

August 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairwoman Odabashian with all members in attendance.

### Public Hearing – EPA Grant

Mrs. Odabashian read the public hearing notice.

Mary Chaves, Planning Board Coordinator updated the Board on the \$200,000 EPA Grant for the Caryville Mill site cleanup. She also noted that \$100,000 for the site was pushed through the Legislature with the help of Rep. Jennifer Callahan. Mr. Fraine stated the grant funds are being used for the removal of asbestos and lead paint from the buildings and contaminated soil at the mill site. He noted the cleanup is nearly complete. Mrs. Odabashian stated the whole neighborhood will benefit from this project. Mrs. Chaves stated she is hopeful the assessment from the cleanup will be completed by the end of August.

Mrs. Odabashian asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak. Mr. Gary Nardone of Pearl St. asked if there would be any ability to tie into the town sewer system because of this project. Mr. Fraine stated there is no capacity available for this section of Bellingham.

On a Martinelli/Davies motion, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing.

### Board of Assessors – policy update

Members of the Board of Assessors informed the Board of Selectmen they would like to post property ownership information on the town's web site. Chairwoman Hutchins stated this information is already available through the Registry of Deeds. Mrs. Cournoyer stated several towns in the state already list this information. She noted the postings would lighten the workload in the office. The Assessors Office receives several calls a day from real estate agents & appraisers looking for property information. Mr. Noble stated putting this information on the web site would eliminate traffic in the office.

The Selectmen feel this is a good idea, but asked if there will be a way to respect the privacy of taxpayers who do not want their names listed. Mrs. Hutchins said there will be a way to withhold the names of those residents. This information

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will be posted on the town's website along with the use of an automated message to tell

residents they can have their name withheld.

Members of the Board were polled for their opinion on this policy change with all agreeing it is a good idea. Mr. Martinelli stated although he is in agreement with this change, he would like to speak with Town Counsel. Mr. Goodnow expressed his concern with how long it would take to pull someone's name from the site. Mrs. Cournoyer stated it can be pulled quickly.

Mrs. Lynn Ulsh of the Bellingham Playground Association announced that Silver Lake will be the new playground location. She stated the association started working on this project in 2004 and between fundraisers and donations from businesses, \$100,000 has been raised so far. The biggest challenge was finding a site for the playground. The Conservation Commission gave their approval for the Silver Lake site and plans are to break ground in early fall. Mrs. Ulsh stated the Association wanted to find a site that was centrally located and Silver Lake is perfect.

Mr. Fraine agreed it is an excellent location and thinks it will be a wonderful addition to the town. The Selectmen expressed their appreciation for the association's hard work and dedication to this project.

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the petition of Verizon New England and National Grid Co. to relocate Pole #1 on Governor Avenue.

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to hold on the vote to extend DPW Engineering/Consultant Agreements.

On a Picard/Davies motion, the Board unanimously voted to award the Lake Street Culvert Replacement (contract 2007-12) to the low bidder Lorusso Corp. of Plainville.

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Bruce Lord as a Democratic Member of the Board of Registrars.

On a Picard/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the July 16<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted.

On a Picard/Davies motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve water abatements in the amount of \$2469.94 and trash abatements in the amount of \$4434.00.

On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the request of Copart, Inc. to have the town of Bellingham supply water to their new facility at 82 Cape Rd., Mendon.

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**An All Boards Meeting was scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**On a Martinelli/Goodnow motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve a One Day Beer & Wine License for a fundraiser at St. Blaise Church, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – midnight, fees waived.**

**On a Martinelli/Picard motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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