

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2006
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE, TOWN HALL**

This meeting was aired live on local cable television Channel 8.

PRESENT: Jonathan Dennehy, Chair, Mark Carlisle, Chris Gagnon, and Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator. Sylvia Turcotte was absent.

I. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dennehy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the agenda. Carlisle moved to accept the agenda, Gagnon seconded and the motion was carried.

II. **PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

A. **Town Administrator's Update:** Kevin Paicos reviewed the items checked on his update, which is attached.

Dennehy announced that the 21J Board staff has recommended funding for the new water main at 100% and replacement of the existing main as well, subject to the 21J Board vote on June 29, 2006.

B. **Public Safety Building Committee update:** Chris Gagnon provided an update to the Board on the Public Safety Committee. He reported on reductions to the total square footage to meet the limited budget; he also reported that the Hardware Store option has been tabled for now, until an estimate on new construction can be prepared and made available in about 3 weeks; he went on to state that the project manager and architect contracts will both be reviewed and edited as appropriate.

Dennehy noted that a vacancy on the committee exists because Chris Gagnon decided to be a non-voting member. Dennehy moved to appoint Lincoln Stiles as a voting member of the committee and was seconded by Mark Carlisle. Unanimous vote.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Review and vote on a Special One-Day Liquor License:** The Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club is requesting a one-day liquor license. Carlisle motioned to approve the Special One-Day Liquor License and was seconded by Gagnon. Unanimous vote.

B. **Review and vote on declaration of surplus property:** Dennehy gave a brief history of the foreclosure of the subject property and Town Meeting approval to sell them (Map 55 Parcel 53 and Map 56 Parcels 48 and 61). He expressed his recommendation to advertise all three parcels for sale via RFP with conditions: buyer to pay all survey and recording costs; Parcel 48, which deals with public access to launch non-motorized watercraft was tabled to the next meeting. Also on Parcel 53, further discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Kevin will present recommendations from the Town Planner.

C. **Review of deed and vote on purchase of Old Pump Station:** Dennehy expressed concern about the deed conditions and if they provided the Town with enough protection for the reservoir. He volunteered to check with Leo Collette and Town Counsel to discuss the issue and report back at the next meeting, at which time the sale will again be considered.

- D. Update on Town Hall Renovation progress:** David Sargent, Chair of the Town Hall Renovation Committee was present and gave his report on the progress. He stated that the architect fee was still in negotiation but that the RFP's for trailer lease, office space lease and the project manager are all issued and in process. Kevin Paicos reported that the architect had agreed to reduce her fee by approximately \$40,000.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 15, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Carlisle motioned to approve the May 15, 2006 meeting minutes, with corrected date on pages 2, 3, and 4 and was seconded by Gagnon. Motion carried.

VI. OTHER MATTERS

Dennehy announced that a Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Highway Garage.

He announced the Annual Special Town Election on Tuesday, June 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at J.R. Briggs Elementary School (4 ballot questions).

Dennehy also announced Annual Downtown Days would be held on Saturday, June 24th at Winchester Park and details will follow. He added that this is a full day of fun for the family.

Dennehy noted that the next Board of Selectmen meeting would be held on June 19th.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m., Carlisle motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Gagnon. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin E. Paicos
Town Administrator