

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2009
APPROVED**

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

Absent: Peter Cunningham

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 that a spending freeze for the Town and that he would be holding off on hiring the IT manager until the Town knows the full impact of any cuts to the FY09 budget. Ms. Eliot asked if the Town could afford not to have an IT director. Mr. Haddad stated that the Town relies on volunteers but at this point the Town can not move forward with that position.
2. Mr. Haddad reported that the Attorney General's office called and stated that the Town could go ahead with a cy-pres petition. Mr. Haddad stated that he would continue to work with the Attorney Generals Office.
3. Mr. Haddad presented the Board with a new draft of the Economic Development Committee charge.

Mr. Schulman moved to adopt the new charge for the Economic Development Coordinator as laid out by the Town Manager. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JENKINS ROAD

Mr. Degen updated the Board on the history of Jenkins Road property. The present owner's ideas for the property have become dead in the water. Mr. Degen commented that Mr. Heaton, who has put together an affordable inventory in Town, has shown the Prescott School to be an ideal site for Affordable Housing. Mr. Degen stated that the Jenkins property could be an area where affordable housing could go and the Town could utilize CPC monies to acquire the land. Mr. Haddad suggested calling the owner of the Jenkins Road property to see where they were.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Schulman stated that he attended a Groton local meeting and that the turnout was very good. Ms. Eliot stated that the Economic Development Committee is continuing to meet.

ADJOURN

Mr. Schulman moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Chapter 39B Sec (3) for the purpose of discussion Collective Bargaining at 6:35pm not to return to open session. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Dillon-yes; Eliot-yes; Schulman-yes; Degen-yes.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 3-9-09