

## Select Board Members Present:

Joseph Michaud-Chairman  
Nathalie L. Dias-Vice Chairwoman  
William J. Trimble

Lara H. Stone  
Michael P. Watson

The Chairman opened the Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Chairman polled the Board for a roll call vote to convene into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 39 Sec 23B: Vice-Chairwoman Dias, yes; Selectman Trimble, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman Watson, yes; Chairman Joseph Michaud, yes.

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The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on May 4, 2009 in room 304.

Board members signed the **warrant(s)** for the following bills from various departments in the amounts of:

\$ 858,063.63	PR43	\$ 588,847.33	PD0944	\$ 202,598.96	S0945
\$ 108,386.88	T0945	\$		\$	

### **6:30/Joint Meeting with Select Board and Finance Committee.**

Peter Friedman, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported State Aid is \$723,000 less than last year and \$941,000 less than anticipated in January. The Chairman stated the Town is still awaiting \$300,000 in pothole money. The Chairman mentioned The Director of Budget and Finance has done an excellent job in keeping the costs down. Mr. Friedman mentioned we have funded the Cross Guards for our schools.

Vice-Chairman, Greg Lynam mentioned the State Aid Cuts. Mr. Lynam mentioned if any surplus reserves for FY 2009 will be applied to the FY 2010 budget. Mr. Lynam mentioned Department Head expenditures have been keep to an extremely low level.

### **7:15/Meeting with Youth Commission re: 2010 Budget.**

Gale Schultz, Chairwoman of Dartmouth Youth Commission, informed the Board that she feels the Youth Advocate position is critically important for the safety, support and well being of the youth of Dartmouth who may be at risk, in crisis, or who otherwise do not have support services available to them by any other means.

Select Board members felt that additional information was needed to act on this position.

Several Select Board members strongly voiced keeping the Youth Advocate's position.

Mrs. Schultz, Chairwoman of the Youth Commission was asked by Select Board Members to provide additional information. The Board is looking for the number of Youth Advocates in other Town/Cities how they are paid and a comparison of drop out rates.

**7:30/Workforce Investment Board Summer Youth Opportunities.**

Len Coriarty and Ed Dennehy, Workforce Investment Board, Briefed the Board on the Summer Youth Opportunities program. The Workforce program allows students between the age of 14-24 to work for the summer. These students are paid through a grant program.

**7:45/Meeting with Cindy Parola, Executive Director Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity.**

Cindy Parola, Executive Director of Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, briefed the Board on partnering with the Town in the future to find opportunities to bring truly affordable housing to low to middle income working families of your region.

**7:55/Meeting with Tim Lancaster re: Recreation Department relocation.**

Tim Lancaster, Superintendant of Parks and Recreation, informed the Board that the cost of the move from the Old Town Hall to the Old Smith Neck School will be \$9,280.

Chairman Michaud requested Mr. Iacaponi contacting Cindy Marland, DCTV and see if the \$9280.00 could be covered by DCTV.

**8:05/Meeting with Dexter Mead, DNRT, Approval of Peleg Island Farm Conservation Restriction.**

Dexter Mead was present from DNRT for the Approval of Peleg Island Farm Conservation Restriction.

The Chairman asked that the Board be informed of the assessed taxes on this parcel before signing the Restriction. This was tabled until May 18<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting.

**8:10/Discussion of Town Insurance Coverage.**

The Chairman requested that the Town Insurance go out for bids.

Chairman Michaud announced anyone who would like to assist on the endeavor can contact myself at his office 508-979-8070 or at the Select Board Office at 508-910-1813.

## **New Business:**

### **Appoint Candidates:**

#### **Nitrogen Committee**

Chad J. McGuire and Tom Gidwitz were present for an appointment on the Nitrogen Committee. Both individuals presented the Board with their work history.

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to appoint Chad J. McGuire and Tom Gidwitz to the Nitrogen Committee.*

#### **Rail Task Force**

*After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to appoint Donald Perry to Rail Task Force.*

#### **COA Representative**

Tabled.

The Chairman announced last week Selectwoman Lara Stone was appointed to the Smart Growth Committee; however, has stepped down due to a conflict.

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted (4) four in favor and (1) one abstention (Selectman Trimble) to appoint Selectman William Trimble to the Smart Growth Committee.*

#### **Town Resolution on CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women).**

Benjamin Kahrl, Amnesty International Advisor, presented the Board with information on the CEDAW.

Mr. Kraus, a Dartmouth High School student, presented to the Board a small history on CEDAW.

*After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the Resolution on CEDAW.*

**Letter from Town of Norton re: Request for Changes in the Calculation of the Subsidized Housing Inventory.**

Edward Iacaponi, Director of Budget and Finance informed the Board he received a letter from Town of Norton pertaining to a request for changes in the calculation of the subsidized housing inventory. This is required by all communities in the Commonwealth who are close to achieving the statutory goal of 10 percent affordable housing as set forth under Massachusetts General Laws.

The Select Board will meet with Representative John Quinn and Senator Mark Montigny regarding this issue.

**Letter from Director of Public Works re: Construction Division Project Cost Comparison 2007-2008.**

A letter received from David Hickox, Director of Public Works, contained a brief synopsis of (16) projects that have been completed by the Construction Division from 2007 to 2008. In this synopsis is a complete cost breakdown for each project listing cost and an estimated contracted cost. This is a total savings of \$748,999.

Selectman Michael Watson stated that he would like to see more transparency in how the figures were obtained, the labor costs and how the 15% markup was determined.

**Recommendation from Interim Executive Administrator of 40R, 449 Reed Road LLC Project for possible October ATM. Also, delay on Expansion of Smart Growth District.**

Edward Iacaponi stated to the Select Board that the project on 449 Reed Road will not make the June deadline. Mr. Iacaponi mentioned that this project requires more time and will go forward for the Fall Town Meeting.

**Discussion re: Communication Network Expansion and Future Development of the Town web page.**

Selectwoman Lara Stone would like to see the Expansion and Future Development of the Town web page. Selectwoman Stone would like to create a larger Committee full scale plan for the website, communications out to Town residents and the ability to e-mail Town Meeting members.

**Renewal Application of Buns on the Run Too for a Common Victualler.**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias and seconded by Selectman William Trimble it, was voted unanimously to approve the Renewal Application of Buns on the Run Too for a Common Victualler.*

**Edward Iacaponi requested the Board sign a Bond Note.**

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to sign the \$160,000 note for the septic note rebate.

**NStar Petition to Obstruct and Disturb-13 Edgeworth St.**

*After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias and seconded by Selectman William Trimble it, was voted unanimously to approve the NStar Petition to Obstruct and Disturb 13 Edgeworth St.*

Chairman Michaud notified the Board an update will be given by the Search Committee on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Chairman requested the Personnel Board attend an Executive Session meeting with Attorney Howard Greenspan.

**Announcements:**

The Chairman announced the following:

Bristol County Selectman's Associations Meeting to be Held on Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Seekonk Ramada Inn to discuss Regionalism.

Invitation to a Creative Problem Solving Workshop to be held by SRPEDD on May 15, 2009 to assist municipalities in moving toward economic and environmental sustainability.

Greg Jones, School Committee Member, announced The Beach Bum Ball Event, Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Skyroom, Howland Place, New Bedford. A \$50.00 donation is requested to support innovation and creativity in Dartmouth Public Schools through the Dartmouth Education Foundation.

In closing Chairman Michaud announced the next Select Board Meeting will be held on May 18, 2009.

Attest:



Edward Iacaponi, Interim Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres