

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES MARCH 9, 2009  
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 agenda for the public.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Lindemer, of GELD updated the Board on the substation accident that occurred over the weekend. Mr. Lindemer stated that the cause of the fire has not been determined. Some outages occurred but replacement equipment is available.

Mr. Degen announced that the Finance Committee has a vacancy and that Rick Hughson was interested in being appointed to the Committee. Mr. Dillon asked Mr. Hughson if he would continue on the CPC. Mr. Hughson stated that he would remain on the CPC.

*Mr. Schulman moved to appoint Richard Hughson to the Finance Committee to serve an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**TOWN MANAGER**

1. Mr. Haddad reported that he met with the Conservation Commission to discuss the P&S for the Matbob parcel. The Conservation Commission needed to appoint a Project manager and Mr. Haddad recommended Bruce Easom.

*Mr. Schulman moved to appoint Bruce Easom as the Project Manager for the Matbob property. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

2. Mr. Haddad reported that the Verizon negotiations began and that there is another meeting scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Haddad would keep the Board updated.
3. Mr. Haddad reported that the Personnel Manager has begun instituting an Insurance Opt Out program to save the Town some money.
4. Mr. Haddad reported that the Cy Pres petition is on file with the Attorney General's office and that he would keep the Board informed.

**MITIGATION EMERGENCY PLAN**

Mr. Haddad recommended that the Board adopt the plan for the Town. To be eligible for funds the plan needed to be adopted.

*Mr. Schulman moved to approve the Mitigation Emergency Plan for the Town. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**GROTON WELLNESS CVL**

Mr. Haddad stated that the original plan was reviewed by the Planning Board and that the license would hold multiple contingencies. Ms. Collette stated that she met with Dr. Evans last June and that if changes were made to the plan it would have to be revisited. Ms. Eliot made it clear that this license was for patients and not intended to serve the outside people.

Mr. Schulman moved to the following:

**Vote:** I move to approve a Common Victualler License to the Groton Wellness Center d/b/a the Bistro at Groton Wellness, located at 493C Main Street only with a seating capacity of 10-reserved for use by patients; hours of operation of Mon-Sat 8am – 8pm.

This license is contingent of the following:

- 1) The Board of Selectmen/Town Manager have a right to inspect the premises at any time
- 2) Operation in line with the Planning Board approval dated June 10, 2008
- 3) The Sewer Commission conditions dated June 4, 2008
- 4) No grease laden vapors produced
- 5) No grill to be used until final approval from the Fire Chief and Building Inspector.

Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **REVIEW SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Mr. Haddad reviewed the Town Meeting Draft Warrant with the Board. Mr. Haddad mentioned that the Wind Energy Public Hearing was 3-26. The Community Preservation Articles would be voted on separately. Mr. Haddad suggested meeting with the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk to discuss Town meeting. Mr. Dillon asked about the cost of the lost Lake survey. Mr. Doyle stated that there would be firmer numbers and that they could be sent to the Selectmen. Mr. Haddad reviewed the Special Town meeting warrant. Once the warrant is near completion it will be sent to Town Counsel for review.

#### **ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE, GROTON DUNSTABLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the One-Day All alcohol license for Cheryl Smith on behalf of the Groton Education Foundation for an event to be at the Groton School, Farmers Row, and Groton on March 14, 2009 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **LIASION REPORTS**

Mr. Dillon reported on the Station Avenue Subcommittee. Mr. Cunningham reported that the Squannacook River Rail Trail Meeting was scheduled to discuss stimulus money that could be available. Ms. Eliot commented that the Economic Development Committee was meeting regularly.

#### **MINUTES**

*Mr. Schulman moved to approve the January 26, 2009 meeting minutes, as amended. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the February 9, 2009 meeting minutes. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of June, 2008 Executive Session. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Schulman moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2008 Executive Session (2), not for release. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (1 abstention)*

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (1 abstention)*

*Mr. Schulman moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2008 Executive Session. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (1 abstention)*

#### **ADJOURN**

*Mr. Schulman moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B; Sub Section 3 with respect to a matter relating to collective bargaining. The Board will reconvene into Open Session. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Dillon-yes; Cunningham-yes; Eliot-yes; Schulman-yes; Degen-yes.*

*Mr. Degen called open session back to order at 8:43p.m.*

**TOWN HALL LIBRARY UNION CONTRACT**

*Mr. Schulman moved to ratify the SEIU 888 Town Hall Union Contract dated 2-25-09. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anna Eliot, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully submitted,  
Patrice Garvin  
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 3-30-09