

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 30, 2003
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
“APPROVED”

Present: George F. Dillon, Jr., Vice Chair; John L. Saball, Clerk; Virginia C. Wood, Member; Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen; Maria Casey, Administrative Secretary; Kathleen Newell, Office Assistant

Absent: Thomas D. Hartnett; Chair Peter S. Cunningham, Member.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Deed of Land to Town Forest from Elliott & Doris Blood

Mr. Steve Collette and Mr. Harlan Fitch were in attendance for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Collette, on behalf of the Town Forest Committee, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Blood for their donation to the Town Forest. Mr. Dillon thanked Mr. and Mrs. Blood for all that they have done for the community throughout the years and the many boards that they have served on.

Mr. Fitch questioned whether there would be a right of way that would accompany the deed providing access to the property. Mr. Blood stated that the adjoining property “the Bissell land” was currently part of the town forest and that a parcel next to the “Shipley parcel” gives the right of way.

Ms. Wood stated that the Town Forest consisted of a patchwork of pieces of donated land. The Town Forest is one of Groton's greatest assets.

Mr. Saball motioned to execute the Acceptance of Deed pursuant to the authority granted to us by the vote under the Article 17 of the May 12, 2003, adjourned session of the April 28, 2003 Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Wood seconded. Unanimous vote.

Landfill Capping Update

Mr. Jamie Greacen was in attendance for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Greacen, Landfill Capping Member, was in attendance to give an update to the Board. Mr. Greacen stated that the landfill is capped and has a vegetative cover on top. He stated that there had been some damage and erosion during the winter, but the areas had been patched and reseeded in early May by Littleton Environmental, and 95% had grown in well and there were no problems towards closure. Littleton Environmental will be sending a change order and Mr. Greacen has also asked them to provide a summary of outstanding issues. It is expected to come in total under budget. The change order is due to the pond dredging not being done last year and as a result Littleton Environmental had to bring in materials to mix and compost.

Ms. Kitchen has been working closely with Littleton Environmental and all other parties regarding the pond dredging which is tentatively scheduled for July 14, 2003. Mr. Greacen recommends that an outside contractor for which the landfill budget could subsidize should conduct the first year of monitoring of the landfill. He guesstimates the cost of monitoring to be \$15,000. Ms. Wood thanked both Mr. Greacen and Mr. David Hopper and other members of the Committee for the incredible wealth of knowledge and volunteerism that they have given the town.

Parks Commission and 350th Anniversary Committee RE: July 4th Weekend Fireworks

Mr. Don Black was in attendance for this portion of the meeting. He invited the Board to the July 6th Celebration, which will entail a fireworks display at 9:00 pm for approximately 15 minutes. The Committee is working with the Police and Fire department for all necessary safety. The display provided by Atlas Fireworks is being funded by the can recycling which currently totals approximately \$18,000.

Lost Lake/Knops Pond – Notice of Intent for Drawdown

Dr. Bill Eger and Mr. John Diezemann were in attendance for this portion of the meeting. Dr. Eger has prepared the Notice of Intent (a copy of which is filed in the Selectmen's office as well as the conservation commission).

Ms. Wood motioned to file a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission for the purpose of "utilizing the siphon at Lost Lake Dam, a 7' drawdown below summer pool level to start between September 5th and November 1, 2003, requiring 6 to 8 weeks to reach desired drawdown depth." It is understood that 1) as soon as resident's well in the Lost Lake area fails as a result of the drawdown, the drawdown will immediately cease and desist 2) that Policies and Procedures will need to be drafted and approved by the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission for problems that may arise along the way and 3) the Chief of Police approves the hot line established at the Police Department. Mr. Saball seconded. Unanimous vote.

GDRSD - Pesticide Application

Ms. Kitchen notified the Board that the GDRSD did not need approval from the Board to apply pesticide for the control and removal of grubs on the athletic fields. Approval of the Board of Selectmen only needs to be given for application for aesthetic purposes.

Comprehensive Permit Policy

Mr. Dillon read the policy and explained that the policy was for the Board of Selectmen to follow when a developer submits proposals, other appropriate committees receive more information and are encouraged to attend the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings since the ultimate authority is the ZBA.

Ms. Wood motioned to adopt the "Consideration of Comprehensive Permit Applications (Chapter 40B) By Board of Selectmen Policy", No. 03-02. Mr. Saball seconded. Unanimous vote.

Grotonfest September 20, 2003

The Board reviewed and was in unanimous consensus for the committee to use the Legion Common between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm for the annual Grotonfest celebration.

Schedule for July

Members discussed the summer schedule and determined that the Board of Selectmen will meet on July 14th and July 28th.

Review and Approve Minutes May 17, 2003, June 2, 2003 and June 9, 2003

Fran Dillon motioned to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 27, 2009l, June 2, 2003, and June 9, 2003. Virginia Wood seconded. Unanimous vote.

Review and Approve/Not Release Executive Session June 16, 2003

Fran Dillon motioned to Approve and Not Release the Executive Session Minutes of June 16, 2003. Virginia Wood seconded. Unanimous vote.

Annual Reappointments: Cable Advisory Committee, Weed Harvester Committee, and Special Police Officers

Jack Saball motioned to reappoint Russell H. Harris to the Cable Advisory Committee for the one-year term to expire June 30, 2004. Virginia Wood seconded. Unanimous vote.

Jack Saball motioned to reappoint John P. Ellenberger to the Cable Advisory Committee for the one-year term to expire June 30, 2004. Virginia Wood seconded. Unanimous vote.

Jack Saball motioned to reappoint Richard S. Malagodi to the Weed Harvester Committee for the one-year term to expire June 30, 2004. Virginia Wood seconded. Unanimous vote.

Fran Dillon motioned to reappoint the following Groton Special Police Officers, which include Jack Balonis, Walter Kumpu, and Doug Hatch, for the one-year term to expire June 30, 2004. Jack Saball seconded. Unanimous vote.

Fran Dillon motioned to reappoint the following Littleton Special Police Officers, as listed and enclosed herein, for the

one-year term to expire June 30, 2004. Jack Saball seconded. Unanimous vote.

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Administrative Officer Report

Ms. Kitchen gave an Administrative Officer update.

Ms. Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Saball. Unanimous vote.

Approved: _____
John L. Saball, Clerk

Respectfully submitted on behalf of,
Maria Casey, Administrative Secretary
by Kathleen Newell, Office Assistant

Date Approved: July 28, 2003

Attachments (3) – Reappointment List

Groton Special Police Officers

Littleton Special Police Officers