

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
APPROVED**

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

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 reported that a Ethics Commission Liaison needed to be appointed by the Board. Mr. Haddad stated that the Clerk deferred the appointment to the Town Manager. Mr. Degen thought that the responsibility should be kept in the Clerk's Office.
Mr. Dillon moved to designate the Town Clerk as the liaison to the Ethics Commission. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried. (4-yes, 1-no)
2. Mr. Haddad requested comments from the Board on the Station Ave RFP. The Board discussed the changes that were made to the RFP.
Mr. Degen moved to approve the Station Ave RFP dated 9-21-09 with changes. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board adopt the Flu Policy.
Mr. Degen moved to formally adopt the Employee Flu Policy dated 9-8-09 for all Town Employees. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Mr. Haddad recommended that the IT Director be placed back into the budget. Mr. Dillon stated that the Town needed an IT Manager and supported the hire. Mr. Cunningham noted that having an IT Director was a priority.

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE, MAIN STREET CAFÉ

Mr. Wright requested an Entertainment License for Thursdays from 7-9pm. Mr. Wrights CVL is from 6am-3pm creating a conflict and a need to adjust the CVL. Mr. Haddad stated that he would bring this item back to the Board to correct the error.

PUBLIC HEARING FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Schulman moved to open the Public hearing at 7:30pm. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Mr. Cunningham read the Legal notice and tabled the hearing until the completion of the next agenda item.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE, GROTON TRADING

Mr. Ryan asked what jurisdiction the Planning Board had in commenting on the Sunday Entertainment License. Ms. Eliot noted that comments were given by all of the Boards. Mr. Ryan stated that he was withdrawing his application.

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Mr. Haddad reviewed the warrant. The Board discussed the amount of money that is typically in the stabilization fund. Mr. Dillon stated that it should be 5-10% of the combined capital and stabilization fund. The Board discussed the country club and its future. Mr. Whalen was in attendance and stated that it was hard to do a short term look into the future if a long term lease was issued to the function hall. Mr. Degen stated that he would like to see the operation s budget. Mr. Prager stated that the original sell of the country club was a cash cow and he was against an appraisal. Mr. Dillon wanted to wait on the country club articles until he received the budget.

Mr. Haddad explained article 11 that West Groton would be included in the Lost Lake study which was appropriated at the last Town Meeting for 300K.

Mr. Haddad reviewed the Charter articles which were discussed at a prior meeting in detail. The Board discussed the EMT training article. Mr. Haddad explained that Master Plan had 5 bid proposals. The one selected was 100K and could be broken out in two phases the first with a pay out of 70k and the second broken out to 30K. Mr. Prager asked for more justification to spend 100K on the Master Plan. Mr. Russell Burke a member of the Planning Board stated that it was for planning for the Town and look at where the Town wants to go and we could lose out on long term gains for short term perspectives.

Mr. Easom was present to discuss the applying for grants. Mr. Dillon asked what would happen if these articles were not approved. Mr. Easom stated that the grant would not be pursued. Mr. Haddad reviewed the proposed article to extend sewer to 36 Anthony Drive.

Mr. Schulman moved to close the public hearing at 9:45pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Mr. Degen moved to accept the gift of land on the Quit Claim Deed prepared by counsel 26-67. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dillon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:09pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 12-21-09