

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2010
APPROVED**

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

Absent: Joshua A. Degen

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

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

1. Mr. Haddad announced that the Lost Lake Income survey was being conducted and requested that people take part. Mr. Haddad reiterated that all information was confidential.
2. Mr. Haddad reminded residents that a walkthrough of the Prescott School followed by a public discussion has been set for Saturday, February 6th.
3. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board ratify his appointment of Joan Croteau as an Election Worker.
Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Joan Croteau as an election worker to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4. *Ms. Eliot moved to approve a one day All alcohol license for Melissa Fetterholf on behalf of the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 located at the Lawrence Academy, Powerderhouse Road Groton for the "Taste of Nashoba"; within the hours of 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*
5. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board appoint George Wheatley to the Archives Committee. Mr. Cunningham questioned the appointment due to there being no comments from the two current members of the Archives Committee. Mr. Dillon did not feel that was necessary since there were only two members serving.
Mr. Dillon moved to appoint George Wheatley to the Archives Committee, to expire June 30, 2010. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried. (4-1 with Mr. Cunningham voting no). Mr. Cunningham stated that his no vote was not based on Mr. Wheatley's ability to serve on the Committee, but rather because the Board did not receive input on this appointment from the Archives Committee.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Cunningham noted the recent MMA Conference and the Governors budget projections. Mr. Cunningham added that the Governors indicated that his FY11 Budget proposal would level fund Local Aid. Mr. Dillon was concerned with how the Governor planned to find the funds to level fund local aid. Mr. Haddad stated that the Governor would level fund Chapter 70 monies and school transportation, as well as unrestricted local aid. Mr. Haddad commented that the Groton Excise Tax commitments were down and that number in the FY11 budget will have to be adjusted down. Mr. Haddad stated that the FY11 budget will be monitored and updated continuously. Mr. Haddad noted the Governors comments on the possible reduction in Quinn Payments. Mr. Haddad commented that the budget he proposed was a conservative budget and the next step is to work with the schools on their projected budget.

TARBELL SCHOOL RFP

Mr. Haddad worked with Carrie Fischer, Housing Coordinator to develop the RFP for the Board to review and give comments. Mr. Haddad stated that the site walk is planned for February 17th and the RFP will be in the Central Register on February 3rd, if the board agrees. The Board asked questions and discussed the wording in the RFP. Ms. Eliot was concerned with the wording of *lease and/or sell* and asked for more clarification. Mr. Haddad responded that it would be part of the negotiations with the selected developer. Mr. Dillon stated that he had a number of comments and also wanted clarification of *lease and/or sell* and what, if any expected tax implications. What the appraisal of the building was also a question from the Board. Mr. Haddad stated that he would look into an appraisal of the building. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board review the RFP further and give their comments. Mr. Haddad stated he would bring the RFP back for discussion at the next Board meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Eliot noted that the Planning Board met with the Master Plan consultants and the process was beginning. Mr. Dillon commented that he attended the GDRSD budget meeting. Mr. Dillon also attended the following Committee meetings: Sign Committee meeting discussing the town’s sign bylaws; the Country Club rate setting public hearing; the Library Trustee meeting and a meeting with the School Superintendent to discuss the budget.

MINUTES

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the October 26, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried. (3-0-1 Mr. Dillon abstained)

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the November 9, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dillon moved to approve the October 5, 2009 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, and not to release. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dillon moved to adjourn at 8:30pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

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

Date Approved: 3-1-10