BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING

MAY 8, 2012

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM. Present were Chairman Wozniak, Selectwoman Bik, Selectmen Marchand, Haughey and Chamberland and Town Administrator Keyes.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Bik made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2012, seconded by Mr. Chamberland. Vote unanimous.

Good & Welfare – Public

Daniels Farmstead - Ms. Paulette Boyko, of 96 Federal Street, stated that she is the president of The Daniels Farmstead Foundation, Inc. and will be hosting the Civil War Reenactment on June 24th and 25th of this year. She stated that she has discussed providing water for the event with Michael Suprenant, Department of Public Works. She stated that it is very important to communicate and that Daniels Farmstead is a great organization. Ms. Boyko stated that 1000 people attended the Civil War Reenactment last year and thanked the Board for their time. Chairman Wozniak stated that Daniels Farmstead has been placed on the next scheduled meeting on May 22, 2012.

Civil War Reenactment - Mr. Michael Catalano, of 20 Mendon Street, stated that he would like to be informed when the Board approves the Civil War Reenactment. He stated that he would like to see Daniels Farmstead continue to thrive in the Town of Blackstone.

Daniels Farmstead - Mary Jane Lee, of Memorial Circle, stated that she supports Ms. Paulette Boyko. She stated that Daniels Farmstead is a jewel and she is interested in revitalization. Ms. Lee asked why Revitalization was not asked to attend the meeting between the Town of Blackstone and Northeastern University. She stated that she wants to continue to work together in a positive venue. Mr. Wozniak stated that the need for people to help with Industrial Development of the town has been posted on the web site.

Daniels Farmstead - Jackie Minor, of 21 Blackstone Street, stated that she has been a volunteer of the farmstead for years. She stated that Ms. Boyko worked to obtain grants and fundraising to develop this treasure for the future. Ms. Wozniak stated that Daniels Farmstead is hereby given notice that they will be on the Board of Selectmen agenda of May 22, 2012. He asked that Ms. Boyko bring information regarding the water buffalos and liability.

Hearing & Meetings

Finance Committee - Mr. Keyes stated that the Public Hearing for the Finance Committee will be taped live on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM. He stated that the Special and Annual Town meetings will be May 29, 2012 at 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

Old Business

Personnel Policies – Mr. Wozniak stated that the Personnel Policy was removed from the agenda and placed on the Board of Selectmen agenda of May 22, 2012.

Finance Team Update – Administrator Keyes stated that the Town is reconciled through the month of March. He stated that he will be reporting where the Town stood in March of 2011 and where they are presently.

New Business

Special & Annual Town Meeting Warrant - Ms. Bik made a motion to approve and sign the warrants for the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Haughey. Mr. Wozniak amended the motion for Article #11 to read subject to additional language for planning implementation and filings. He stated that Article #21 will be removed from the warrant. Ms. Bik amended the motion to include additional language to Article #11 and to remove Article #21, seconded by Mr. Haughey, Vote unanimous.

Payroll Warrant - #12EWA36 & #12PW36 - Ms. Bik made a motion to approve payroll warrant, #12EWA36 & #12PW36, seconded by Mr. Haughey. Vote unanimous.

Vendor Warrant - #12EW36 - Ms. Bik made a motion to approve vendor #12EW36, seconded by Mr. Chamberland. Vote unanimous.

Water and Sewer Commission – Chairman Wozniak stated that Mr. Bruce Wilson withdrew his request to be a member of the Water and Sewer Commission; however, he is willing to be a member of the Industrial Commission. Chairman Wozniak asked that it be placed on the next agenda. Mr. Chamberland made a motion to appoint Mr. Fred Gremza to the Water & Sewer Commission. Ms. Bik made a motion to appoint Mr. Thomas Devlin to the Water & Sewer Commission for an unexpired term to expire June 2012, seconded by Mr. Marchand. Mr. Marchand - aye, Ms. Bik – aye, Mr. Haughey – aye, Mr. Chamberland – nay. Ms. Bik made a motion to appoint Mr. Charles Sawyer to the Water & Sewer Commission for an unexpired term to expire June 2013. Mr. Marchand - aye, Ms. Bik – aye, Mr. Haughey – aye, Mr. Chamberland – nay. Chairman Wozniak stated that they must see the Town Clerk within 15 days of the appointment.

Planning Board – Ms. Bik made a motion to appoint Mr. Donald J. Westberg, to the Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Chamberland. Vote unanimous.

Memorial Day Parade - Mr. Haughey stated that members of the Memorial Day Committee serve as an ad-hoc committee and can be as large or as small as the Board deems appropriate. He stated that the Board does not need to wait for a resignation prior to appointment. Mr. Chamberland read the letter submitted by the Memorial Day Parade Committee. Mr. Wozniak stated that he expressed interest to be on the committee. He stated that he is a veteran and considered this to be an honor. Mr. Chamberland stated that he would be more than helpful to assist. Mr. Marchand made a motion to appoint Mr. Chamberland to the Memorial Day Parade Committee, seconded by Mr. Haughey. Vote unanimous.

Good & Welfare – Selectmen

Selectman Chamberland - Mr. Chamberland stated that Daniels Farmstead has asked him to be their liason. He stated that he would be more than happy to work with the Chairman and Town Administrator to make sure everything runs smoothly in the future. He thanked the Board for voting to appoint him to the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Selectman Haughey - Mr. Haughey asked that the bond release for Park Street/Onyx Building Corp. be place on the May 22, 2012 agenda. He asked for an update regarding the clean-up effort at Well #8 prior to moving to get the bond released. He stated that he met Mrs. Denise Delaney and spoke of her husband who gave of himself to Blackstone’s Emergency Management. Chairman Wozniak asked that Well #8 be placed on the agenda separately from the release of the bond and under Old Business.

Selectwoman Bik – Ms. Bik asked that Bellingham Road be added to the May 22, 2012 agenda. She stated that she would like to give the Department of Public Works Director time to address the issues. Ms. Bik stated that the Sheriff’s Department has done fabulous work in the library and the historical museum. She stated that a new crew will be available shortly to fix the sidewalk. She stated that there will be a Senior Center yard sale on Saturday, May 19th and that the Senior Center will be having many different activities in May. She thanked the Finance Committee, Town Administrator and Town Accountant for the tremendous amount of work they do.

Selectman Marchand - Mr. Marchand asked for information and a follow-up on the street signs on Washington Street. Administrator Keyes stated that they notified GPS who has updated all locations. Mr. Marchand commended the Finance Committee and Normand Bergeron for all the work they do and asked that residents attend the public hearing scheduled for May 14th at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Wozniak - Mr. Wozniak stated that the revitalization committee has not been active for a significant length of time. He stated that Mr. Bruce Wilson will be a great addition to the Industrial Commission. Mr. Wozniak stated that the Bellingham Town Common cost 1.2 million dollars; however, it is a jewel in the town. He stated that there are 4 vacancies available for the Industrial Commission. He stated that residents should attend the Civil War Reenactment at Daniels Farmstead on June 24th and 25th and the Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 27th. Chairman Wozniak stated the attendance at town meeting is very important and asked that residence let their voice be heard.

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Ms. Bik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, seconded by Mr. Haughey. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Nadeau-Lemoine