

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OCTOBER 25, 2010
Middle School Cafeteria
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; David Doneski, Town Counsel; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Schulman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Haddad asked the Board to ratify his appointment of Samantha Silva, of 205 West Meadow Road, Lowell, MA to the position of Video Production Assistant. This position was recently vacated by George Cox.

Ms. Eliot moved to ratify the appointment of the Town Manager to Samantha Silva as the Video Production Assistant for 40 hours per week. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

2. CPC LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Ms. Eliot stated that the Prescott ReUse Committee has decided to look outside of the committee for expertise on deciding what should be done with the property. The committee wants to look to the CPC for funding to hire an outside group to conduct a feasibility study on the building. Ms. Eliot was looking for the boards support to send a letter indicating to the CPC that a formal application may be submitted.

Mr. Dillon stated that there was expertise on the committee and that the committee should do its own due diligence and did not see the need to put out any kind of RFP for an outside study. Mr. Dillon also stated that the Facility Task Force had already completed a study of Prescott. Mr. Cunningham expressed concern over redoing what has already been done. Ms. Eliot stated that the study would be able to break down costs depending on the use of the building. Mr. Degen concurred with the other Board members that this study may not be necessary. Mr. Schulman was concerned that even after doing a study no questions would be answered.

Ms. Eliot stressed to the Board that she was not looking for approval to apply but for a letter to the CPC that they may apply to the CPC, and that it is just an intention letter.

Mr. Degen moved to send an intention letter to the Community Preservation Commission, not a Notice of Intent for a possible application due January 11, 2011. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

TOWN MEETING:

Article 24-Accept 9D½ of Chapter 32B

Mr. Cunningham asked if this article was adopted if the Board would be able to alter the percentage. Mr. Haddad stated that the motion is worded with 65% rate, which is consistent with current practice. Mr. Cunningham asked about the possibility about grandfathering those already at 65%. Mr. Haddad stated that the Town cannot grandfather in those currently at 65%. The Board unanimously agreed to support article 23. Mr. Degen asked if the percentage could be changed by the board or needed to go to Town Meeting. Mr. Doneski stated that changing the percentage would not have to go to Town Meeting. Mr. Degen suggested striking the wording in the motion, "and to

set that percentage at 65%.” The Board agreed to striking the wording of the motion and supported moving the motion forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Eliot moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
George F. Dillon, Clerk

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

Date Approved: 11-8-10