

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES MARCH 30, 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 REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad distributed the 2008 Town Report.
2. Mr. Haddad gave the Board a Verizon update.
3. Mr. Haddad suggested the Board take up the CPC article at the April 6th Board meeting.
4. Mr. Haddad reported on the Kirk property that would be placed on the warrant at Town Meeting. MR. Dillon stated that he did research on the property in reviewing Town Meeting Minutes and Town Reports it was shown that there was no action had been taken from the Town on this property. Mr. Haddad recommended the Board support the article to release the deed.
5. Mr. Roberts, of the Sustainability Commission requested the board appoint Steve Weber to the Sustainability Commission.

Mr. Schulman moved to appoint Steve Webber to the Sustainability Commission for a one-year term to expire, June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Mr. Haddad reported that the Lost Lake Sewer Committee had submitted a breakdown of cost for their article for Town Meeting.
7. Mr. Haddad pointed out that it was his six month review and asked the Board how they would like to proceed. Mr. Degen thought the Personnel Manager should help the Board coordinate the review. Mr. Dillon disagreed and that the burden was on the Board to conduct the review. MS. Eliot stated that the Board needed to be consistent when dealing with department's heads. Mr. Schulman stated that the Town Manager should be held up against the goals and objectives created by the Board. Mr. Degen suggested getting a copy of the Liaison assignments for Selectmen and start the process of speaking with Department Heads. The Board discussed the Human Resource Managers role in the evaluation. Mr. Dillon was not in favor of using a 360 model for review.

WARRANT POSITIONS

Mr. Degen asked about the merging of the DPW and that if it does not pass Town Meeting the salary should be revisited. Mr. Haddad stated that Mr. Delaney has taken on the Transfer Station and Building Maintenance duties. Mr. Dillon was concerned with the budget in terms of the state cutting the Towns aid. Mr. Haddad stated that he will make recommendations to the Board if the cuts come. Mr. Haddad stated that the Country Club budget presented was what Mr. Whalen was working under. Mr. Haddad explained that the Fire Chiefs vehicle under the Capital budget is from EMS revenue. Mr. Prager explained why the Finance Committee took positions on the Wind Energy Article. Mr. Degen explained the impact of the Accessory Apartments Article. Ms. Eliot wanted further explanation on the Schedule Use of Regulations Article.

CPC Articles- Mr. Haddad explained that the CPC could use the Administrative money to hire an Affordable Housing Coordinator. The Board decided to hold off on taking positions on the CPC projects until the joint Board and CPC meeting the following week.

*Article 21, Land Acquisition of Boston Road-*Mr. Schulman felt that money was owed to the Town and held off his support of the article until the money was paid.

Article 22 & 23, Lost Lake Sewer- Mr. Prager felt that these articles were not ready for Town meeting because there were still too many questions that have not been answered. Mr. Degen stated that it was a health hazard. Mr. Haddad stated that the survey needed to be done to acquire state money. Mr. Dillon was concerned with what the survey would cost and needed to do some more follow-up to the survey article.

The following positions were taken at the March 30th meeting. Blanks indicate no vote taken.

POSITIONS

Spring Town Meeting April 27, 2009 SUGGESTED BOS ASSIGNEE					
No.	Title	BOS Assignee	BOS Position	FinCom Position	Sponsor
1	Hear Reports	Josh	Unanimous	No Position	BOS
2	Apply For Grants	Josh	Unanimous	Unanimous	BOS
3	Elected Official's Compensation	Fran	Unanimous	Unanimous	BOS
4	Wage & Classification Schedule	Fran	Unanimous	3 Yes- 1 no- 1 Abstain	BOS, TM
5	Fiscal year 2010 Annual Operating Budget	Fran	4 Yes- 1 ATM	Unanimous	Fincom, BOS, TM
6	Country Club Budget	Fran	Unanimous	At Town Meeting	GCC
7	Fiscal Year 2010 Capital budget	Fran	Unanimous	Unanimous	TM
8	Wind Energy Conversion Facilities	Josh	Unanimous	2 Yes, 3 Abstain	Planning Board
9	Accessory Apartments	Josh	ATM	No Position	Planning Board
10	Schedule of use Regulations	Josh	3 ATM - 2 Yes	No Position	Planning Board
11	Chapter 119-Building Numbering Bylaw	Anna	Unanimous	No Position	BOS
12	Stormwater Management Revolving Fund	Anna	Unanimous	Unanimous	SWAC
13	Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	Anna	Unanimous	Unanimous	CC
14	Accept Law Increasing Real Estate Tax Exemption	Fran	Unanimous	Unanimous	BOA
15	CPC Budget	Anns	2 Defer, 3 Yes	Unanimous	CPC
16a	Youth Baseball Field	Josh		3 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain	CPC
16b	Allocation to the Conservation Land Fund	Peter		4 No, 2 Abstain	CPC
16c	Reconnaissance Archaeological	Anna		5 No, 1 Abstain	CPC
16d	Groton Grange Preservation project	Peter		1 yes, 5 No	CPC
16e	Historic Documents Preservation	Fran		Against	CPC
16f	Phase II Footstone Reinstallation	Josh		Against	CPC
16g	Unkety Brook Well Site Phase I	Josh		2 Yes, 4 No	CPC
16h	Unkety Brook Well Site Phase II	Josh		Against	CPC
17	Debt Service for Surenden Farm	Peter	Unanimous	4 Yes, 1 No	CPC
18	Rescind Various By-Laws	Peter	Unanimous	No Position	BOS
19	ByLaw Amendments Affecting Town Operations	Peter	Unanimous	No Position	BOS
20	Amend Town Meetings bylaw	Peter	Unanimous	No Position	BOS
21	Land Aquisition-Boston Road	Josh	4ATM, 1 No	3 yes, 2 Abstain	CC
22	Conduct Income Survey	Stewart	Unanimous	Against	BOS
23	Phase II & III Lost Lake Wastewater Plan	Stewart	Unanimous	Against	BOS
24	Accept Brown lane as a Public Way	Stewart	Unanimous	No Position	BOS
STM					
1	Curemt Year Line Item Transfers	Fran	ATM	At Town Meeting	BOS
2	Transfer within Water Enterprise Fund	Anna	ATM	At Town Meeting	Water Comm.
3	Transfer within Sewer Enterprise Fund	Peter	ATM	At Town Meeting	Sewer Comm.
4	Station Ave. Engineering	Josh	Defer to 6th	At Town Meeting	BOS
5	Execute a Release of Deed	Josh	Unanimous	At Town Meeting	BOS

MINUTES

The Board decided to defer the approval of minutes for March 9, 2009 and March 17, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:30pm to a joint meeting with GELD. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned to GELD.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 3-18-09