

**May 7, 2007**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chairman Picard with all members in attendance.**

**Reorganization**

**Mr. Picard turned the meeting over to Ms. Bokoski who asked for nominations for the chairman's position. Mr. Goodnow nominated Mrs. Odabashian, seconded by Mr. Picard with all members voting in the affirmative.**

**Mrs. Odabashian asked for nominations for the vice chairman's position. Mr. Picard nominated Mr. Martinelli, seconded by Mr. Goodnow with all members voting in the affirmative.**

**Rep. Callahan came before the Board to give an update on the State budget. She was pleased to inform members of the increase in both Chapter 70 and Lottery Aide. She indicated Bellingham's increase will be over \$300,000. She also advised the Board that she had successfully included a \$100,000 line item to assist with the environmental cleanup at the Pearl St. mill. Rep. Callahan was also happy to advise the Board that the COA Grant for a new van had been approved. Finally, Rep. Callahan indicated that she would be meeting with transportation officials to lobby on the Town's behalf relative to Pulaski Blvd. Mrs. Odabashian thanked the Representative for her hard work and for her involvement in the community.**

**On a Goodnow/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed water rate system as recommended by Mr. Abrahams and Mr. DiMartino.**

**On a Goodnow/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed sewer rate system as recommended by Mr. Abrahams and Mr. DiMartino.**

**The Board voted to endorse the recommendations and to schedule a public hearing in June to formally consider the rate change.**

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**On a Picard/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to award the Annual Crack Sealing (Contract 2007-6) to the low-bidder, Superior Sealcoat, Inc. per recommendation of Mr. DiMartino.**

**On a Picard/Goodnow motion, the Board voted to approve the April 17<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted. Mrs. Davies abstained; all other members voted in the affirmative.**

**On a Picard/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve water abatements in the amount of \$104.31 and trash abatements in the amount of \$311.00.**

**On a Goodnow/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to support Article 20 of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town Meeting – Scenic Road Designation – High Street.**

**On a Picard/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jacqueline A. Bokoski  
Administrative Assistant**