

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APRIL 7, 2003  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
"APPROVED"**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

**Present:** Dann Chamberlin, Chairman; Peter S. Cunningham, Member; Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen and Maria Casey, Administrative Secretary.

**Absent:** Thomas D. Hartnett (ill)

Mr. Chamberlin read two different letters praising the Emergency Medical Services Technicians and added that not only did he concur with these residents positive opinion of the EMS but also added that it was nice of these citizens to take the time to write a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Chamberlin read a letter the Board of Selectmen (BOS) received from Groton Electric Light Department which stated that the Board of Commissioners voted to pay an in-lieu-of tax payment of \$25,000 which was a 25% increase above last year's payment. Ms. Chojnowski, Manager, also stated that they take pride in their track record of giving Town departments free labor, materials and equipment, as well as direct contributions to the school district and other Town departments and maintain some of the lowest residential rates in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Chamberlin read a piece of correspondence from the Town Forest Committee stating what their mandates are, as well as the Motor Vehicle Use Policy effective April 1, 2003 (attached). Mr. Chamberlin stated that he was in favor of this policy.

**COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATION - Lyn Dillon - Whimsical Baker**

Ms. Dillon was in attendance for this portion of the meeting. She stated that she would like to have a home-baking business and hopes in the future to open a bakery pending available space and customer response.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Common Victualler License for The Whimsical Baker at 20 Hickory Drive, license to expire December 31, 2003. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.*

**David Gleason - Wrangling Brook Farm**

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Common Victualler License for Wrangling Brook Farm Bed & Breakfast at 18 Kemp Street, license to expire December 31, 2003. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.*

**PUBLIC HEARING - Annual Town Meeting Articles**

The BOS held a public hearing to take a position on the Annual Town Meeting Articles and the Public Hearing Checklist and copy of the warrant is enclosed herein.

**ARTICLE REVIEW - Special Town Meeting**

The BOS reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrant dated 4/4/2003 enclosed herein and approved all of the articles to be placed on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**Vote Ballot Questions**

The BOS was in receipt of a piece of correspondence from the Groton Dunstable Regional School District regarding the warrant article(s) and ballot question(s) as follows:

**Proposed warrant article to for operating budget override**

Articles 1a and 1b are separate articles and are together referred to as a "pyramid" override. You may vote for or against each question independently. Each question requires a simple majority of those voting on that question to pass. If more than one question passes, only the question with the highest dollar amount will prevail.

1a. To see if the Town will vote to assess an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of operating the Regional Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and three.

1b. To see if the Town will vote to assess an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in real estate and personal property taxes for the

purpose of operating the Regional Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and three.

**Proposed ballot vote for operating budget override for town warrants**

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*Mr. Cunningham moved to include the following ballot questions on the warrants:*

*1a. Shall the Town be allowed to assess an additional \_\_\_\_\_ in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of financing in part the town’s apportioned share of the Groton Dunstable Regional School District budget for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and three?*

*1b. Shall the Town be allowed to assess an additional \_\_\_\_\_ in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of financing in part the town’s apportioned share of the Groton Dunstable Regional School District budget for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and three? Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.*

**Regular and Executive Session Minutes**

The BOS tabled reviewing/approving the minutes, which will be reviewed April 14, 2003.

**Approve temporary part-time help - Treasurer/Tax Collector’s office**

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve Barbara Cronin and Pat Campagna as temporary part-time help effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Ms. Kitchen gave an Administrative Officer Report attached herein.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Mr. Cunningham moved to go into executive session in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations and will not reconvene into open session. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Roll call vote: Chamberlin - yes; Cunningham - yes.*

*Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlin. Unanimous vote.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter S. Cunningham, Member

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Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Casey  
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved: May 12, 2003

Attachments (5)

Memo from Town Forest Committee dated March 3, 2003

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Public Hearing Checklist and Warrant dated 4/7/03 @ 3:10 P.M.

Special Town Meeting Warrant dated April 4, 2003 marked “draft”

Administrative Officer Report