

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 6, 2005
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
“APPROVED”**

Present: George F. Dillon, Jr., Chair; John L. Saball, Vice Chair; Robert W. Nordblom, Clerk; Peter S. Cunningham, Member; Mihran Keoseian, Member; Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen, and Kathleen Newell, Office Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Finance Committee Appointment

Mr. Nordblom moved to appoint Georgana Cochran and Jay Prager to the Finance Committee for the three-year term, term to expire June 30, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Saball. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Saball stated that he would endorse Finance Committee Chair Steve Webber’s recommendation and support his request for the appointment of a new member for the background and new perspective.

Mr. Cunningham stated that he did not have a strong issue with the assessment of the chair of the Finance Committee and he understands that Mr. Boles has strong opinions, but Mr. Boles has had good attendance on the Committee and a difference of opinion can be positive.

Mr. Dillon stated that a difference of opinion was not a bad thing, and diversity is something that all boards need, however he would respect the opinion of the Finance Committee Chair.

Mr. Cunningham stated that he shared that opinion.

Mr. Dillon asked Mr. Nordblom his opinion as he had served on the Finance Committee. Mr. Nordblom stated that he did have some concerns with the Committee going forward and thinks that there needs to be change and to bring someone new in with new perspective. Mr. Nordblom stated that there are management issues with the Committee which take time away from the business at hand.

Mr. Keoseian stated the initially he was going to abstain from the vote in fairness to both parties, but he had done extensive homework and felt that he could make an informed decision. Mr. Keoseian also stated that he welcomed diversity, but was concerned that diversity did not always lead to positive decision making.

Mr. Nordblom moved to appoint Monica Hinojos to the Finance Committee for the three-year term, term to expire June 30, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Saball. 4 in favor, 1 abstention (Cunningham).

Mr. Cunningham moved to nominate Garrett Boles to the Finance Committee for the three-year term, term to expire June 30, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Saball. 1 in favor (Cunningham), 4 opposed.

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Special Police Officer Appointment – John L. Saball

Mr. Saball recused himself from the discussion.

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint John L. Saball as Special Police Officer for the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. 4 in favor, 1 abstention (Saball).

Declare Surplus – Council on Aging Computer Equipment

Mr. Saball moved to declare the following as Surplus: 3 printers; 2 keyboards; 1 scanner; 2 monitors; and 1 CPU from the Council on Aging. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

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Amend Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments

Mr. Saball moved to amend the Zoning Board of Appeals appointments previously voted on June 27, 2005 to reflect board positions as follows: Shaun Sullivan; Jay Prager; and Megan Mahony-Wickham as Associate member, one-year term to expire June 30, 2006 and Robert Cadle; Stuart Schulman; and Cynthia Maxwell as Members, three-year term to expire June 30, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Nordblom. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Cunningham moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, §5 for the purpose of investigating charges of criminal misconduct or to discuss the filing of criminal complaints and will not reconvene in Open Session. Seconded by Mr. Saball. Roll call vote: Dillon – yes; Saball – yes; Nordblom- yes; Cunningham – yes; Keoseian– yes.

SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Dillon stated that he had received a phone call from Mr. Chuck McKinney who had expressed an interest in meeting with the Board in executive session to discuss the situation with the school property. Mr. Dillon asked when the next available date would be. Ms. Kitchen stated that during the summer there were many conflicting dates due to vacation schedules. Ms. Kitchen stated that the next available date that all members of the Board would be available would be Thursday, July 28, 2005. Ms. Kitchen stated that the next dates after that when there would be at least four of the Board would be available would be August 8th and 9th.

Approved: _____
Robert W. Nordblom, Clerk

respectfully *submitted*,
Kathleen Newell
Office Assistant

Date Approved: July 25, 2005