

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 29, 2003
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
“APPROVED”

Present: Thomas D. Hartnett, Chair; George F. Dillon, Jr., Vice Chair; Peter S. Cunningham, Member; Virginia C. Wood, Member; John L. Saball, Clerk; Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen; Maria Casey, Administrative Secretary;

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) reconvened into Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Hartnett announced the resignation of Officer Sean Ramsay, and the BOS thanked all of the officers involved and told the Police Chief that they were proud of Groton Police Department, as well as the leadership of Groton Police Department.

Town Diarist Appointment

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint Harlan P. Fitch as Town Diarist for the one-year term to expire June 30, 2004. Seconded by Ms. Wood. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Hartnett thanked Isabel Beal posthumously and wanted her family to know how proud the Town was job she did while in this position she previously held for many years.

GDRSD Budget Discussion Dates

The BOS acknowledged the letter sent to the Town from the School Committee regarding FY05 Budget Discussion dates and reiterated that the impetus for this was to avoid different interpretations of budget presentations at Town Meeting. Some consensus of the different committees involved with the budgeting process and how they arrived at these budgets/figures would improve the communication to the residents.

The first meeting will be held Wednesday, October 22nd. Mr. Dillon and Mr. Cunningham will be in attendance.

Town Meeting Time

Town Meeting Time has to be set. Traditionally Special Town Meetings have been at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dillon will be conferring with Moderator Bob Gosselin to confirm whether or not Mr. Gosselin has a preference.

Conservation Commission Appointment - Bruce Easom

Mr. Easom was in attendance for this portion of the meeting. He stated that he's been a resident for 7 to 8 years and is currently a Trails Committee member involved in converting the old rail trail to Greenville Rail to a trail. He's a graduate of MIT and currently is self-employed so has a flexible schedule.

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint Bruce H. Easom to the Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Alix Chace, term to expire June 30, 2005. Seconded by Ms. Wood. Unanimous vote.

Hiring Freeze/Reclassifications

Ms. Kitchen wanted the BOS aware of reclassifications/additional position correspondence the office has received. Mr. Dillon and Ms. Kitchen have reviewed them, and they will come before the BOS at their next meeting of October 6th. There are 4 requests for upgrade in classifications, 1 request for a current contractor to be upgraded and 1 replacement due to illness. Ms. Kitchen informed the BOS that some have gone before Personnel Board; some have not. Mr. Hartnett will meet with the Sewer Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals; Mr. Saball will meet regarding the EMT position; Mr. Cunningham, as liaison, will meet with the balance.

Sign Application - Town Hall

Mr. Dillon mentioned that the BOS was in receipt of correspondence from the Parks Commission regarding the maintenance and care of all "park" areas and the BOS was in consensus that the Parks Department should handle all parks and common areas and any accompanying requests relative to the same.

Mr. Dillon also mentioned that the Garden Club has done an outstanding job maintaining some of the areas and are to be recognized and commended for the same.

Massachusetts Land Use Reform Act (MLURA)

Ms. Wood requested a letter of support to be sent to the Chairs of the respective legislative committees in support of MLURA and copied to Senator Resor, Panagiotakos and Representative Hargraves. Ms. Kitchen will draft a letter.

Mr. Hartnett read a commendation letter submitted to the BOS from EMS Director John Walsh commending the following: Sergeant Cathy Glejzer, Officers Derek Gemos and Jeff Gigliotti. EMTs Mark Imbimbo, Larry Thompson, Betsy Reeves and Susan Ragusa for an outstanding job on June 30, 2003 in response to resident in cardiac arrest.

Mr. Cunningham moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation and will not reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Mr. Dillon. Roll call vote: Hartnett - yes; Dillon - yes; Cunningham - yes; Wood - yes; Saball - yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Approved: _____
John L. Saball, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Casey,
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved: October 14, 2003