

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES MARCH 24, 2008
APPROVED**

Present: George Dillon, Jr., Chairman; Joshua A. Degen, Vice Chairman; Stuart Schulman, Clerk; Peter Cunningham; Mihran Keoseian

FINCOM Members:

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Interim Administrative Officer; April Iannacone, Office Assistant

Mr. Dillon called the regular meeting of the Board to Order at 7:05 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the public.

Open & Close Special Town Meeting Warrant –Special Town Meeting

Mr. Degen moved to Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant for the purpose of allowing in two articles. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mr. Degen moved to close the warrant for Special Town Meeting. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0)

Public Hearing with Finance Committee, RE: Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants Articles

Mr. Cunningham stated that the passing of the Charter would alter the form of government and allow the Town to begin the search for a Town manager. Mr. Dillon commented on Question 2 and 3. The Board discussed the articles on the Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Jenkins noted that in regards to the budget presented it does not show COLAs or union contracts.

The Board discussed the memorandum of understanding with the Planning Board and the current separate Legal budgets. Mr. Degen suggested a motion that would allow the Planning Board to use 5K without additional costs. It was stated that the Planning Board should have unfettered access to legal counsel. Mr. Dillon was afraid of the precedent this could create with other departments. Mr. Cunningham suggested the Town Administrator draft something in regards to the Planning Boards access to legal Counsel.

The Board reviewed the rest of the articles in the Town Warrant.

Request for Common Victualler License, 134 Main Street

The owners of Kilbridges Antiques, The Groton Trading Company requested a CVL. Mr. Dillon pointed out a number of issues with various Town departments. Mr. Dillon explained that all of these issues would need to be worked out before the selectmen issued a Common Victualler License. Mr. Cunningham asked the building inspector if a checklist existed on all the steps needed to be granted a permit. Mr. Herget replied that the architect or contractor does all the work for the owners and that this was a situation where the owners were doing it on their own. Mr. Dillon requested stamped plans from an architect. Once all the updates are received then a permit will be issued.

Donald Palma, Chief of Police, RE: Motorcycle Request

Chief Palma noted that a memo was sent a few months ago about the possibility of leasing a police motorcycle. And that it was a worthwhile venture. Chief Palma added that it would be paid for out of community policing grant not the police dept budget. Chief Palma stated that the vehicle would be insured through our current carrier will and would train all officers on proper use.. In previous job rented 2 a year for the past few years.

OTHER BUSINESS

Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants (Review Order & Assign Articles)

Mr. Dillon suggested checking with town counsel if the 2 articles belong on the special town meeting.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr. Ritter stated that he would skip the report.

SELECTMAN LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Cunningham stated that he was a guest at the Senior Center Mr. Dillon commented that he met with FinCOM last week regarding the FY09 budget.

MINUTES

Mr. Degen moved to approve the January 14, 2008 and January 28, 2008 regular session minutes. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0)

ADJOURN

Mr. Degen moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. Mr. Schulman seconded. Roll Call Dillon-yes; Degen-yes; Schulman-yes; Cunningham-yes; Keoseian-yes

Approved: _____
Stuart Schulman, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
April Iannacone
Office Assistant

Date Approved: May 27, 2008