

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 4:00 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: Selectman Trimble, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman Watson, yes; Vice-Chairwoman Dias, yes; Chairman Michaud, yes.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 17, 2009 in room 304.

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

\$ 342,245.58 PR06 \$ 2,365,714.21 PD1006 \$ 290,947.06 D1007

\$ 23,718.49 P1007 \$ 58,174.44 T1007

6:30/Application of Holy Ghost Society of Horseneck for a One Day All Alcoholic License for 9-5-09.

Olivia Andre was present for the Application of Holy Ghost Society of Horseneck.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the Application of Holy Ghost Society of Horseneck for a One Day All Alcoholic License for 9-5-09.

6:35/Continued Hearing of NStar Electric for 8 manhole and conduit locations on Hawthorn St.

Donna Rosa was present for the continued Hearing of NStar Electric.

Officer Joe Vieira, informed the Board that he is less concerned about the traffic on Hawthorn St. Officer Vieira stated traffic will be able to pass in two lanes during the construction however, he is concerned with the intersection of Slocum Road and Hawthorn Street.

A motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone to authorize NStar to do this work starting at the end of June 2010.

Selectman Michael Watson questioned the urgency of this project and recommended tabling this issue pending further information from NStar.

Selectwoman Lara Stone withdrew her motion.

The Board suggested having the Engineer present.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias it, was voted unanimously to continue this hearing until August 31, 2009.

6:40/Meeting with Virginia Valiela to give an update on the Refuse District-Landfill.

Virginia Valiela, Executive Director of Refuse District, gave a status report of the District, Crapo Hill Landfill which has been in business for 15 years. Ms. Valiela informed the Board that the budget for FY 2010 is 4.9 million dollars is only 4% higher than the original budget in 1996. Ms. Valiela stated the assessment dropped from 2 million dollars in 1996 to \$835,000 in FY 2010. She stated since Pay-As-You Throw, the record of tonnage for FY 2010 is 4,900 tons and recycling dropped to 6003 tons.

Hank Van Laarhoven, Director of Operations, informed the Board that the landfill has developed 29 out of the 70 acres. Mr. Laarhoven mentioned that if the fill rate stays 100,000 tons per year the landfill should last for 30 years. In Closing he mentioned that the landfill has a gas collection system that prevents gases escaping into the air.

7:00/Briefing and update on Midway Realty, LLC (former Lincoln Park).

Attorney Jay Williams, Joseph Delgado and Curt Mello were present for the briefing on Midway Realty. Attorney Williams informed the Board that the original proposal was for a 40B Affordable Housing. He stated that they have changed from 40B to a 40R Attorney Williams mentioned this has less affordable units, less accounting procedures and more bonuses to the Town especially on the commercial units.

The Board questioned whether the Town needs to pay back the \$350,000 received in a bonus payment under the 40R. Attorney Williams believes as long as the project starts before December 2010 the Town should not have to pay the money back. Attorney Williams will provide the Board with backup to this matter.

7:15/Gary Whitehead to discuss the Paskamansett River.

Gary Whitehead, Town resident, updated the Board on the trash behind Stop & Shop. Mr. Whitehead stated this has already been cleaned up once. He recommended contacting Stop & Shop to put a fence around the Fire Hydrant; this will eliminate some

of the garage. Mr. Whitehead requested having a meeting with Michael O'Reilly and David Hickox pertaining to some sewage in the river.

7:30/Tom Davis, Greater New Bedford Industrial Foundation, to give Board an update of new activity in the New Bedford Business Park.

Tom Davis, Director of the Greater New Bedford Industrial Foundation gave the board an update of new activity in the New Bedford Business Park.

- 490,000 of new expanded & modernized space.
- 342,000 of existing space purchased.
- 107,000 of existing space leased.
- 12 new companies located in the park and 9 existing companies expanded in the park.
- 1000 new jobs as a result of new activity.

Mr. Davis continued to explain the job growth and the future job growth from the sale of remaining 200 acres.

New Business:

Re-Appointment of David Ross and James Collins to Community Development Group.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to Re-Appoint David Ross and James Collins to Community Development Group.

Re-Appointment of David Brownell to the Dartmouth Agriculture Commission.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to Re-Appoint David Brownell to the Dartmouth Agriculture Commission.

Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The Chairman informed the public that the Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dartmouth High School and continued to read the Warrant Articles.

Letter from Jane Choubah, Clerk Zoning Board of Appeals, re: Meeting date change.

The Chairman informed the Board that due to the Special Town meeting held on Tuesday August 25, 2009, the Zoning Board of Appeals has rescheduled there hearing Until Tuesday September 1, 2009.

NStar Gas permission to obstruct and disturb the surface beginning at the intersection of Russells Mills Road to house 121 Potter St.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the Petition of NStar Gas to obstruct and disturb the surface beginning at the intersection of Russells Mills Road to house 121 Potter St.

Update from Edward Iacaponi, Director of Budget and Finance to give an update on the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Assessment.

The Director of Budget and Finance informed the Board that the Town received a \$86,000 credit for FY2009 from Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School assessment. Mr. Iacaponi stated the State reduced the Regional Transportation reimbursement this year by \$350,000 however after speaking with members at The Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School the Town will not be charged any additional amount.

Town of Dartmouth Community Preservation Committee Project Guidelines and Application for Funding the Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Old Town Hall at Russells Mills Road.

Edward Iacaponi informed the Board that we have applied for a Grant through Community Preservation Committee for \$235,411.

Selectman Michael Watson stated for the record the Town is not adding additional Administrative Personal at the Police Department and is not paying additional salaries. Mr. Watson mentioned we are restructuring and bringing back a Chief, Deputy Chief and a Captain as opposed to a Chief, and two Captains.

The Chairman updated the public on the horrible tragedy in our community last week. The Chairman stated the Town is still waiting for the results in the investigation and stated he will keep the public informed.

Old Business:

Board to Appoint Lieutenants to Police Department.

The Chairman stated we have received an extension from the Civil Service until the end of August. The Chairman mentioned we will schedule this for next weeks meeting.

Announcements:

Regional Summit Meeting to be held on September 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Dartmouth Town Hall Room 304 presented by SRPEDD.

Congressman Barney Frank is going to give a presentation at the Council on Aging, 628 Dartmouth Street on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. regarding Healthcare. WBSM and Fox News will be broadcasting from the Council on Aging Parking lot.

The Town again is harvesting Asian Pears from the Souza/Lagasse Farm. The pears will be ready to be picked the second week in September. Any Youth Groups and Community Groups who are interested in helping may contact Mr. Matt Thomas at 508-994-1500.

With no further business to be discussed, the Chairperson declared the regular meeting adjourned.

Attest:



Edward Iacaponi, Interim Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres