

May 19, 2008

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

Mr. Martinelli turned the meeting over to Ms. Bokoski who asked for nominations for the chairman's position. Mr. Mayhew nominated Mr. Goodnow, seconded by Mr. Martinelli. There being no further nominations, a vote was taken on Mr. Mayhew's motion with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Goodnow asked for nominations for the vice chair's position. Mr. Martinelli nominated Mrs. Davies, seconded by Mrs. Chaves. There being no further nominations, a vote was taken on Mr. Martinelli's motion with all voting in the affirmative.

#### Public Hearing – Water Use Regulations

Mr. Goodnow read the public hearing notice.

Mr. DiMartino stated the two sections of the Water Use Regulations he is recommending be updated are Cross Connection Control Program Regulations and Estimated Reading Penalty. He went on to state the revision to the cross connection regulation is an update which has not been done since the inception of the program in 1992. The update does not call for any new fees or charges. The only change is to require containment at any commercial, industrial or institutional building where there is a risk to the town's water system from a cross connection.

The proposed amendment to the Estimated Reading Penalty is to put in place a procedure where penalties can be applied to water bills for customers who resist recycling their meters. Once they are notified the meters need recycling, the Town assumes the meter is no longer accurate, the readings are estimated and penalties are applied. Once the meter is recycled, the penalties will be waived.

Mr. Goodnow asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak on these proposed amendments. No one responded.

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

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accept the amendments to the Water Use Regulations as presented by Mr. DiMartino.

### Mr. Brad Stoller, MAPC update

Justin Stoller of MAPC appeared before the Board to present the Town's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Stoller explained that he had been meeting with a group of Town officials including Police, Fire, DPW, Emergency Management and the Town Administrator to discuss the creation of this plan. After many meetings and tremendous amounts of input from the various departments, natural hazards throughout Town were identified and included in the plan. These potential hazards include various dams, bridges and streams.

Having this plan on file with the Federal Government will allow the town to access various Federal grants. Mr. Stoller's work was paid for through an MAPC Grant.

### Mrs. Mathieu – Bond Signing

On a Mayhew/Davies motion, the Board unanimously voted to sign General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$4,128,000.00 with low bidder Fidelity Capital Market at a total Interest Cost of 3.689078%.

Mrs. Mathieu stated the bidding consisted of eight extremely competitive bids with very tight bidding percentages.

Mrs. Mathieu reported that the Town's Moody's rating remained the same and an upgrade was received from Standard & Poor's from AA- to AA.

On a Mayhew/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve sewer abatements in the amount of \$363.96; water abatements in the amount of \$478.65 and trash abatements in the amount of \$510.00.

On a Davies/Martinelli motion, the Board voted to approve the May 5<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted. Mrs. Chaves abstained; all other members voted in the affirmative.

On a Mayhew/Chaves motion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint James Hastings, Denis Auger, Marilyn Fuller, Robert Erickson, Brian Murphy, Kevin Tardif and Kevin Houlihan to the Memorial & Veteran's Day Committee.

Mr. Doug Cochrane, Zoning Board Alternate and Mr. Ron Lussier were interviewed by the Board of Selectmen for Mr. BenMaor's unexpired term as a regular member of the ZBA. Also in attendance were ZBA members Bob Andrews and Peter Delsignore who recommended Mr. Cochrane.

Mr. Mayhew made a motion to appoint Mr. Lussier to fill the ZBA vancancy with no second.

On a Chaves/Martinelli motion, the Board voted to appoint Mr. Cochrane to the ZBA position vacated by Mr. BenMaor. The motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Mayhew opposing.

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(Mr. Dunlea was unable to be present for an interview).

On a Martinelli/Mayhew motion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Eugene Corriveau for the three-year term on the Council on Aging.

On a Martinelli/Mayhew motion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Donald Wozniak to fill Mrs. Peluso's unexpired term.

On a Mayhew/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve a One Day Beer & Wine License for Whole Foods Market for a wine, ale and cheese tasting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm – 6 pm. Pourer will be Krasi Ross of Grape Expectations.

### Town Clerk's Salary

Mr. Fraine stated the Selectmen's recommendation for the Town Clerk's salary is currently \$62,938, however, the Finance Committee's recommendation is \$52,000. They took into account the newly-elected position and comparing salaries in similar towns. The Finance Committee has asked if the Selectmen will be reconsidering their recommendation.

Mr. Martinelli made a motion to set the Town Clerk's salary at \$47,000 for the first six months and then increase it to the \$52,000 figure. Mrs. Mathieu advised the Board that because this is an elected position, once the salary is set at Town Meeting – it is set for the year.

This being the case, Mr. Martinelli amended his motion to set the Town Clerk's salary at \$52,000, seconded by Mrs. Davies with all members voting in the affirmative.

On a Mayhew/Davies motion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the increase in ambulance fees as outlined in Chief Ranieri's May 2<sup>nd</sup> letter. Rates to take effect June 1, 2008.

Mr. Fraine requested an executive session pertaining to contract negotiations. Members of the Board were polled with all voting in the affirmative.

On a Mayhew/Martinelli motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

# **Jacqueline A. Bokoski**

## **Administrative Assistant**