Policy for their review respectfully requested that the Board consider voting to adopt this Policy. Mr. Degen said he thought it was an excellent policy. Ms. Eliot asked what state statute required. Mr. Haddad said that they were providing more information than the state required. Mr. Cunningham said that retention differed also. Mr. Haddad said that a new public records law was due to come out adding they were ahead of the curve in Groton. Mr. Petropoulos said that the records repository was not the website but the server. He asked if all records were to be electronic. Mr. Cunningham said that most were but some were not. Mr. Pease asked if they could be scanned. Mr. Haddad suggested that they maybe go back three (3) years.

*Mr. Degen moved to accept the Policy as amended that evening. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

5. Mr. Haddad said that the Groton Conservation Trust had requested a one day liquor license for Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for an Invitation Party hosted by GCT Members at General Field (located on Farmer's Row, just past Joy Lane). He respectfully requested that the Board consider voting to approve this license request.

Mr. Pease asked if the General Field was town land. Mr. Degen said it was not adding it was Groton Conservation Trust property. Ms. Collette said that the land in question was Trust land with a restriction held by the Town.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve a one day liquor license for the Groton Conservation Trust for Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for an Invitation Party hosted by GCT Members at General Field. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. Mr. Degen asked if it was contingent on TIPS training. Mr. Haddad said that TIPS training was not required for one day licenses. The motion carried unanimously.*

6. **Town Manager Annual Appointments** – Mr. Haddad asked the Board to ratify the following appointments of the Town Manager

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**Communications Officer, 1 year term**

Warren Gibson  
Sarah Power  
Darlene Touchette  
Jonathan Shattuck  
Catherine Myers  
Samuel Welch

Edward Bushnoe (Part Time)  
Ian Brown (Relief)

**Groton Police Auxiliary, 1 year term**  
Mark Miller

**Local Licensing Agent, 1 year term**  
Donald Palma  
James Cullen

**NIMS Coordinator, 1 year term**  
Donald Palma

**Police Matron, 1 year term**  
April Moulton  
Kathy Newell  
Sarah Power  
Darlene Touchette

**Police Officer, 1 year term**  
Deputy Chief James Cullen  
Sgt. Derrick Gemos  
Sgt. Edward Sheridan, Sr.  
Sgt. Jason Goodwin  
Sgt. Paul R. Connell  
Det. Corey Waite  
Det. Rachael Mead  
Det. Michael Lynn  
Nicholas Beltz  
Robert Breault  
Peter Breslin  
Gordon Candow  
Timothy Cooper  
Kevin Henehan  
Dale Rose  
Omar Connor  
Gregory Steward  
Patrick Timmins

*Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager as read. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Public Safety Database Coordinator, 1 year term**  
April Moulton

**Reserve Patrolman, 1 year term**  
Stephen McAndrew  
Victor Sawyer  
Edward Bushnoe  
Michael Ratte  
Kathleen Newell

**Groton Special Police Officer, 1 year term**  
Irmin Pierce  
George Aggott

**Special Police Officers, 1 year term**  
Pepperell – PO Box 292, Pepperell, MA 01463  
Townsend – PO Box 137, Townsend, MA 01469  
Dunstable – PO Box 154, Dunstable, MA 01827  
Tyngsboro – 20 Westford Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879  
Westford – 53 Main Street, Westford, MA 01886  
Ayer – 54 Park Street, Ayer, MA 01432

Shirley – 11 Keady Way, Shirley, MA 01464  
Littleton – 500 Great Road, Littleton, MA 01460  
Chelmsford – 2 Olde North Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824  
Lunenburg – 655 Mass Ave, Lunenburg, MA 01462

**ADA Coordinator, 1 year term**  
Michelle Collette

**Agricultural Committee, 3 year term**  
Meredith Scarlet  
George Moore

**Animal Control Officer, 1 year term**  
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.  
George Moore

**Animal Inspector, 1 year term**  
George Moore

*Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager as read. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Archives Committee, 1 year term**  
Michael Bouchard  
Carl Flowers  
5 Vacancies

**Board of Survey, 1 year term**  
Evan C. Owen  
Edward Cataldo  
Steele McCurdy

**Building Commissioner, 1 year term**  
Edward Cataldo

**Building Inspector, 1 year term**  
Daniel Britko

**Commission on Accessibility, 1 year term**  
Robert Fleischer  
Emil Reschsteiner  
Mark Shack  
Alan Taylor  
James Buckhalter  
Anna Vega  
Ellen Baxendale

**Community Emergency Response Coordinators, 1 year term**  
Donald Palma  
William Shute  
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.  
Steele McCurdy

**Conductorlab Oversight Committee, 1 year term**  
Michelle Collette  
Robert Hanninen  
Susan Horowitz  
Mark Deugar  
Stuart Schulman

**Conservation Administrator, 1 year term**  
Takashi Tada

**Constables, 3 year term**

Brian Downes  
George Moore

*Mr. Pease moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager as read. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Council on Aging Director, 1 year term**

Kathy Shelp

**Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee, 1 year term**

Robert Hanninen  
Ray Capes  
Edward A. Perkins  
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.  
Eileen McHugh

**Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector, 1 year term**

Michelle Collette

**Election Workers, 1 year term**

Florine Bakke	Alberta Erickson	Lisa O'Neil
Maureen Beal	Carl Flowers	Norma Garvin
Geraldine Perry	Nadine Bishop	George Faircloth
Nancy Pierce	Laurie Bonnett	Louise Gaskins
Peg Russell	Audrey Bryce	Joan Guimond
Connie Sartini	Marvin Caldwell	Margot Hammer
Stuart Schuman	Ellen Hargraves	Fran Stanley
Gail Chalmers	Richard Hewitt	Arestothea Staub
Carole Clark	April Iannacone	Alberta Steed
Stephen Legge	Lori Sullivan	Anthony Corsetti
Lorraine Leonard	Rena Swezey	Irene Corsetti
Suzanne Sanders	Janet Thompson	Joan Croteau
Cindy Martell	Ramona Tolles	Jean Cummiggs
Paula Martin	Bronwen Wallens	Carol Daigle
Mary McGrath	Ann Walsh	Charlene Dapollito
Margaret Wheatley	Richard Van Doren	Dawn Dunbar
Violetta O'Donnell	Dorothy Davis	Marlene Kenney
Jack Balonis		

**Electrical Inspector, 1 year term**

Edward Doucette  
John Dee, as alternate

**Emergency Management Agency, 1 year term**

Pat Arel	Penny Hommeyer	Alvin Neff
Stephen Byrne	Susan Horowitz	Kathy Newell
Bob Colman	Holly Jarek	Thomas Orcutt
Peter Cunningham	Elaine Johnson	Christine Packard
Francis Cusak	Leroy Johnson	Donald L. Palma, Jr.
Daniel Daigneault	Robert Johnson	Benjamin Podsiadlo
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.	Kevin Kelly	Kathy Puff
Edward Doucette	Stephen Legge	Karen Reif
Heather Emslie	Catherine Lincoln	Connie Sartini
Carl Flowers	Mark Miller	Kathy Shelp
Norma Garvin	George Moore	William Shute
Mark Haddad	Stephen Moulton	Bill VanSchwalkwyk
	Steele McCurdy	

*Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager as read. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Fence Viewer, 1 year term**

George Moore

**Field Driver, 1 year term**

George Moore

**Graves Registration Officer, 1 year term**

Deborah Beal Normandin

**Great Pond Advisory Committee, 1 year term**

Francoise Forbes

Susan Horowitz

Art Prest

Alexander Woodle

James Luening

William Strickland

Marshall Giguere

2 Vacancies

**Greenway Committee, 1 year term**

Marion Stoddard

David Pitkin

Carol Coutrier

Adam Burnett

Matthew McCracken

**Groton Country Club General Manager/Head Professional, 1 year term**

Shawn Campbell

**Harbor Master, 1 year term**

Donald Palma

**Haz-Mat Coordinator, 1 year term**

Steele McCurdy

**Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act Privacy, 1 year term**

Melisa Doig

**Historical Commission, 3 year term**

George Wheatley

Robert DeGroot

Michael Danti

**Human Resources Director, 1 year term**

Melisa Doig

*Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager as read. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Petropoulos said that he would like to have a report from the Fence Viewer and Field Driver, George Moore as to what he did last year.

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**Information Technology Director, 1 year term**

Michael Chiasson

**Insurance Advisory Committee, 1 year term**

Jack Balonis  
Melisa Doig  
Rena Swezey  
Hannah Moller  
Warren Gibson  
Ann Walsh  
Gordon Candow  
George Brackett  
Paul McBrearty  
Derrick Gemos  
Barbara Cronin

**Keeper of Lockup Constable, 1 year term**

Donald Palma

**Keeper of Town Clock, 1 year term**

Paul Matisse

**Land Use Director, 1 year term**

Laurie Bonavita

**Local Emergency Planning Committee, 1 year term**

Donald Palma	William Shute	Steele McCurdy
Tom Delaney	Tom Orcutt	Elaine Johnson
Kevin Kelly	Susan Horowitz	George Moore
Leroy Johnson	Carl Flowers	Bob Coleman
Kathy Puff	Holly Jarek	Kathy Shelp

**Measurer of Wood and Bark, 1 year term**

Evan Owen

**Minuteman Nashoba Health Group, 1 year term**

Melisa Doig  
Michael Hartnett, as alternate

**Moth Superintendent, 1 year term**

R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.

**Municipal Building Committee for Prescott School– Term till September 1, 2016**

Halsey Platt  
Lynwood “Val” Prest  
Greg Sheldon  
Becky Pine  
Bruce Easom  
Annika Nilsson-Ripps  
1 Vacancy

*Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager as read. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Old Burying Ground Committee, 1 year term**

Deborah Beal Normandin



Ellen Hargraves  
Amanda Gavazzi  
Kenneth Lefebvre  
Marcia Brazer

**Parking Clerk, 1 year term**  
Dawn Dunbar

**Plumbing & Gas Inspector, 1 year term**  
John Murphy  
John Templeton, as alternate

**Principal Assessor, 1 year term**  
Rena Swezey

**Public Safety Chaplain, 1 year term**  
1 Vacancy

**Public Works Director, 1 year term**  
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.

**Recycling Committee, 1 year term**  
Michael Brady  
Teresa David  
Jamie King  
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.  
1 Vacancy

**Regional Emergency Planning Committee, 1 year term**  
Steele McCurdy  
Donald Palma  
William Shute

**Road Kill Officer, 1 year term**  
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.

**Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1 year term**  
Eric Aaltonen

**Sign Committee, 1 year term**  
Gineane Haberlin  
Mark W. Haddad  
Carolyn Perkins

*Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager as read. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Surveyor of Wood/Lumber, 1 year term**  
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.

**Tax Collector/Treasurer, 1 year term**  
Michael Hartnett

**Town Diarist, 1 year term**  
Connie Sartini  
Robert Collins

**Town Forest Committee, 3 year term**  
John Sheedy

**Trails Committee, 1 year term**

Paul Barstow  
David Burnham  
Chris Bussiere  
Paul G. Funch  
Wendy A. Good  
Stephen Henderson  
Olin Lathrop  
Stephen A. Legge  
Jason Remillard  
Emma Newman  
Tim Newman

**Tree Warden, 1 year term**

R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.

**Veteran's Service Officer, 1 year term**

Robert Johnson

**Water Superintendent, 1 year term**

Thomas Orcutt

**Weed Harvester Committee, 1 year term**

Bradley D. Harper	William Strickland
Gerrett Durling	Erich Garger
John Crowell	James Luening

**Williams Barn Committee, 1 year term**

Bradbury Smith  
Kathy Stone  
Sandra Tobies  
Joseph Twomey  
Alfred Wyatt  
Leo Wyatt  
Bob Kniffin  
Bruce Easom  
1 Vacancy

*Mr. Pease moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager as read. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Cable Advisory Committee** – Mr. Haddad asked the Board to ratify the appointments of Janet Sheffield, Jane Bouvier, Neil Colicchio and Robert Piche to a 1 year term.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the appointments of the Town Manager of the Cable Advisory Committee as read by the Town Manager. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Cable Advisory Committee** – Mr. Haddad asked the Board to ratify the appointment of David Melpignano to a 1 year term.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the appointment of the Town Manager of David Melpignano to the Cable Advisory Committee. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. Mr. Petropoulos said that he would not be able to support Mr. Melpignano's reappointment. Mr. Degen said that he could not support the reappointment also. The motion carried 3-2-0 JD/JP nay*

Mr. Haddad asked the Board to ratify his appointment of Isabella Farrago to the Country Club as a Lifeguard.

*Mr. Degen made the motion. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**7. Board of Selectmen Appointments** – Mr. Haddad asked the Board to make the following appointments:

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**Affordable Housing Trust, 2 year term**

Frederick Dunn  
Stuart M. Schulman

**By-Law Review & Study Committee, 1 year term**

Michael Bouchard  
Mark W. Haddad  
Peter Cunningham  
Jay Prager  
Barry Pease

**Charter Review Committee**

Robert L. Collins  
Michael McCoy  
Stuart M. Schulman

**Conservation Commission, 3 year term**

Peter A. Morrison  
Susan Black  
Eileen McHugh

**Council on Aging, 3 year term**

Jean Sheedy  
Norma Garvin  
Helen Seinkiewicz

*Mr. Cunningham moved to make the appointments as read by the Town Manager. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Finance Committee, 3 year term**

David Manugian  
Art Prest

**Housing Partnership, 1 year term**

Peter Cunningham  
Carolyn Perkins  
Michelle Collette  
2 Vacancies

**Lost Lake Watershed Advisory Committee, 1 year term**

Michael Rosa

Thomas Orcutt  
Mark Deuger  
Susan Horowitz  
Jack Petropoulos  
Art Prest  
Alex Woodle

**Lowell Regional Transit Authority, 1 year term**

Brian Lagasse

**MBTA Advisory Committee, 1 year term**

Barry Pease

**Military Community Covenant, 1 year term**

Peter Cunningham  
Anna Eliot  
Peter Braudis  
Robert Johnson  
5 vacancies

**Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee, 1 year term**

David Manugian (PB)  
Joshua Degen

**Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, 1 year term**

Joshua Degen  
Mark W. Haddad

**Personnel Board, 3 year term**

Norman "Bud" Robertson

**Scholarship Committee, 3 year term**

Brian LeBlanc

**Sustainability Committee, 1 year term**

Carl Canner  
Carl Flowers  
Leo Laverdure  
Michael Roberts  
Patricia Kahorl  
Alison Peterson  
Bruce Easom  
2 vacancies

**Underground Utility Committee, 1 year**

Anna Eliot  
R. Thomas Delaney, Jr.  
Ellen Cummings (Verizon Rep)  
William Sahini (Charter Rep)  
Kevin Kelley  
2 Vacancies

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Jay Prager, 3 year term  
Bruce Easom, 1 year term as alternate  
Alberta Erickson, 1 year term as alternate  
1 3-year term vacancy, 2 1-year alternate vacancies

Mr. Degen asked if the Housing Partnership had met recently. Mr. Cunningham said that had not. Mr. Degen asked if it was something they still needed. Mr. Cunningham said that they worked on the housing plan in the past adding that the need for the Committee was something they should look into. Ms. Collette said that the primary role was to partner with a developer if and when a 40B application

comes in. She said that the Town had not had such an application. Mr. Degen said it was a nice alternative to have if that was the case.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to make the appointments as read by the Town Manager. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Haddad asked the Board to appoint Sally Hensley to a three year term and Jane Fry to a one year term to the Board of Registrars.

*Mr. Pease moved to make the appointments to the Board of Registrars as stated. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Petropoulos said that there were reappointments that needed to be made by the Board to the Economic Development Committee also. Mr. Degen said he thought they should interview the new candidates. Mr. Pease suggested they defer to another meeting until there was further discussion on the makeup of the committee. Mr. Petropoulos said that they also needed to consider the new proposed charge of the Committee. Mr. Cunningham said that he was okay with deferring to the 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Petropoulos said that they hadn't had a chance as a board to discuss override. Mr. Cunningham said that they expressed consent for the override at the last meeting. Mr. Degen said that he supported the override question on the ballot. He said that he would be willing to give support conditionally on an audit of the school budget. Mr. Degen said that he was willing to offer a motion to amend the warrant article at Town Meeting to be contingent on the school doing a structural audit. Mr. Cunningham said that he supported the override and questioned if they could make a motion contingent on an audit adding he didn't think they could do that. Mr. Haddad said that they couldn't make operation contingent on an audit adding that they wouldn't have money to start the FY to spend. He said that an audit wouldn't be done by July 1. Mr. Petropoulos said that he understood the logic and intent. Ms. Eliot said that she had supported the override from the beginning and the work the School Committee had done. She said that they had been trying to work collaboratively with the School Committee. She added that she had been asking for an audit for months now but not that it be done by override time. She said that they were playing politics with the educational system in town. Mr. Pease said that he supported this and the people's right to choose. He said that the School Committee came back with significant compromises from their original request. He said that they aligned with one town and one budget adding that the needs were valid.

Mr. Petropoulos said that he prepared a few slides but didn't think it was worth going through. He said that there were some data points that the School Committee may or may not have. He said that he agreed with Mr. Degen that some sort of review would be useful. He said that this was a big ask and others were coming in the future. He said that he thought there should be some sort of operational review and was open to how it got done but in time for next year's budget cycle. Mr. Kubick said that sustainability was one element they were looking at. He said that they were planning to form a group after a vote at their Wednesday meeting. He said that an operational review had been discussed. Superintendent Rodriguez said that they needed to look at the fiscal responsibility to fund education. She said that they had talked about sustainability on both sides at the Finance Subcommittee meeting in April. She said that she reached out to firms and other districts adding they should be looking at performing a programmatic audit. She said it was a large scope review that would look at the expense side and revenue side. She said that she talked about sustainability in her Friday blog and what they were hoping to look at.

Mr. Degen said that he would support an override for purposes of moving forward but had expectations that an audit occur before subsequent years.

Mr. Robertson said that since they had started a Budget Sustainability Committee the Town also needed an audit its side. He said it was good to know what towns similar to us had done. He said that they need an overall town audit. Mr. Cunningham said that he agreed but wanted to see the sustainability committees get up and running and then report back. He said that DLS conducted a broad audit as part of the Town's bond rating but agreed they should get down into the nitty gritty. Mr. Degen agreed adding they couldn't ask the School Committee to do audit without looking at the Town. He said that Mr. Haddad was doing a nice job working with all involved but didn't mean it's the right way. Mr. Pease said it sounded like an agenda item was needed to talk about financials and budgets. Mr. Petropoulos suggested they let the Budget Sustainability Committee work a little before they drive them. He said he would like to defer this adding there was some time. Ms. Eliot said that she agreed with a lot of what had been said and asked if they as a body support the override. Mr. Degen said that he heard four (4) yes's. Mr. Petropoulos said that he wanted to wait to hear feedback from the School Committee on an audit. He said that he couldn't happen between now and ballot. He said that he would be supportive if an operational audit was committed to.

*Mr. Degen moved that the Board of Selectmen support the joint override as currently proposed and the revised budget. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Petropoulos abstaining until Town Meeting and/or the ballot.*

2. Mr. Haddad said that the Tennessee Gas Pipeline had withdrawn their application.

*Mr. Degen moved that they disband the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Working Group. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Cunningham said that the Memorial Day parade was cancelled due to weather. He said that the burden of the parade falls on one person and thought they were reaching a point where they needed to involve more people. He said that he would like to float the idea of forming a committee or group that would be involved in celebrations. Mr. Petropoulos suggested that add it to a future agenda.

Mr. Robertson said that the High School baseball team was undefeated and just won their first playoff game that night. Superintendent Rodriguez said that they were featured on ESPN; a link was available on her Twitter account, adding that their next game was at Hudson High School on June 8th.

Mr. Haddad said that they had their first meeting of the non-profit council, where about 25-30 people attended. He said that they were asked us to expand it to more nonprofits and would hold another meeting in September. He said that there was a lot of enthusiasm and support for this.

Mr. Haddad said that he and Mr. Petropoulos were working with Russ Burke, David Pitkin, Kevin Lindemer, Laurie Bonavita and Michael Chiasson to look at demographics. He said that they were looking to establish a list of comp town to see how Groton compares.

Mr. Petropoulos said that the 5 year anniversary of the dedication of Woitowitz Field was the following day at 5:30pm.

**MINUTES**

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of May 2, 2016 and no release them. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Ms. Eliot asked if they could be brought back to a future meeting as she had a correction she would like to make. Mr. Cunningham withdraw his motion.*

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of April 11, 2016. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-2 with Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Pease abstaining because of their absence.*

*Ms. Eliot moved to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of April 25, 2016. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Pease abstaining because of his absence on the Board.*

*Ms. Eliot moved to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of May 2, 2016. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Pease abstaining because of his absence on the Board.*

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of May 9, 2016. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Pease abstaining because of his absence on the Board.*

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of May 18, 2016. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried by Roll Call vote with all ayes.*

*Mr. Degen moved to adjourn at 8:10pm. Mr. Pease seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Pease, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved: 7/11/16