

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES MARCH 23, 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.

TOWN MANAGER

1. Mr. Haddad reported the Communication Dispatcher union agreement needed to be ratified by the Board. Mr. Dillon complemented the work done on the agreement.
Mr. Schulman moved to approve the Dispatcher memorandum of Agreement for the Town of Groton as recommended by the Town Manager. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Mr. Haddad reported that he had spoken to Ms. Collette regarding the Sign-Bylaw and that after Town Meeting the Planning Board would discuss the issue.
3. Mr. Haddad reported that Ms. Linda Silka was contacted and she relayed back that interns for Town grant writing would not be available until the fall.
4. Mr. Haddad reported that the Station Avenue Engineering article needed to be put on the Town Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Haddad requested the Board vote to place the article on the warrant.
Mr. Schulman moved to place the Station Avenue Engineering Article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Mr. Haddad reported that after discussion with the Personnel Board a warrant article would not be placed on the warrant. Instead the Personnel Board and Mr. Haddad will continue to discuss the issues and possibly bring something to the Fall Town Meeting. The Town Clerk will also be involved with the meetings.
Mr. Schulman moved to remove the Personnel Article off of the Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Mr. Haddad reported that he met with the Town Clerk and Town Moderator to discuss Town meeting. Town Counsel brought up an issue regarding a past issue that needed to be placed on the Special Town meeting Warrant. Mr. Haddad explained the issue and that property on Nashua Toad needed to be released.
Mr. Schulman moved to place on the Special Town Meeting Warrant an article authorizing the Board of Selectmen to release a deed as stated in an email from the Town Assessor dated 3-23-09. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the February 23, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Dillon reported that he attended an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Duncan Alexander Graham.

PUBLIC HEARING, TOWN MEETING WARRANT

7:30 Public Hearing, Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Degen read the legal notice and called the public meeting to order. Mr. Haddad began reviewing the Town meeting warrant. Discussion ensued regarding Article #3 and the DPW Director salary. Mr. Dillon was concerned with the article not passing and what to do at that point. Mr. Haddad stated that the new salary is effective as of 7-01-09 and that the Highway Surveyor is currently receiving a stipend for his work on building maintenance.

Mr. Haddad reviewed Article #4 and the reclassification of the Administrative Assistant in the Selectmen's office. Mr. Haddad noted that the Assessor would now be the Principal Assessor and not a union position. Mr. Haddad continued with his review of the articles before the Board. Mr. Giger, member of the planning Board stated that there would be upcoming Public Hearings on Planning Board articles.

Article 15 & 16 refers to the CPC recommendations. Mr. Hughson stated that the priority of the proposals would be made available at Town Meeting. Mr. Hughson also recommended separating each proposal into a different article. Discussion ensued regarding the allocation of CPC funds. The Board decided to have two separate articles for the CPC; one to deal with the approval of the total money available and the other to list the proposals.

Mr. Haddad reviewed the rest of the warrant articles along with the Special Town Meeting warrant article.

Mr. Schulman moved to close the public hearing at 8:35pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Hearing closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:36pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 4-21-09