

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES APRIL 7, 2008
APPROVED**

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

Absent: Peter Cunningham

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

Mr. Dillon called the regular meeting of the Board to Order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the public.

Susan Hogan, Dog Officer; George Moore, Animal Inspector; Tom Delaney, Animal Control Officer, RE: Job Descriptions & Individual Job Responsibilities

Mr. Dillon wanted to address some misperceptions with the public on the overlapping duties of the Animal Inspector, Animal Control Officer and the Dog Officer. The animal control officer is appointed by selectmen, while the Animal inspector is nominated by the selectmen but approved by the state. Mr. Delaney gave a brief history as to why there are three positions. Mr. Moore noted that a census has occurred to count the number of animals in Town. Mr. Moore outlined his duties as Animal Inspector and if calls come in he channels them to the proper people. Ms. Hogan is responsible for the Dog Pound and handles dog complaints that come in. Ms. Hogan also places dogs that need homes. The Selectmen thanked the animal officials in town for all of their hard work.

Tom Delaney, Highway Surveyor, RE: Sidewalk Plowing Report & Draft Policy

Mr. Delaney noted that there is a copy made for sidewalks through the GIS and indicated which sidewalks were town owned. Mr. Delaney marked which sidewalks were plowed by the DPW. Mr. Delaney added that there has been requests to maintain more than what is currently being done by the Town. Mr. Keoseian noted the concern with children walking in the streets. There was a question as to whether subdivisions should be plowed. Mr. Delaney informed the Board of what equipment was available to the Town to clear the sidewalks.

Donald Palma, Chief of Police, RE: Streetlights Report

Chief Palma noted that the listing of streetlights took longer and master lists were obtained from GELD. Chief Palma stated that there were 719 lights in total – 187 are privately paid for – 106 adopted lights, during previous budget issues people adopted and paid the expense. 45-50 removed; about 199 that could be considered as potential turnoffs. Chief Palma listed a cost savings 6.50 per month per light totaling 16k per year. The Board suggested wattage is looked into on certain streets. Chief Palma discussed streets that were illuminated very well and targeted areas that should not be as illuminated to save money. Chief Palma stated that he would continue to work with GELD.

OTHER BUSINESS

One Day Liquor License for Lawrence Academy

Mr. Degen moved to approve a one-day All-alcohol license for Lawrence Academy, Linda Deasy, Director of Finance and Business Operations for the bi-annual scholarship fundraiser to be held on April 26, 2008; located at the Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center, Powerderhouse Rd., Groton from 6:30pm to 11:00pm. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

Mr. Degen moved to approve a one-day All-Alcohol license for Lawrence Academy, Linda Deasy, Director of Finance and Business Operations for the annual alumni reunion to be held on May 9, 2008; located at the Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center, Powerderhouse Rd., Groton from 6:30 pm to 9:30pm. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Degen moved to approved a one-day Beer and Wine license for Lawrence Academy, Linda Deasy, Director of Finance and Business Operations for the annual alumni reunion to be held on May 10, 2008; located at the Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center, Powerderhouse Rd., Groton from 4:00pm to 10:00pm. . Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

Sign and Post Annual/Special Town Meeting Warrants

Mr. Degen moved to approve, sign and post the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

REPORT OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr. Ritter reported that the Senior Center is having a volunteer luncheon and asked the Board to attend. Mr. Ritter noted the receipt of 125K for the Squannacook River Dam Project. Mr. Ritter reported that there would be a MMA briefing in Franklin that he would attend. Mr. Ritter reported that John Bruner resigned from GELD and the filling of that position needed to be resolved.

SELECTMAN LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Dillon recognized Karen Tuomi receiving the 2008 Unsung Heroines of Massachusetts award and noted that there would be a special reception at the State House on May 18th. Mr. Dillon also congratulated Norma Garvin and Berta Erickson for all of their hard work and receipt of the this award in the past.

MINUTES

HELD- Mr. Degen held the approval of the February 11, 2008 regular session minutes.

Mr. Degen moved to approve the February 19, 2008 regular session minutes. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Degen moved to adjourn at 8:05p.m. Mr. Schulman seconded. Unanimous vote.

Approved: _____
Stuart Schulman, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
April Iannacone
Office Assistant

Date Approved: July 21, 2008