

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2010
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 the meeting of the Board to Order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the public.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad reported that the Building Numbering Regulations Public Hearing is scheduled for February 22, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. The Building Numbering Regulations are in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Town Bylaws. Mr. Haddad notified the Board that they will be asked to adopt these regulations after the public hearing on February 22nd. Mr. Haddad distributed the regulations for review, prior to next week's meeting.
2. Mr. Haddad reported that the Tarbell School RFP was advertised in the Central Register and scheduled to appear in the February 10, 2010 issue. Richard Heaton, Affordable Housing Consultant to the Town is helping to get the word out to various developers. Mr. Haddad stated that a site walk for any potential developers is scheduled for Thursday, February 25th at 10am at the Tarbell School. Mr. Haddad would continue to update the Board on this project.
3. Mr. Haddad distributed the revised Flag Lowering Policy discussed at the last selectmen's meeting. Mr. Haddad asked for comments. Mr. Dillon noted that it was a good policy but needed further review. Mr. Degen observed that the flagpole at the Fireman's Common needed painting. Mr. Degen suggested that GELD and the DPW work together to improve the look of the flagpole. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to further review the Flag Lowering Policy and should submit comments prior to next week's meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Haddad requested that the Board call the Special Town Meeting to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2010. Mr. Haddad requested that the Board, effective immediately open the Special Town Meeting Warrant and to close it on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Haddad explained the purpose of a Special Town Meeting and the need to transact any business within the current fiscal year..

Ms. Eliot called for a Special Town Meeting to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2010 and further moved to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant on February 8, 2010, and to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant on February 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISCUSSION

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Prescott School Public Hearing and Tour was held on Saturday, February 6th and was well attended. Mr. Cunningham stated that concern about using the building for Affordable Housing was raised at the hearing. Mr. Cunningham added that the discussion indicated keeping the building under the control of the Town. Ms. Eliot suggested establishing a reuse committee. Mr. Dillon agreed that a reuse committee was a good idea but that the Town should also address the use of other vacant buildings in Town. Mr. Degen agreed that vetting out the best use of the Prescott building was a priority, and would like to see something presented at the fall town meeting.

Stanley Jackson, abutter to Station Avenue, told the Board that he did not want to see Affordable Housing in the Prescott School Building. Mr. Jackson was concerned with the wetlands behind the building, and how his property could be affected if the wetlands were disturbed. Mr. Jackson was also interested in serving on a reuse committee.

George Wheatley, resident, stated that the Town needed to spend some money on the building and also suggested arts and dance groups using the building. Mr. Degen commented on the hard financial times for the Town and that there is little money available to update the Prescott School Building.

Ms. Eliot stated that a reuse committee needed to be formed prior to an RFP being drafted. Mr. Cunningham requested a Prescott School Reuse Committee Charge be created and adopted at a later meeting. There was some discussion regarding who should be on the committee; multiple residents, a selectman, a member of the Economic Development Committee and a representative from the Schools. Mr. Haddad stated that he would work on creating a charge, along with suggested membership, and bring the issue back to the Board.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Dillon updated the Board on his various meetings in Town. Mr. Cunningham asked about Hollingsworth & Vose's wastewater facilities, and if there was anyway for West Groton to tie into their system. Ms. Eliot commented on her informal meetings with the candidates for Superintendent and that a decision will be made in early March. Mr. Cunningham reminded the Board of a Joint Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Meeting on Saturday, February 27th at 9:00 a.m.

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Ms. Eliot moved to approve the December 7, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0-1 Mr. Cunningham abstained).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dillon moved to adjourn at 7:31pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

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

Date Approved: 3-5-10