

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES JUNE 21, 2010
APPROVED**

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

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

Mr. Schulman 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 requested that the Board ratify his appointment of relief dispatcher.
Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Christine June as a Relief Dispatcher effective immediately and to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.
2. Mr. Haddad reported that a memo from the IT committee was received requesting that the IT committee be disbanded now that a full time IT Director has been hired. Mr. Haddad stated that some IT support will be received through volunteered time. *Mr. Webber, IT member stated that he hopes to have an IT Department and that his volunteered service will be in place of a future position. Mr. Webber stated that he has discussed all major issues with the IT Director. Mr. Degen expressed concern disbanding the IT Committee. Mr. Dillon and the rest of the Board thanked the IT members for their years of service. Mr. Dillon moved to dissolve the IT committee as of June 30, 2010. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion carried Mr. Degen opposing.*
3. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to consider increasing the hours for the Building Inspector due to a increase in permits. Mr. Haddad distributed a memo from the Land Use Director that showed the increase. Mr. Cunningham asked how much time an inspection takes. Mr. Schulman asked if the idea was considered to bring back the local inspector position. Mr. Haddad stated that he would bring the issue back to the Board.
4. Mr. Haddad presented the Board with a finalized Liaison Assignments for the ensuing year. Mr. Haddad requested a vote be made on the assignments presented.
Mr. Dillon moved to adopt the Liaison Assignments for 2010-2011. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Mr. Haddad referred to the Conservation Commissions Resource Management Plan for the western section of Surrenden Farm. Mr. Haddad asked the Board for comments. Mr. Dillon asked what role the Fisheries and Wildlife played in regards to the plan and expressed is concerns for their participations in the Town Forest CR Plan. Mr. Cunningham expressed his concerns with the plan and the need to meet with Fisheries and Wildlife. Mr. Degen wanted easement language in the plan and also felt a discussion should occur. Mr. had dad stated that he would post a selectmen's meeting during the time the Conservation Commission was meeting with Fisheries & Wildlife on Thursday, June 24th.
6. Mr. Haddad reported that a survey was done regarding litigation fees by K&P in other municipalities. The lowest rate was Townsend at \$155 per hour and the highest was Westford at \$185 per hour. Mr. Haddad informed the Board that he spoke to K&P and they would like the rate to increase to \$170 per hour on January 1, 2011 from its current rate of \$165 per hour. The Board agreed to keep the rate at \$165 per hour and not increase it in January. Mr. Dillon noted that the hourly rate increased as the towns got closer to Boston.
7. Mr. Haddad informed the Board that a meeting is posted on June 28th but if there is no need to meet would ask for a cancellation.

8. Mr. Haddad reported that fireworks would be held on July 7th at 6pm.

EARTH REMOVAL EXEMPTION-AL PRIME

Michelle Collette, Earth Removal Inspector introduced the exemption and noted that the Earth Removal Stormwater Committee granted the permit to AL Prime on May 12, 2010. Ms. Collette recommended that the Board approve this exemption with the conditions attached to memo. Mr. Degen asked about the hydro seeding of the property due to his concern with the visual appearance of the site. The attorney present representing AL Prime stated that the site will be maintained and that there is a landscaping plan for the site. Mr. Dillon asked where the material would be moved to. Mr. Ross of Ross Associates stated the materials removed from the site would go to Littleton and Harvard.

Chief Palma stated that his concern was traffic and the impacts of trucks moving in and out of the site. The Chief recommended that the trucks not leave the site prior to 8:30am and not after 3:30pm. The Board suggested that AL Prime work with the chief on traffic flow and if a detail would be needed.

Discussion ensued regarding the maintenance of the grass and landscaping on the site. Mr. Degen was concerned with what would be planted on the site and the regular maintenance of the grounds. Ms. Collette recommended the exemption and stated that the Earth Removal Committee would review the landscaping plan at the next meeting.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the Earth Removal Exemption for A.L. Prime located at 618 Boston Road with the following conditions:

1. *No operating on site before 7:00 am or after 5:00 pm.*
2. *No trucks to leave site before 8:30 am or after 3:30 pm.*
3. *No earth removal operations shall be conducted on weekends or holidays.*
4. *The roadway must be cleaned at the end of the workday.*
5. *Applicant shall notify the Earth Removal Inspector prior to removing any excess material from the site.*
6. *Adequate measures of dust control.*
7. *Lot should be stabilized with four (4) inches of loam and have continued seeded maintenance, once reviewed by the Earth Removal Stormwater Committee's next meeting. Landscaping Applicants Plan must be reviewed and approved by committee.*
8. *Traffic impact and flow rates approved by the Chief of Police.*

Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried, Mr. Degen abstaining.

REPORT OF THE GROTON COUNTRY CLUB REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Schulman introduced the report to the Board and gave a brief history of the club and the committee members. Mr. Schulman stated that the committee reviewed several options and decided that leaving the club as is with amenities was the best option. Mr. Schulman reviewed with the Board the committee's findings, which are: Dissolve the Country Club Authority; Eliminate the lease Payment; Look at additional amenities; and to Sell a portion of land by the tennis courts to begin capital improvements.

Mr. Dillon asked about if the Pavilion area will be sold. Mr. Haddad commented the committee is recommending only the tennis court area be sold. Mr. Whalen, Country Club Manager stated that there is no revenue in the winter months and that alternative to increasing the cash flow in the winter is being looked into. Mr. Cunningham suggested looking into what other clubs have done during the off season. Mr. Dillon stated that he would like to see a Proforma to show where the clubs could go in the future.

Mr. Haddad addressed the recommendation to dissolve the Country Club Authority and noted that it dissolves on its own if the authority's legislation is not renewed by Town Meeting. Ms. Eliot asked if membership at the club has increased. Mr. Whalen said that the pool passes are lagging and he was not sure how much weather has played a

part in that. Mr. Cunningham asked about the town forgoing the lease payment. Mr. Haddad stated that in FY11 the lease payment was factored into the budget but was confident he could make it up if the payment was not made. Mr. Haddad thanked the committee and stated a financial plan prior to Town Meeting would be brought back to the Board a final decision on dissolving the authority.

ANNUAL REAPPOINTMENTS

Mr. Cunningham moved to ratify the Town Manager’s reappointment of the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Lawrence Swezey, Martha Campbell and Ed Doucette. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Dillon moved to ratify the Town Manager’s reappointment of Paul Funch to the Trail Committee for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Dillon moved to ratify the Town Manager’s appointments of Special Police Officers for the Town of Groton to the following:

*Shirley- Acting Chief, J. Gregory Massak
 Sergeant Peter D. Violette
 Sergeant Alfreda H. Cromwell
 Craig K. LaPrade
 George Fichter
 Brandon Brachanow
 Everett W. Moody, Jr.
 Gregory Gushlaw
 Samuel Santiago*

*Dunstable- Chief James G. Downes III
 Lt. James W. Dow
 Sergeant Darrell Gilmore
 Michael Lynn
 Benjamin Sargent
 Erik Hoar
 George Aggot
 Sean Ready
 Nicholas Papageorgiou
 Daniel Kowalski
 John Koyutis
 James G. Downes, Jr.
 Michael Tedesco
 Greg Sanborn*

*Pepperell- Nick Parker Jeremiah Friend
 David Scott Bruce Haskins
 James Peters Jared Carrubba
 Alan Lessieur Fabrizio Vestri
 Armando Herrera Stephen Mulkerin
 Todd Blain Paul Nelson
 William Greathead David Querze
 Steven Bazanson Haylie Boutwell
 Richard Smith
 Steven Burke*

*Townsend- Chief Erving M. Marshall, Jr.
Lt. David A. Profit
Sgt. Cheryl M. Mattson
Sgt. Mark Giancotti
Sgt. John Johnson
James P. Marchand
Thaddeus G. Rochette
Randy S. Girard
Robert J. Rebovich
Kimberly J. Mattson
Thomas J. Pearson
Jeffrey Thibodeau
George Reidy
Mark Francis*

*Tony Brennana
Christopher VanVoorhis
Austin Cote
Joshua Tocci
Joseph Quinn
James Landi
Ryan Monahan*

*Tynsborough- Chief Richard Burrows
Sgt. Charles Chronopoulos
Sgt. Christopher Chronopoulos
Sgt. Richard Howe
Sgt. Mark Bourque
Sgt. Shaun Woods
Thomas Walsh
Steven manning
Steven Georges
Cynthia Weeks
Christopher Rider
Charles Melanson
Charles Rubino
Michael Cassella
Kenneth Healey
Ptl. Kulisich
Ptl. Desilets
Ptl. Cote*

*Paul Patalano
Ricard St. Pierre
Aaron Fiskum
Kevin Ronan*

*Ayer- Chief William A. Murray
Sgt. Michael J. Edmonds
Sgt. Todd J. Crumpton
Sgt. Austin J. Cote
Det. Andrew S. Kularski
Det. Kellie A. Barhight
Matthew D. Callahan
James D. Wilson
Brian F. Cunningham
Matthew J. Harty
Daniel T. Morrison*

*Jennifer D. Bigelow
Richard G. Krasinskas
Matthew J. Power*

*Edward Nelson
Robert W. Finn
Robert Soultanian*

Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Cunningham moved to reappoint Peter Morrison to the Conservation Commission for a 3 year term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to reappoint the following to the Council on Aging for a 3 year term: Cynthia Thompson, reappointment; Maydelle Gamester, New Appointment; Charlotte Carkin, New Appointment. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the Town Manager's reappointments to the Emergency Management Agency for a 1 year term to the following: Stephen Byrnes, Martha Campbell, Troy Conley, Francis Cusak, Dan Daigneault, Tom Delany, Ed Doucette, Heather Emslie, Carl Flowers, Norma Garvin, Tony Hawgood, Sarah Hewitt, Holly Jarek, Elaine Johnson, Leroy Johnson, Kevin Kelly, Stephen Legge, Cathy Lincoln, Joel Magid, Kathleen Mercereau, Steven Mickle, Mark Miller, John Murphy, Tom Orcutt, Kathy Puff, Karen Reif, Tyler Shute, Laurie Smigelski, Larry Swezey, Bil VanSchwalkwyk, Robert Johnson and Earl Russell. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Dillon moved to reappoint Joseph Crowley and Michael Flynn to the Finance Committee for a 3 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Degen moved to ratify the Town Manager's reappointment to the Great Ponds Advisory Committee for a 1 year term to the following: William Strickland, Francoise Forbes, Susan Horowitz and Lawrence Swezey. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve reappointment of Madeline Walsh to the Local Cultural Council for a 3 year term and to appoint Frank. J. Conahan to a 6 Year Term. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Degen moved to ratify the Town Manager's reappointment of Robert Friedrich as Plumbing Inspector for a 1 year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the Town Manager's reappointment to the Sustainability Commission for a 1 year term to the following: Chase Duffy, Carl Flowers, Richard Hewitt, Michael Roberts, Carl Canner, Leo Laverdure and Chris Christie. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the reappointment to the Weed Harvester Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Bradley Harper, William Strickland, Gerrett Durling, Erich Garger and Stephen Marrantzini.

Mr. Degen moved to approve the reappointment of the West Groton Sewer Committee for a 1 year term to the following: George Wheatley, George Barringer and Peter Ziaiatz. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the Town Manager's reappointment to the Williams Barn Committee for a 1 year term to the following: Sandra Tobias, Alfred Wyatt, Leo Wyatt, Lili Ott, Bradbury Smith, Kathy Stone, Joseph Twomey. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

Ms. Eliot moved to approve a one day all alcohol liquor license to be held at the First Parish Church on July 10, 2010 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Degen reported that he, Mr. Dillon and Mr. Haddad had a meeting with the new Superintendent and was looking forward to working with Mr. Mastercola. Ms. Eliot commented on a scheduled meeting for the Army Community Covenant and the upcoming Sign By-Law committee meeting. Ms. Eliot encouraged local business to attend the Sign meeting to give their input.

MINUTES

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 24, 2010 as amended. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eliot moved to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of May 10, 2010. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Degen moved to enter Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 39 S. 23B (3) to discuss litigation and contract negotiations, and not to return to open session. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Roll Call- Dillon-yes, Cunningham-yes, Schulman –yes, Eliot-yes, Degen-yes.

Approved: _____
George F. Dillon, Jr., Clerk

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

Date Approved: 7-12-10