

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
“APPROVED”**

Present: Thomas D. Hartnett, Chair; George F. Dillon, Jr., Vice Chair; Peter S. Cunningham, Member; Virginia C. Wood, Member; Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen; and Kathleen Newell, Office Assistant.

Absent: John L. Saball, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Groton Country Club & Recreation Authority Appointment – Valerie Spencer

Ms. Valerie Spencer was present for this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint Valerie P. Spencer to the Groton Country Club & Recreation Authority for the three-year term to expire June 30, 2004; to fill Janet Healey’s un-expired term. Mr. Dillon seconded. Unanimous vote.

Special Town Meeting Articles

Ms. Valerie Jenkins, Mr. Tom Orcutt, Mr. Mike Tusino, Mr. Steve Webber, Mr. Win Nordblom, Mr. Eddie Kopec, and Chief Joe Bosselait were present for this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the Articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant, October 27, 2003 (enclosed herein).

Article 2: amount to read \$734,665.00

Article 3: figure should be reduced to \$141,315.00; due to new assessment

Article 4: remove “...the Stabilization Fund or free cash,” amend to read “ ...available funds”.

Article 13: Chief Bosselait will give wording to Ms. Kitchen tomorrow

Article 14: request that Building Committee write a summary

Article 16: Board concurred to leave it on, however follow up with conference call for clarification

Article 21: leave on, contingent upon Article 20

Mr. Dillon will present Articles 1, 3, 20, and 21. Mr. Hartnett will present Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11. Mr. Cunningham will present Articles 2 and 10. Ms. Wood will present Articles 15, 16, 17 and 18. Mr. Saball will present Articles 12, 13, 14 and 19. Mr. Dillon and Ms. Wood will present Article 4.

Pay-As-You-Throw Update

Mr. Mike Brady; Ms. Tessa David; Mr. Bruce Dubey, and Mr. Edward Kopec were present for this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Brady stated that as of July 1st the Recycling Committee had instituted a bag system to encourage recycling and reduce trash removal costs. Mr. Brady stated that the tonnage delivery has decreased by half; and there has been a large decrease in tipping fees. Ms Wood questioned if there was a possibility of out-sourcing, Mr. Brady stated that there would still need a receptacle for receiving anti-freeze, oil, waste wood, etc. Mr. Dillon asked if there had been a change in the volume of recyclables, Mr. Dubey stated that they have increased significantly.

Ms. David presented the Board with a handout (enclosed herein) detailing the inventory and income of the bags for the Transfer Station. Ms. David stated that she was trying to get a larger bag for use by the town offices. Ms. David stated that public areas such as the beach are an area of concern; currently the trash receptacles have no lids which would result in an accumulation of water or snow in the bags should they be used in those areas. She stated that the Committee would be consulting with the Mr. Tom Delaney, Highway Surveyor.

One-Day Liquor License – Currier & Chives

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve a One-Day Wine & Malt License for Michael Adams of Currier & Chives, A Catering Company on Friday, October 10, 2003 from ~6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mr. Dillon seconded. Unanimous vote.

Comment on Washington Green

A letter had been sent to Mass Housing in January with an addendum sent on April 24, 2003. Ms. Wood asked about a possibility of getting an easement to the town land adjacent to the proposed project.

Web Site Committee Appointment – Gregory W. Maloney

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint George W. Maloney to the Web Site Committee for the one-year term to expire June 30, 2004. Mr. Dillon seconded. Unanimous vote.

Common Victualler License – Sherwin Brother (a.k.a.) Clover Farm Market

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Common Victualler License for Sherwin Brothers (a.k.a.) Clover Farm Market at 9 Main Street, West Groton, license to expire December 31, 2003. Mr. Dillon seconded. Unanimous vote.

Review Regular Session Minutes of August 11, 2003

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes of September 8, 2003 as amended. Ms. Wood seconded. Unanimous vote.

Review Executive Session Minutes of September 8, 2003

Mr. Cunningham moved to Approve and Not Release the Executive Session Minutes of September 8, 2003. Mr. Dillon seconded. Unanimous vote.

Selectmen Liaison Updates

Ms. Wood stated that she had been approached regarding a donation from the Selectmen for the Auction to benefit the Groton Dunstable Education Foundation. Ms. Wood suggested a bicycle ride on the Rail Trail with the Board of Selectmen. The Board concurred.

Mr. Hartnett stated he had spoken with Town Moderator, Bob Gosselin who did not want to start the Town Meeting earlier than 7:00 p.m.; and there will be a brief presentation during which Mr. Don Black will give an update of the 350th Anniversary Committee.

Mr. Dillon inquired about the status of the Wharton Fountain designated keeper, Ms. Kitchen stated that Don Black would be coming before the Board next week with an update from the Parks Department.

Mr. Cunningham asked if it would be possible to change the original language establishing funding for demolition to its original intent as a revolving fund possibly at Town Meeting and asked that it be put on the Board's to do list.

Mr. Hartnett asked Mr. Nordblom when the Finance Committee would be meeting. Mr. Nordblom stated that they would be meeting to review on Tuesday, September 30th, hoping all sponsors of articles will attend and the public hearing will be on October 7, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Wood asked if the public hearing would be televised, Mr. Nordblom stated it would not, Ms. Wood requested he contact Mr. Bob Coleman, Cable TV Programming Director to provide televised coverage.

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn at 9:27p.m.; and enter into Executive Session in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing litigation and will not reconvene into Open Session. Mr. Dillon seconded. Hartnett – yes; Dillon – yes; Cunningham – yes; Wood- yes.

Approved: _____
Thomas D. Hartnett, Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Newell, Office Assistant

Date Approved: October 6, 2003

Enclosures (2) – Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant, October 27, 2003
PAYT Inventory and Income Handout