

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES JUNE 9, 2008
APPROVED**

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Interim Administrative Officer; Patrice Garvin, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Degen called the regular meeting of the Board to Order at 6:30 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the public.

Rick Commons of the Groton School presented a \$3,000 check to the Board for portable radios for the Police Department. Mr. Commons also presented the schools annual donation.

SQUANNACOOK RIVER RAIL TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE

Jen Shermawat, Engineer for FST gave the Board a brief background on the project and stated that FST was looking at existing conditions as well as working on a conceptual plan of the River Rail Trail. Ms. Shermawat noted that the Trail, in Groton, consisted of 3.7 miles and no contamination was found. There is a lease that is needed, at no cost to the Town, to be signed by the Town through the MBTA. The Town would need to take on the environmental liability through the lease. Ms. Shermawat stated that a Public Information session is being set up so that the public can learn more about the project. Mr. Cunningham pointed out that the Town already maintains some of the trail and encouraged attendance at the public information session. The public was concerned with the private homes on the trail and their exposure.

ESCAPED COWS

Chief Palma gave an update on the escaped cows in Groton. Chief Palma stated that he and Tom Delaney have made attempts to cooperate with the owner Philip DeNormandie. The longer the cows are out they are more apt to become wild and thus a public safety issue. Chief Palma was in front of the Board looking for direction. Mr. Degen noted that state agencies have been contacted and that action needed to be taken before something occurs. Mr. Degen mentioned a press release that has been drafted by the Town and that Town Counsel has reviewed it. Ms. Eliot thought that the uncooperative nature implied by the press release of the owner was inaccurate and that the Town should help the landowner not criticize him. Mr. Degen did not want to place any more man-hours on this because of the costs to the Town. Chief Palma explained that time has been spent on it and that there has been minimal contact with the owner. Ms. Schulman was concerned that it has become a public safety issue and how the owner has acted was irrelevant. Chief Palma stated that complaints have come through dispatch and there have been many sightings, two by the Highway Surveyor.

Ms. Eliot thought that the Board should meet with the owner. Mr. Degen stated that it was past the point of meetings and read the press release into the record.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the press release as written and that it be distributed. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-1)

A resolution was also drafted and reviewed by Town Counsel that Mr. Degen read into the record. The resolution enabled the Chief of Police to act. Ms. Eliot expressed concern that the Town was overreacting to the problem.

Mr. Schulman moved to adopt the resolution as prepared. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried. (4-1)

JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING BOARD, RE: NEW APPOINTMENT

Mr. Barringer called the meeting to order. George Barringer filed notice of a vacancy and stated that the Planning Board interviewed one candidate. Mr. Burke, candidate for the vacancy, gave a brief history of his background. Mr. Degen asked for a vote.

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint Mr. Russell Burke to the Planning Board for an unexpired term to expire at the May 2009 Annual Town Election. Mr. Barringer seconded the motion. Roll Call- Mr. Barringer-yes; Mr. Capes-yes; Mr. Giger-yes; Mr. Hess-yes; Ms. Perkins-yes; Mr. Wilson-yes; Mr. Dillon-yes; Mr. Schulman-yes; Mr. Cunningham-yes; Ms. Eliot-yes; Mr. Degen-yes.

WEST GROTON SEWER COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Barringer requested guidance from the Board as to how to proceed with the West Groton Sewer Committee if there was no funding available through the Town. Mr. Degen suggested grant opportunities and alternative funds that may be available. Mr. Degen noted that this path could take longer than the mandated 2009 ATM deadline.

43D PERMITTING UPDATE

Ms. Collette summarized her report that was given to the commonwealth on 43 Permitting. Ms. Collette explained the efforts into getting the guidebook created and the help from all Land-Use departments. Ms. Collette noted the efforts of volunteers that also helped create the guidebook. Ms. Collette commented on the efforts to obtain software and training for the 43D permitting.

EARTH REMOVAL PERMIT, EBRAHIM MASALEHAN

Ebrahim Masalehdan requested an Earth Removal permit. Mr. Degen noted the comments from the Earth Removal Inspector and the Water Department. Ms. Collette stated that there were some concerns with the application. Ms. Collette was concerned with the stockpiles on site. Mr. Dillon stated that he has walked the site and was also concerned with the stockpiles.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the earth removal permit contingent on the standard order of conditions and that a stamped and approved plan be provided to the Town by the architect no later than Friday June 13th. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NASHUA RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Mark Archambault stated that he was not seeking any action from the Board he just wanted to give an update. Mr. Archambault gave a presentation on the project and how the Association could help the town develop by-laws to help in their efforts. Mr. Archambault described the purpose, parties in agreement, NRWA's role in the agreement, the state's role and timeframe of the agreement. Mr. Archambault needed feedback from towns in order to prepare the Memo of Understanding. The question for Groton is if the MOU needs to go through Town Meeting for final approval. Mr. Dillon noted that it may be too early and should wait until the Town hears from the state legislative counsel. The Board decided to take the issue up at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Annual Re-Appointments- Mr. Cunningham took issue with the CPC's refusal to reimburse an unforeseen expense and should therefore hold two re-appointments to the committee. Discussion ensued concerning whether or not to hold the reappointments.

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Carolyn Perkins, Craig Auman, Joshua Degen, Peter Cunningham and Theresa Ragot to the Affordable Housing Task Force for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Thomas Delaney as the Animal Control Officer for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Eleanor Gavazzi, Michael Roberts and Norma Garvin to the Archives Committee for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Brooks Lyman, James Western, Michelle Collette, Richard Chilcoat, and Thomas Hartnett to the Building Committee for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Jeff Gordon to the Capital Planning Committee for the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Ms. Eliot seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Dorothy Davis, John Ellenberger, Kathy Harrington and Gabriel Nucci to the Cable Advisory Committee the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Margaret McPartlan to the Commission on the Handicapped for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Arthur Blackman, David Hopper, Kim Henry, Michelle Collette and Robert Hanninen to the Conductorlab Oversight Committee for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint April Moulton, Darlene Touchette, Edward Bushnoe, Joan MacEachern, Paul Martell, Sarah Power and Warren Gibson as Communication Officers for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Michael Roberts and Richard Hughson to the Community Preservation Committee for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2011. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0-1)

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Bruce Easom and Craig Auman to the Conservation Commission to a three-year term to expire June 30, 2011.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Susan Hogan as Dog Officer for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Michelle Collette as Earth Removal Inspector/Stormwater inspector for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Edward Doucette and John Dee III as Electrical Inspectors to a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Jay Prager and Georgana Cochran to the Finance Committee for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2011.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Deborah Beal Normandin as Graves Officer to a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2009.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint David Riposa as the Groton Country Club and Recreation Author for the three-year term, term to expire June 30, 2011.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Anthony Hawgood, Catherine Lincoln, Donald Palma, Joseph Bosselait, Kathy Puff, Lawrence Swezey, Leroy Johnson, Paula Lantz, Tom Delaney, Stephen Byrne, Stephen Moulton, Susan Horowitz, Thomas Orcutt and William Shute to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Joseph Bosselait as the Haz-Mat Emergency Response Coordinator for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Donald Palma as Harbor Master for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Carolyn Perkins, Michelle Collette, Peter Cunningham and Theresa Ragot to the Housing Partnership for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Christopher Coutu, Jeffrey Ritter, Jim Selders, Patrick Parker-Roach, and Stephen Webber to the Information Technology Committee for the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint April Moulton, Elizabeth Ushamirsky, Jeffrey Ritter Jack Balonis, Jason Goodwin, John Senecal, Paula Martin, Tamason Lemire and Thomas Orcutt to the Insurance Advisory Committee for the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Evan Owen as the Measure of Wood and Bark for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint Donald Palma as the Keeper of Lockup/Constable for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint Paul Matisse as the Keeper of the Town Clock for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint Donald Kinney as Local Inspector for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint Donald Palma, Edward Kopec, Jane Bouvier and Thomas Delaney to the Main Street Committee for the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint Dann Chamberlin to the MBTA Advisory Board for the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint R. Thomas Delaney as Moth Superintendent for a one-year to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint William Shute as NIMS Coordinator for a one-year term to expire June 30,

2009.

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Marcia Brazer, Eleanor Gavazzi, Ellen Hargraves, Kenneth Lefebvre and Deborah Normandin to the Old Burying Ground Commission for the one-year term, term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Kathy Morin as Parking Clerk for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Linda Fanning and Robert Flynn to the Personnel Board for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2011.

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint Mark Miller to the Police Auxiliary for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman moved to reappoint April Moulton, Beverly Jeddrey, Darlene Touchette, Deborah Richardson, Kathy Newell, Kathy Morin, Regina Beausoleil and Sarah Power as Police Matrons for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Cory Waite, Dale Rose, Derrick Gemos, Edward Sheridan, Eric Watkins, James Cullen III, Jeffrey Gigliotti, John Rooney, Keith Weidlich and Richard Elie, Peter Beslin as Police Officers for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Pastor Brian Fidler and Fr. Paul Ring as Public Safety Chaplin's for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Lawrence Swezey as Public Safety Database Coordinator for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Bruce Dubey, Edward Wirtanen, Jamie King, Michael Brady and Teresa David to the Recycling Committee for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Edward Bushnoe, George Aggott, Ryan Griffin and Kevin Feeley as Reserve Patrolmen for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint Steven Mickle as the Road Kill Officer for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Cunningham seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Barbara Ritz, Mary Sweeney and Robinson Moore to the Scholarship Committee for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2011.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Eric Aaltonen to the Sealer of Weights and Measures for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Constance Sartini to Town Diarist for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Stephen Babin to the Town Forest Committee for a three-year term to

expire June 30, 2011.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Robert Johnson as Veteran's Service Officer for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2009.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Alan Taylor, Bruce Easom, David Minott, Joachim Preiss, Paul Funch, Stephen Legge and Wendy Good to the Trails Committee for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Alan Davis, Gordon Candow, James Peters, Alan Lessieur, David Scott, Armando Herrera, Fabrizio Vestri, Richard Smith, Steven Burke, Todd Blain, Thomas Maskalenko, Stephen Milkerin, William Grethead, Nick Parker, Bruce Haskins, Jared Carrubba, Steven Bezanson, Paul Nelson, David Querze and Haylie Boutwell as Special Police Officers from the Town of Pepperell for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint John Kelly, Matthew King, Robert Romily, David Leslie, Lisa Booney, John Janakos, Robert Raffaello, Pablo Fernandez, Edmond Bussiere, Timothy Schaeffer, Robert Bielecki, Matthew Pinard, Patrick O'Donoghue, Jeffrey Patterson, Douglas Cook, Robert Sabourin, John Corbett, John Murphy, Scott Holt, Richard Landers and Gordon Clark as Special Police Officers from the Town of Littleton for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Erving Marshall, Jr., David Profit, Cheryl Mattson, Mark Giacotti, John Johnson, James Marchand, Thaddeus Rochette, Randy Girard, Robert Rebovich, Kimberly Rebovich, Thomas Pearson, Jeffrey Thibodeau, George Reidy, Robert Breault, Mark Francis, Mary Ann Kinirey, James Capsalis, Tony Brennan, Christopher Van Voorhis, Austin Cote, Joshua Tocci, Joseph Quinn, James Landi and Dawn Murray as Special Police Officers from the Town of Townsend for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2009.

Ms. Eliot seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint James Downes III, James Dow, Darrell Gilmore, Michael Lynn, Benjamin Sargent, Erik Hoar, George Aggott, Sean Ready, Nicholas Papageorgiou, Daniel Kowalski, John Koyutis, James Downes, Jr., Michael Tedesco and Gregg Sanborn as Special Police Officers from the Town of Dunstable for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint Paul G. Thibodeau, Gregory Massak, Kevin Nickerson, Peter Violette, Craig LaPrade, George Fichter, Alfreda Cromwell, Everett Moody, Jr., Gregoy Gushlaw and Samuel Santiago as Special Police Officers from the Town of Shirley for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Degen moved to reappoint the following as Election Workers for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009: Alberta Erickson, Ann Walsh, Anthony Corsetti, April Iannacone, Arestothea Staub, Audrey Bryce, Barbara Avey, Carl Flowers, Carol Chalmers, Carol Quinn, Carole Bouchard, Cindy Martell, Connie Sartini, Dorothy Davis, Edward Kopec, Eileen Navien, Eleanor Mariano, Eleanor Gavazzi, Ellen Hargraves, Florine Bakke, Geraldine Perry, Irene Corsetti, Jane Chalmers, Janet Thompson, Jean Cummings, Jean Secovich, Joan Guimond, John Ott, Kathy Morin, Lorene Holston, Lorraine Leanord, Louise Gaskins, Lynne Kavanagh, Margaret Connolly, Margaret Wheatley, Marilyn Trecartin, Marvin Caldwell, Mary McGrath, Melanie Clark, Michael Bouchard, Michael Woods, Nancy Pierce, Norma Garvin, Peg Russell, Ramona Tolles, Rena Swezey, Richard Hewitt, Stephen Legge and Stuart Shuman.

Mr. Schulman seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

Appointment:

Mr. Schulman moved to appoint Anna Eliot to the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman moved to appoint Anna Eliot to the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman moved to appoint Jack Saball and Jack Balonis as Special Police Officers for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Schulman moved to appoint Kerrie Dyer, Carl Flowers and Onorina Maloney to the Council on Aging for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2011.

Ms. Eliot seconded the motions. Motion carried (5-0)

2. Administrative Officer Contact

Mr. Schulman moved to accept the Interim Administrative Officers extended contract. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0)

3. Town Counsel Contract- Mr. Ritter gave a brief history of the RFP and the proposal of having a retainer instituted. Mr. Ritter recommended K&P for the 2009 Town Counsel appointment. Mr. Schulman requested that monthly statements are sent from K&P regarding where cases are in progress. Mr. Schulman also requested that the bill indicate who K&P was talking to when charges were imposed. Ms. Eliot suggested having the Planning Board language in the contract.

Mr. Schulman moved to enter into agreement with K&P as printed in the contract for a one-year term. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0)

4. Town Manager Update- Mr. Degen gave a summary of the Town Manger search process.

ADJOURN

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Ms. Eliot seconded. Unanimous vote.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: June 23, 2008