

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES JULY 13, 2009
APPROVED**

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

Absent: Stuart M. 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. Mr. Cunningham read a prepared statement regarding the recent resignation of a Groton Police Department.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

1. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to ratify four new reserve officers. Chief Palma briefly introduced three of the four new reserve officers.
Mr. Dillon moved to ratify the Town Managers appointments as reserve officers: Stephen McAndrew, Peter Booth, Timothy Van Nostrand and Kevin Henehan. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Frank Belisky addresses the concern of army suicides and thanked the selectmen for their support in the Covenant Program.
3. Mr. Haddad reported on the recent operation meeting with the ZBA and the new office being created. Mr. Haddad added that a book has been created that house all of the necessary materials that will help guide the ZBA towards best practices.
4. Mr. Haddad reported that the Boston Post Cane Policy would be on a future agenda, and that Mr. Prager was not up for reappointment until 2010.
5. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board vote to open the Town Meeting Warrant.
Mr. Dillon moved to open the Fall Town Meeting Warrant that will be held on October 19, 2009 and to close on August 27, 2009. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board approve the following Conservation Commission requests. To have Bruce Easom as Project Manager and to approve the Chairman to sign applications form a FY10 Land Grant, subject to Town Meeting Vote.
Mr. Dillon moved to authorize the Chairman to sign applications for the FY10 Land Grant for an underdetermined amount, subject to Town Meeting. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Degen moved to approve Bruce Easom as the Project Manager. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING AL PRIME:

Mr. Degen moved to open the Public Hearing. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Hearing opened. Mr. Cunningham read the legal notice. Mr. Degen moved to defer the public hearing at 7:31pm until a later time. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Hearing deferred.

REVERSE 911

Bob Noonan, Director of Reverse 911 explained the program. Chief Palma explained that there would be no cost to the Town and recommended that the Town adopt the program. Mr. Noonan stated that there would be training available to staff. Mr. Haddad stated that he would have the MOU reviewed by Town Counsel and bring it back to the board at a later date. Mr. Dillon asked if the Town Manager could verify if the Town of Groton was in the Worcester 911 district.

PUBLIC HEARING, AL PRIME (7:49PM)

Chief Bosselait supported the upgrade to a 20K underground tank because newer tanks would be safer.

John Kane, an abutter, opposed the increase in fuel tank size and opposed a larger station. Ms. Collette stated that the station fell under the current zoning. Mr. Degen was concerned that the lot was a non conforming lot and that AL prime cannot do what it proposes. Mr. Spicer, representing AL Prime stated that there was no real evidence of any problem with the older tanks. Mr. Spicer indicated that there would be fewer deliveries to the site with larger tanks. Mr. Kenny, an abutter stated that increased tanks would mean increased people into the lot. Ms. Collette stated that nothing has been submitted to the building inspector.

Mr. Dillon moved to close the public hearing at 8:24pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Hearing closed.

Mr. Dillon moved to approve the increase underground fuel tank to AL Prime located at 619 Boston Road, from 15,000 gallons to 20,000 gallons for the existing gas station and three existing tanks to be removed. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-yes, Mr. Degen opposed)

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Prager, Chairman of FinCom, recommended three members to be reappointed to the Finance Committee. *Mr. Degen moved to reappoint Peter DiFranco, Richard Hughson and Thomas Sangiolo to the Finance Committee for a three year term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Bruce Easom, Chairman of the Conservation Commission recommended three members to be reappointed to the Conservation Commission. *Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Marshall Giguere, Ryan Lambert and David Pitkin to the Conservation Commission for a three year term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Mr. Haddad referenced a memo from the ZBA recommending the appointment of Bruce Easom. *Mr. Dillon moved to appoint Bruce Easom to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate for a one year term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Dale Martin to the Board of Registrars for a three year term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Cunningham suggested that the Board postpone the appointments to the West Groton Sewer Committee so the Board can review the letter received from George Barringer, Chairman of the committee.

Mr. Dillon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 10-5-09