

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES APRIL 6, 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 reported that FEMA would reimburse money for the Ice Storm in December 08. Mr. Haddad noted that the money would go into the snow & ice budget.
2. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board approve Marcia Birmingham as an Election worker. Also annual appointments are coming up and Mr. Haddad asked the Board how to move forward. Mr. Degen stated that there are certain Boards that are required to come in and meet with the Board, following the Boards renewal policy.
Mr. Schulman moved to approve Marcia Birmingham as an Election worker with a term to expire June 30, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Haddad referred to the letter received from the Conservation Commission which indicated that if the CPC money fell below level the Con Com would cover the difference in the amount owed to Surrenden Farm. Ms. Jenkins asked if it would cover a Surrenden Farm shortfall for one year or m more. Mr. Guigere stated it would be for one year, but would take it on a year to year basis. Mr. Haddad reminded the Board that the Town is obligated to pay Surrenden Farm regardless of CPC money.
4. Mr. Haddad discussed the idea of using CPC administrative money to hire an Affordable Housing Coordinator for the town. A draft job description is being created. Ms. Perkins stated that this would be a part-time position. Mr. Haddad added that other communities could be brought in to regionalize the position. Mr. Dillon wanted to make sure the CPC money could be used to hire a coordinator. Mr. Haddad replied that he would check with the DOR.

PARK COMMISSION, FAIR GROUNDS

Mr. Degen stated the Parks Commission was invited to come to the meeting. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to hold off on the Fair Ground discussion. Mr. Degen stated that the subject would come up after Town Meeting.

CPC ARTICLES ON THE WARRANT

Article 15- Mr. Easom stated that the anticipated match from the state is 35%. Mr. Easom stated that if all of the projects passed at Town Meeting, including Surrenden Farms there would still be money available in the CPC funds.

Project A. Baseball Field

Mr. Easom explained the process of grading and scoring of each project. Mr. Easom stated that all the projects presented have the money to be funded. Mr. Straus stated that that he supported this project due to the increasing number of kids playing baseball. Mr. Straus also stated that it could be a revenue generator for the Town. Mr. Schulman was concerned with the light and MIT. Mr. Degen asked if user fees were required to use the field. There are no fees required.

Project B, Conservation Fund (Matbob)

Mr. Guigere stated that the money would not be available until the end of the year, which will be 60% of the Matbob purchase. Mr. Degen asked what would happen if the Conservation Commission did not receive the grant. Mr. Guigere stated that they would then build up the Conservation Fund.

Project C. Archeology Study

Mr. Roberts stated that the survey will help identify Groton's archeological sites, if any. Mr. Roberts stated that it could be on public land.

Project D. Groton Grange

Ms. Smith, President of the Grange commented on the use of the money she was requesting from the Grange. Ms. Smith spoke on the work that needed to be done. Mr. Degen mentioned that the Grange was not a Town entity. Ms. Smith stated that the Grange was open to the public. Mr. Easom stated that a deed restriction could be placed so the town's money was secured. Ms. Perkins asked if the project was ADA compliant. Ms. Smith stated that she was working with the building inspector.

Project E. Historic Documents

Mr. Degroot stated that the historic documents of the Town should be preserved. Mr. Dillon asked if there were alternatives to control costs.

Project F. Footstones

Mr. Roberts stated that the Footstones needed to be placed back into the Old Burring Ground. Mr. Degen asked if this was a project that the Highway Department could handle. Mr. Haddad would ask the Highway Surveyor and get back to the Board.

Project G & H Unkety Brook Well

Mr. Orcutt stated that Phase I was the lot plan review and Phase II was the actual acquisition of the lot. Mr. Degen asked how long it would take to get the site on line. Mr. Orcutt stated that it was a number of years out. Mr. Degen stated that before extending any money he would like to see other options explored first.

BOS Positions: Mr. Degen asked if the CPC ranked the priority of each project. The Board took positions on each project. Project A-BOS unanimous; Project B-BOS unanimous; Project C- 4 in favor, 1 against; Project D- 3 support, 2 against; Project E, F & G- BOS unanimous; Project H- 4 against, 1 ATM. Article 21- BOS unanimous; Article 22- BOS unanimous.

ACUTIONEER LICENSE:

Mr. Schulman moved to approve an Auctioneer License for Lawrence Academy's annual scholarship fundraiser on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 6:00pm to 11:00pm. The Auctioneer is John Terrio of JWT Associates, South Yarmouth. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

Mr. Schulman moved to approve a one day All-alcohol license to Linda C. Deasy, Director of Finance and Business Operations at Lawrence Academy for the bi-annual scholarship fundraiser, Derby Night; to be held at Lawrence Academy in the Gray Building on Saturday, May 2, 2009 Powderhouse Road, Groton; 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve a one day all-alcohol license to Linda C. Deasy, Director of Finance and Business Operations at Lawrence Academy for the alumni reunion; to be held at Lawrence Academy on Friday, May 16, 2009 Powderhouse Rd., Groton, MA; 6:00pm to 10:30pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Schulman moved to approve a one day Wine & Beer license to Linda C. Deasy, Director of Finance and Business Operations at Lawrence Academy for the alumni reunion; to be held at Lawrence Academy on Saturday, May 17, 2009 Powderhouse Rd., Groton, MA; 4:00pm to 11:00pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Degen wanted to discuss the Town Managers review. Mr. Dillon did not think it should be a 360 review. Mr. Cunningham stated that it was important to talk to committees such as the Finance Committee for comments. Mr. Cunningham discussed the Council on Aging social model program and the ability to add more Van hours. Mr.

Schulman stated that he was doing some computer work at the Country Club. Ms. Eliot noted the Economic Development Committee was meeting and that Glen Eaton from the MRPC gave some suggestions on Station Ave.

MINUTES

Mr. Schulman moved to March 9, 2009 Regular Session Minutes, as amended. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the March 9, 2009 Executive Session minutes, not to release. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the March 17, 2009 Joint Session minutes. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the October 27, 2008 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:30pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned to GELD.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 6-1-09