

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OCTOBER 26, 2009
APPROVED**

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

Absent: George Dillon, Jr., Vice Chairman

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 and Chief Palma recommended that George Rider be appointed as a Special Police Officer. *Ms. Eliot moved to affirm the Town Managers appointment of George Rider as a Special Police Officer to expire, June 30, 2010. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
2. Chief Palma recognized Irm Pierce and his 25 years with the Town as well as the ten year anniversaries of the following officers: James Cullen, Derek Gemos, Paul Connell, Eric Watkins and Jason Goodwin.
3. Mr. Haddad informed the Board that two members of the Board were needed to sit on a subcommittee to work on the future plans of the Prescott School. Ms. Eliot and Mr. Degen volunteered to be on the subcommittee.
4. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to authorize him to amend the contract with Woodward and Curran to have West Groton included in the 300k authorized at Town Meeting for Lost Lake. *Mr. Degen moved to authorize the Town Manager to amend the contract with Woodward & Currant dated October 26, 2009 as worded in the document presented by the Town Manager. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

CPC, GRANGE DEED RESTRICTION

Mr. Haddad summarized the \$137,000 that Town Meeting voted for the Grange through CPC funds. The question at hand is the length of the deed restriction. Mr. Ray Lyons was present, representing the Grange. The CPC called their meeting to order. Mr. Lyons argued for a 20-30 years restriction. The CPC recommended in perpetuity. Mr. Lyons noted that the Town would have the right of first refusal to buy the building. Mr. Emerson stated that there was no law stating that the Town could not do a time limit. Mr. Strauss was concerned that public money into a private building needed to be monitored if the building changed hands. Mr. Degen suggested that the CPC create a policy for life spans for improvements so in the future there is no confusion. Mr. Prager asked where the money would have come from if not from the Town, indicating that it could come from the state. Mr. Prager was also concerned if the property was sold and how the town would have befitted the new owner with some of the renovations. The Board continued the merits of deed restriction for a period of time verses in perpetuity.

Mr. Degen moved that the length of the negotiated deed restriction on the Grange for the receipt of CPC funds be for a term of thirty (30) years, this shall be solely for the funds received by the Grange as referenced by application number 2010-04. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

Ms. Eliot moved to approve a one day Beer and Wine license to Alison Manning, on behalf of the First Parish Church, 1 Powder House Road, Groton for a fundraising auction; to be held in the church vestry on Saturday, November 7, 2009! 6:30pm to 10pm. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RAIL TRAIL DISCUSISON

Mr. Easom introduced Adam Brunette who was in to discuss an access point to the rail trail at the corner of Arlington Street and 119. Chief Palma had no issues with the access point. Mr. Haddad stated that Honeywell needed to be approached to obtain an easement.

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Eliot commented that the EDC along with other Boards in Town were meeting on November 10th to discuss the Sign By Law. Mr. Degen suggested money saving in the Master Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Eliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

respectfully *submitted*,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 1-25-10