

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

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

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Degen called meeting of the Board to Order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the announcements and agenda.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

1. Mr. Haddad reported the Mill Street Truck Exclusion had been approved and he wanted to thank Tom Delaney for all of his efforts. Mr. Haddad added that residents seem to be adhering to signs posted.
2. Mr. Haddad reported he discussion with the Attorney Generals office regarding the use of Prescott School. Mr. Haddad stated that he was awaiting word from the Attorney Generals office.
3. Mr. Haddad reported that he and Mr. Schulman met with Ellen Cummings, Regional Director at Verizon from Groton. Mr. Haddad stated that there was no scheduled date for Groton to receive FIOS TV. Mr. Haddad stated that Customer Service information was being dealt with and was hoping the issue would be resolved.
4. Mr. Haddad reported that budgets were due next week and meetings were being scheduled with Department Heads.

FAIRGROUNDS DISCUSSION:

Mr. Haddad stated that while listed on the Agenda this item would be moved to another Board meeting in order to gather more information.

POLICE CHIEF DONALD PALMA, RE: PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE:

Chief Palma reported that there had been several break0in and that the department was working to solve the investigations. Chief Palma made suggestions to the public on what they could do to be more vigilant and careful.

CHRISTINE COLLINS, COUNTY RETIREMENT UPDATE:

Ms. Collins updated that board on how the assessment of the data was derived. Ms. Collins noted the difficult financial times and its effect on investments. Ms. Collins reviewed some definitions, costs, and unfunded liability. Ms. Collins noted that on the unfunded liability the date could be extended out. Ms Collins suggested creating a separate Stabilization Fund to help the town deal with high rates for retirement in the future. Mr. Dillon stated his concerns with unfunded liability and the need to look at projected increases. Ms. Collins noted that the retirement funds included teachers.

DRIVEWAY VARIANCE REQUEST, 107 SMITH STREET

Dan Wolfe of Ross & Assoc. submitted a new plan to the Stormwater Management Committee and Board. The lower portion of the driveway was discussed to prevent erosion. Together with the Stormwater Committee a revised permit was issued, which was to use gravel for the second half of the driveway. Ms. Collette stated that the timing of the project was key due to the approaching cold weather. Mr. Degen asked if the contractor was ready for the winter. Mr. Wolfe stated that he had discussed with the contractor starting the project after the winter. Mr. Dillon mentioned the letter attached to the revised plan and the feet indicated.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the request for a Driveway Variance to Sara Hopkins with the contingencies laid out by the Earth removal Committee, permit dated November 18, 2008 and contingent on filter fabric being placed to help with erosion. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BONFIRE REQUEST FROM GROTON-DUNSTABLE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tuomi explained his request and assured the Board that the request had been cleared by the Fire department.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the Bon Fire Permit for the Ceremonial Groton Dunstable High School Pep Rally with the following conditions:

- 1. The wood pile is inspected prior to the event*
- 2. The bon fire shall be under the continuous supervision of the fire department*
- 3. No bon fire shall burn more than twelve hours*

Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Schulman reported that he recently attended seminar at Rivercourt regarding elderly driving. Mr. Dillon reported on attending a party for an esteemed resident who turned 90. Ms. Eliot commented on the Economic Development Committee and the implementation of the sign by-law. Mr. Degen discussed a new bill on Affordable Housing and the need to revise the 40B laws in the state.

MINUTES

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the October 15, 2008 regular session minutes. Ms Eliot seconded the motion.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the October 6, 2008 Executive Session minutes, as amended not to release. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the October 15, 2008 Executive Session minutes, as amended to release. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 1-12-08