

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES JUNE 15, 2009  
APPROVED**

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

**Also Present:** Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant

*Mr. Cunningham called meeting of the Board to Order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the public.*

**TOWN MANAGER REPORTS**

1. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to ratify the appointments of two Police Officers.  
*Mr. Dillon moved to ratify the appointment of Gordon Candow and Robert Breault as Groton Police Officers. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
2. Mr. Haddad introduced Gene Sutherland, of Shaws who donated \$7600 for emergency opticom transmitters. The Board thanked Shaws for their work in the community at the Veterans Breakfast.
3. Mr. Haddad reported that the members of the Groton Fire Antique Assoc. were requesting that the Board declare the 1952 Mack Fire Truck as surplus equipment.  
*Ms. Eliot moved to declare the 1952 Mack Fire Truck as surplus equipments. Mr. Dillon seconded them motion. Motion carried.*
4. Mr. Haddad requested the Board approve the Maternity Act Policy. Mr. Haddad incorporated requested changes from the Board to the policy.  
*Mr. Dillon moved to approve the Maternity Leave Act Policy. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
5. Mr. Haddad reported that the Governor would be holding a Town Hall meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> behind the library.
6. Mr. Haddad reported that Town Counsel was requesting \$175 an hour an increase of \$10. The Board felt that during these hard economic times Town Counsel should not be getting a raise. Mr. Haddad stated that he would follow up.

**CVL, BISTRO AT GROTON WELLNESS**

Mr. Haddad stated that Dr. Evans was looking to strike conditions on his CVL. The Board reiterated that the license would state Take-Out Only.

*Mr. Dillon moved to amend the Common Victualler License of the Bistro at Groton Wellness as follows: strike conditions 2,3,4 and 5 and add Take-Out only under the seating capacity; to expire December 31, 2009. Also to follow Planning Board memo of June 11, 2009, Sewer memo of May 7, 2009 and Hours of Operation 7am-9pm Monday through Saturday. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**BYLAW COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Haddad explained the purpose of the committee and the proposed timeline. Mr. Haddad stated that changes to the Charter would be presented at the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Haddad added that public hearings would be scheduled to hear form the public.

Mr. Haddad noted that he met with the Country Club Subcommittee and that public meeting is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ZBA**

Mr. Cunningham opened the discussion. Mr. Schulman read a prepared statement that responded to Mr. Degen's comments from the prior week's selectmen's meeting. Mr. Degen asked to read his own statement into the record.

Mr. Cunningham asked to stay focused on the core issues that were brought up at the last meeting. Mr. Cunningham added that the subject could be revisited at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session with the ZBA and wanted to allow other Board members to do their own research. Mr. Cadle, Chairman of the ZBA, felt that Mr. Degen “ambushed” the ZBA at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and read responded to some of the comments made by Mr. Degen. Mr. Cadle stated that no open meeting law had been violated. And continued with his own prepared statement. Mr. Cadle distributed current cases the ZBA had been working on. Mr. Cunningham reiterated that all of the issues at hand can be discussed at the work session with the Board and the ZBA and reappointments to the ZBA can be taken up at a later date.

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

*Mr. Dillon moved to approve the Board of Selectmen Annual Re-Appointments as listed on the memo from the Town Manager dated June 15, 2009. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Degen moved to ratify the Town Manager Appointments as listed in the Memo from the Town Manager dated June 15, 2009.*

**TOWN MANAGER EVALUATION**

Mr. Degen explained the process and that Mr. Haddad did very well in the review. Mr. Schulman echoed Mr. Degen’s comments and added that he enjoyed working with Mr. Haddad. The rest of the Board also thought Mr. Haddad’s performance has been superlative.

**LIASION REPORTS**

Ms. Eliot discussed the recent passing of the budget at the Dunstbale Town Meeting. Mr. Dillon commented that he was concerned with the FY11 budget. Mr. Cunningham stated that he attended the 100 birthday of Ms. Sawyer and also asked if the Boston Post Cane could be placed on an upcoming agenda. Mr. Cunningham reported that forms needed to be submitted to Mass Highway in regards to the Squannacook River Rail Trail. Mr. Degen noted that on July 10, 2009 there would be a Farmers Marker from 3pm-7pm.

**MINUTES**

*Ms. Eliot moved to approve the April 21, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Dillon moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session and not to return to open session, for the purpose of discussing strategy going into litigation at 8:50pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dillon-yes; Degen-yes; Eliot-yes; Schulman-yes; Cunningham-yes.*

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

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully submitted,  
Patrice Garvin  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 8/24/09