

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 5:45 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 September 14, 2009 in room 304.

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

\$ 376,264.44	PR09	\$ 1,068,453.55	PD1009	\$ 15,066.74	S1010
\$ 157,321.44	T1010	\$ 862,521.32	PR10	\$ 433,327.08	PD1010
\$ 257,401.78	D1011	\$ 47,095.03	P1011	\$ 235,276.25	T1011
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6:30/Continued hearing for NStar for 8 proposed manhole and conduit location on Hawthorn Street.

The Chairman opened the hearing for NStar.

Michael Wall, Engineer for NStar and Donna Rosa was present for the Hearing.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the 8 proposed manhole and conduit on Hawthorn Street conditional to input of Officer Joseph Viera on terms of public safety and work hours not earlier than 8:30 a.m. and agreed that every accommodation would be made to limit the disruption to drop off and pick up students at the Quinn Elementary School.

The Chairperson closed the hearing for NStar.

6:40/Application of UMass Dartmouth Alumni Association for a One Day Beer & Wine License for 9/26/09.

Mary Ellen DeFrias was present for the Application of UMass Dartmouth.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Application of UMass Dartmouth Alumni Association for a One Day Beer & Wine License for 9/26/09.

6:45/Lynn Medeiros, Town Clerk, to discuss various services in the Town Clerk's Office.

Lynn Medeiros, Town Clerk informed the Select Board that Passport Services are requesting more information. She stated the passports have to be sent via traceable deliver method leading to more time being spent in her office to process. The Town Clerk stated this also comes out of the \$25.00 agent fee. The Town Clerk stated it currently takes about 15 to 20 minutes for one passport and this takes time away from their daily routine. The Town Clerk mentioned from 2001-2008 they have collected \$135,000 but has noticed a recent decline.

The Board suggested restricting the hours for Passports.

The Chairperson requested the Town Clerk to send a draft letter to the appropriate Representative asking them to consider increasing the fees.

Selectwoman Stone suggested that the Town Clerk post a list of other cities/town issuing Passports with these hours.

The Town Clerk announced December 8, 2009 is the Primary Election and January 19, 2009 is the Election.

New Business:

Reappointment of Mary Ellen DeFrias to the Registrar of Voters.

Mary Ellen DeFrias was present to answer any questions.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to Reappoint Mary Ellen DeFrias to the Registrar of Voters.

Correspondence from Edward Iacaponi, Director of Budget and Finance re: Zoning Article for 2009 Fall Town Meeting on a revised Flood Hazard Map and Notice of Public Hearing.

Notice that the Dartmouth Select Board's Office is in receipt of the attached zoning by-law article to adopt a revised Flood Hazard Map and ensure the zoning by-law text is consistent with the revised map and Federal Emergency Management Requirements. A Public Hearing will be on October 5, 2009.

Status of Old Town Hall CPC Application.

Edward Iacaponi informed the Board he applied for an Application from CPC for restoring the Old Town Hall. He mentioned to the Board that the CPC turned this application down 4/2 vote. The CPC wanted a Historic Preservation Consult. The Interim Executive Administrator is going to amend the plan for replacement of windows.

Letter of Praise to Stat Ambulance Service.

The Chairperson Acknowledged and read the letter of praise from Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins.

NStar Electric Petition for 1 Proposed Joint Pole Location and the Removal of 1 Existing Pole Location on Dartmouth Street.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the Petition of NStar for 1 Proposed Joint Pole Location and the Removal of 1 Existing Pole Location on Dartmouth Street.

Petition of NStar Gas permission to obstruct and disturb the surface of 49 Clarendon Street.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the Petition of NStar Gas to obstruct and disturb the surface of 49 Clarendon Street.

"Press Release" regarding Dartmouth Leadership Rescinds Bus Transportation Fees.

**DARTMOUTH LEADERSHIP RESCINDS
BUS TRANSPORTATION FEES**

September 10, 2009, Dartmouth, MA— At a joint meeting of the Select Board, Finance Committee and School Committee of the Town of Dartmouth last night, leaders voted to rescind bus transportation fees for all families for the 2009-2010 school year. The unanimous decision, effective immediately, will allow the town to use some surplus funds for this year to reduce fees for tax-payers. Families that have already paid the fee for this school-year will be reimbursed. All refunds will be processed by mail on or before October 31, 2009.

Further discussion included use of the \$3.5 million in turn-back funds from the 2009 fiscal year. Much of the money is spoken for already based on carefully identified priorities. Dartmouth will be forced to make up the difference locally for reductions in MA State Aid particularly for Chapter 70 education funds and must tackle items from its 5-year Capital Improvement Project list. Many of these projects have been put off for the last 1-3 years due to budget cuts. These include items such as road work, new boilers, police cruisers, snow plows with frames, salt/sand spreaders, and school technology. Funds will also be placed in the Stabilization fund. Town Meeting will vote on these decisions at the October 20 meeting at Dartmouth High School at 7:00 PM.

The meeting closed with a briefing by Dr. Russell, Superintendent of the Dartmouth Public Schools, about the potential costs of funding full-day Kindergarten in Dartmouth. A pilot project is happening this year with 20 children attending full-day in all three elementary schools. A working group with representation from Select Board, School Committee and Finance Committee will be formed to study the feasibility of implementing full-day Kindergarten in 2010. If residents have any questions concerning Bus Transportation reimbursement, they may call the Town Administration Office at 508-997-3391.

The Board authorized Selectman Michael Watson to explore options of Regionalization Animal Control with the Town of Westport.

Vice-Chairperson Nathalie Dias also asked about Regionalization of the recreation Department with the Town of Westport.

Minutes:

Minutes of August 31, 2009 and September 9, 2009.

Selectman Watson requested a correction on page 2 August 31, 2009 should have read Fall Town Meeting 2009.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 31, 2008 pending the change and September 9, 2009.

Announcements:

Ice Chest Bar & Grill, 136 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven, Tent Party & Bike Run event to be held on Sunday October 11th. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m.

Habitat for Cats Yard Sale to be held on Saturday October 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Smith Mills Church.

The Chairperson read the Official Citation for Captain McGuire who is retiring.

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

Attest:



Edward Iacaponi, Interim Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres