

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 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.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

1. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board grant permission to hold a pep rally bonfire the night before Thanksgiving.
Mr. Dillon moved to grant permission to the Groton Dunstable High School Athletic Department to hold a bonfire on Thanksgiving Eve 11-26-09 at 6pm at the upper field of the High School. Subject to the restrictions listed in the memo from the Fire Chief dated 11-16-09. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Haddad mentioned a tentative meeting to discuss the recent concerns with the intersection of Rte. 119/Townsend Rd.
3. Mr. Haddad proposed a schedule for the rest of the year for the Board to meet.
4. Mr. Haddad reported that the winter parking ban is in effect and gave brief updates on Prescott School and the Country Club.

GREAT POND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Bill Strickland presented the plan to the Board and asked where they should go next. Mr. Cunningham recognized the issue of weed growth at the lake. Mr. Strickland stated that the weed harvesting was successful. Mr. Harper explained the procedure to the Board. Mr. Strickland noted that chemical use has been suggested to deal with the weed problem. Before presenting the plan to the state Mr. Strickland wanted feedback from the Selectmen.
Mr. Dillon moved to adopt the Great Pond Advisory Committee's Management Plan contingent on the Conservation Commission Review. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION BLACKMAN/INDIAN HILL ROAD

Mr. Degen recused himself from the discussion. Ed McNierney of the Groton Conservation Trust presented the restriction and history of the property. Mr. McNierney stated that the restriction would provide a permanent public access trail and prevent the next owner from subdividing the property.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the Conservation Restriction for the property located at 179 Indian Hill Road. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD POLICY

Mr. Haddad asked the board to review the proposed policy. The Board took it under advisement.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Cunningham discussed the Squannacook River Rail Trail. Mr. Dillon noted the joint meeting of the Sign Committee. Ms. Eliot also commented on the joint meeting with the sign committee.

Mr. Cunningham suggested a letter to Fisheries and Wildlife regarding the reenactment. Mr. Degen suggested that the letter invite representatives from Fisheries and Wildlife in to discuss the situation.

MINUTES

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the August 24, 2009 regular meeting minutes, as amended. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the September 8, 2009 regular meeting minutes, as amended. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dillon moved to enter into executive session at 8:13pm pursuant to M.G.L. 23b (3) to discuss strategy for contract negotiations, and to return to open session. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call-Dillon-yes; Degen-yes; Eliot-yes; Cunningham-yes.

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 8:30pm.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the Board negotiated the salary of the Town Manager and for next year decided to pay him 112k annually. Mr. Cunningham added that this salary was consistent with comparisons for the position regionally. Ms. Eliot added that the decision for the increase was unanimous.

Mr. Dillon moved to set the compensation of the Town Manager retro 10-21-09 for next year at 112k. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Eliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

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

Date Approved: 2-1-10