

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JULY 30, 2001  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
APPROVED**

**Present:** Chairman Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk Dann Chamberlin, Member Thomas P. McCuin, Jr., Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen and Administrative Secretary Doris T. Wheeler.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM.

**VIEW TOWNSEND'S ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT VEHICLE**

The Board went to the Town Hall parking lot to view Townsend's Advanced Life Support Vehicle.

**EMS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

EMS Director John Walsh explained the advantages of entering into a mutual agreement with Townsend. Groton provides basic life support, whereas Townsend has paramedics as part of its advanced support service. Members of the Townsend service were present to further explain the type of service they provide. Mr. Walsh said that this agreement also is a vehicle to pay Townsend for its services.

The Agreement will be changed to say Emergency Medical Services (for Groton), instead of Ambulance Dept. Mr. Youngsma, Townsend Board of Selectmen, said he was present to bring back any concerns.

Mr. Chamberlin moved to execute the Ambulance, Emergency Medical and Advanced Life Support Services Mutual Aid and Billing Agreement between the Town of Townsend by and through its Board of Selectmen and Ambulance Department, and the Town of Groton by and through its Board of Selectmen and its Emergency Medical Services, dated July 30, 2001. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

**ORDER OF TAKINGS**

Mr. Chamberlin moved an Order of Taking for Hickory Lane, as further described in the Order of Taking drafted by Town Counsel, dated July 30, 2001. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. McCuin moved an Order of Taking for Kaileys Way as further described in the Order of Taking drafted by Town Counsel, dated July 30, 2001. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved an Order of Taking for Riverbend Drive, as further described in the Order of Taking drafted by Town Counsel, dated July 30, 2001. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. McCuin moved an Order of Taking for Wintergreen Lane, as further described in the Order of Taking drafted by Town Counsel, dated July 30, 2001. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Bandstand Location**

Mr. Chamberlin moved to open the public hearing to discuss the proposed location of the Bandstand on Town property behind the library known as the Lawrence Playground a/k/a Town Field. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously. The Park Commissioners were also present and voted to convene in open session.

Mr. Cunningham read a letter dated July 30 from Jane Bouvier. She offered her services as booking coordinator for the musical groups or other talent appearing on the Bandstand. Mr. Cunningham also read an email from the Library Director, who said that the Trustees voted to support the Bandstand in the proposed location on the playground. Ms. Shuman noted that the email was meant just as a heads up for Ms. Kitchen. Library Trustee Chairman Mike Manugian confirmed the vote of the Trustees. The Trustees requested that the concerts be scheduled only when the library is closed.

Barbara Scofidio said the neighborhood is very excited to have the Bandstand in its "back yard". Mr. Parker-Roach thanked Mr. Chamberlin for pursuing this location for the Bandstand. Mr. Park-Roach said the Boy Scouts were willing to provide a shuttle from the Rail Trail to the Bandstand.

Don Black met with Don Smith to go for a site walk of the proposed area. Mr. Black asked what Mr. Smith thought of the

site. Mr. Smith was glad to see the Bandstand there. He had fond memories of playing ball on that field. The Park Commission voted to support the location and to oversee the maintenance of the Bandstand. Ms. Kitchen said Mr. Smith planned to provide seed money for the upkeep of the Bandstand.

Mr. Cunningham said that back when this was talked about 2 years ago, there were Rules & Regulations drafted. This could be used as a starting point. The Park Commission and Selectmen will review these and make amendments as determined appropriate.

The next step is the Site Plan Review, which is scheduled for Sept. 2 with the Planning Board. The wetlands determination will be dealt with through the Conservation Commission. Then a building permit will be needed. The groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for August 11 at 11:00 AM.

One of the residents in the area suggested the curbing or sidewalks be put in on Broadmeadow Road. She was told that this was considered before. The road is too narrow for sidewalks. Lines will be painted for delineation.

At 7:59 PM the public hearing was closed by unanimous vote. Mr. Chamberlin moved that the Board of Selectmen endorses and supports the location of the Bandstand to be erected on Town property behind the Public Library known as Lawrence Playground a/k/a Town Field, to be situated in the natural amphitheater. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

### **EARTH REMOVAL - Bowman - 96 Overlook Drive**

Earth Removal Inspector Michelle Collette was present for the discussion. The Board received notification from the applicants to be granted an extension on the deadline of their earth removal exemption application to September 1. A neighbor, Jay Decoteau, will also be applying for earth removal for the same time frame. The Bowman application was postponed to the meeting of Aug. 27, at 7:30 PM.

Mr. McCuin moved to extend the deadline for the consideration of an earth removal exemption permit to September 1, 2001 for Mr. and Ms. Bowman. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

### **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. McCuin moved the appointment of Philip Chu as a member of the **Cable TV Advisory Committee**, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of David B. Powell as a member of the **Capital Planning Committee**, term to expire June 30, 2004. Mr. McCuin said the bylaw says the members of the Capital Planning Committee cannot be on any other board, except for one member of the Finance Committee. There is already a Finance Committee liaison on the committee (Win Nordblom). The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. McCuin moved the appointment of Ernest Cate to the **Housing Partnership**, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of Ellen Hargraves as a member of the **Old Burying Ground Committee**, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. McCuin moved the appointment of the following as members of the **Web Site Committee**: Donald Dent, David Hill, Steven Morlock and Joyce Sousa, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

### **RE-APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of Gary Hoglund as a member of the **Computer Committee**, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. McCuin moved the appointment of Susan Sundstrom as a member of the **Conductorlab Committee**, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of Barbara Silber Lamont as a member of the **Local Cultural Council**, term to expire June 30, 2004. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. McCuin moved the appointment of Steven Mickle as **Road Kill Officer**, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of Bennett Black, Jr. as **Sealer of Weights and Measurer**, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. McCuin moved the appointment of Aleta Manugian as a member of the **W. Groton Pond & Park Committee**, term to expire June 30, 2002. Mr. Cunningham noted that the dredging project needed to be reassessed. The bids came in very high for landfill capping and none of the people who bid on the landfill capping want to dredge the pond. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of Lee Burton as a member of the **Wharton Fountain Committee**, term to expire June 30, 2002

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Agreement between Town and Fay, Spofford & Thorndike**

The agreement before the Board was for the Rail Trail parking lot and re-alignment of the Rail Trail immediately North of Broadmeadow Road.

Mr. McCuin moved to execute the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services by and between the Town of Groton and Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC, dated July 30, 2001. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously. The Chairman was authorized as signatory.

Ms. Kitchen noted that Peabody St. will be closed beginning next week, for up to one month, because of the Rail Trail project.

#### **MBTA Advisory Board Designee**

Mr. McCuin moved the appointment of Dann Chamberlin as a member of the MBTA Advisory Board, term to expire May 20, 2003. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin will choose a designee, as requested by the MBTA, to be appointed at a future meeting.

#### **HDC Clerical Assistant Hire**

Paula Martin was recommended to fill the position. There was a question whether Ms. Martin needed to be designated as Special Municipal Employee. Past experience with the Ethics Commission showed that if the person holds more than one paid position in Town, the positions needed to be designated as Special Municipal Employee Status.

Mr. Chamberlin moved to hire Paula Martin part-time as the Historic District Commission Clerical Assistant, at Grade 3, Step 1. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. McCuin moved the designation of Special Municipal Employee status for the positions of Historic District Commission Clerical Assistant and Assistant to the Building Commissioner. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

#### **Open Fall STM Warrant**

Following is the proposed schedule for the Fall STM:

Mon. July 30---Open Town Meeting Warrant

Wed. Aug. 8---4:00 PM - Close Town Meeting Warrant for article submission

Mon. Aug. 13---Selectmen Review Articles

Tues. Aug 14-Fri. Aug. 24---Town Counsel review articles

Mon. Aug. 27---Public Hearing on Warrant

Fri. Sept. 7---Post Warrant

Mon. Sept. 24---Town Meeting

Mr. McCuin moved to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant scheduled for September 24, 2001 for submission of articles and to close the warrant at 4:00 PM on August 8, 2001. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

#### **Minutes**

Mr. Chamberlin moved approval of the regular session minutes of July 16, 2001. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

#### **Norris Property**

Mr. Norris was told that he had one year to vacate the property once the Town purchased it. He requested an extension. The Board decided that it was fair to charge rent for staying on the property. The going rate is 800-1200 per month. The money would come from the money the Town is holding in escrow that was there for the removal of all the materials on the property. Mr. Norris understands and is willing to pay rent. He expects to be out by the end of Sept. \$800 was decided on.

### **Cable License Extension**

Charter Communications notified the Town that the cable license had expired. Charter recommended a 120-day extension on the license.

Mr. Chamberlin moved to authorize Mr. Cunningham as signatory on a 120-day extension by granting a non-exclusive short-term cable television license to Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:57 PM Mr. Chamberlin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dann Chamberlin, Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doris T. Wheeler  
Administrative Secretary