



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

William J. Trimble-Chairperson
Michael P. Watson-Vice Chairperson
Lara H. Stone

Joseph Michaud
Shawn McDonald

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 Michaud, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman McDonald, yes; Vice-Chairperson Watson, yes; Chairman Trimble, yes.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 2010 in room 304.

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

\$ 361,513.42	PR06	\$ 817,086.50	PD1107	\$ 83,194.09	D1108
\$ 233,487.15	T1108	\$ 358,831.96	PR07	\$ 246,591.29	PD1108
\$ 58,018.22	D1109	\$ 3,889.20	S1109	\$ 45,152.63	T1109

6:30/Municipal Solutions.

Municipal Solutions, a consulting firm based in Arizona, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board about the value of analyzing Dartmouth government in local receipts. The Business plan for reorganizing town government in Dartmouth, contained in a 14-page proposal, is meant to improve accountability and effectiveness through consolidation of departments.

Selectman Michaud said Dartmouth needs new ideas and a fresh perspective as it heads to fiscal 2012, when preliminary projections call for the town to have about a \$500,000 deficit, based on a 5 percent reduction in state aid and a decline in local receipts.

Selectman Trimble said he supports hiring a private consultant.

Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and Selectperson Lara Stone questioned the timing of the study, since the Select Board only received the Executive Administrator's report on improving governmental operations within the last few days.

Selectperson McDonald said he was less concerned about the timing and more concerned about the cost.

The Executive Administrator stated that anything over \$5000 needs to go out to bid.

A motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald for discussion only that this Board requests that the Executive Administrator put together a request for postal for Municipal Efficiency Study and that the Executive Administrator meet with the Fincom for potential funding.

An amended motion was made by Selectperson Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously that the Executive Administrator meet with the Fincom for potential funding.

7:00/Application of Ruby Tuesday for a Change of Manager to Allen W. Frazier.

Applicant did not show up.

7:05/Application of St. Julie's for a Common Victualler License and Amusement Device for September 26, 2010.

Jean Labelle was present for the Application of St. Julie's.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Application of St. Julie's for a Common Victualler License and Amusement Device for September 26, 2010.

7:10/Application of Portuguese American Social Club for a One Day Beer & Wine License for September 19, 2010.

Edward Williams was present for the Application of Portuguese American Social Club.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Application of Portuguese American Social Club for a One Day Beer & Wine License for September 19, 2010.

7:15/Lynn Medeiros, Town Clerk re: Website Calendar.

Lynn Medeiros, Town Clerk informed the Board that she is on her own website due to the new "Open Meeting Law" changes, it was very difficult and too many steps for her to put all the information needed on the Town's Website.

Some members of the Board said that they were unsatisfied, our goal was to have everyone at Town Hall on the same webpage to make it easier for the public.

The Board stated that Executive Administrator will be in charge of coming up with a solution between the Town Clerk and Computer Services.

New Business:

Conservation Restriction for "Cornell Farm".

Dexter Mead was present for the Conservation Restriction for "Cornell Farm"

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectperson Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the Conservation Restriction for 'Cornell Farm'.

Letter from Safety Officer, Joseph Vieira re: Rogers St.

Install "Resident Parking by Permit Only, Town Zone" signs on Roger St. East of Buttonwood Road and from St. John Street, 300 feet North of Rogers St. intersection to the entrance of Johns Beach Parking Lot. The reasoning for this request is that this residential area is located near the former Park Oil property which has become the new Rogers Street boat launching and parking lot.

After a motion was made by Selectperson Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted (4) four in favor and (1) one opposed (Selectperson William Trimble) to approve the recommendations by the Safety Officer pertaining to Rogers St.

Chapter 61A, Bakerville Road-Notice of Intention to sell.

The Conservation Commission and Planning Board have recommended that the Town not exercise its option to purchase this parcel of Land.

After a motion was made by Selectperson Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously not to exercise its option to purchase this parcel of Land on Bakerville Road.

Cable Television Contract & Service.

The Town of Dartmouth cable television contract with Comcast expires on September 5, 2013. The DCTV Board of Directors has voted to initiate contract negotiations with Comcast. To initiate this, a sub-committee of the DCTV Board of Directors is interviewing two attorneys that specialize in this subject to assist the DCTV Board of Directors in said negotiations as has been done in the past. I approached Verizon concerning their plan for Dartmouth. Based on that contact, I learn that Verizon's current corporate policy is to grow their customer base with municipalities in Massachusetts where they have already been granted franchises.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectperson Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Executive Administrator to send a letter to Verizon about extending cable service to the Town of Dartmouth.

Veterans Advisory Board Appointment.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to appoint Sergeant Paul Solomon to the Veterans Advisory Board.

A Business Plan for the Town of Dartmouth Improving the Governance Structure & the Functioning and Inter-Departmental relationship of all Town Departments.

The Executive Administrator reviewed some of the highlights of the Business Plan. (see attached).

Policy for Naming/Remaining Town Facility.

The Select Board will consider on an annual basis, nominations for the remaining new facilities, portions of facilities rooms, and/or outside Town facilities, constructed by the Town. At its discretion, it may also rename existing Town facilities and/or fields. (An inventory of current designations will be maintained with the Executive Administrator's Office.)

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectperson Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to adopt this Policy for Naming/Remaining of Town Facility.

Letter from Dartmouth Waterways Commission.

The Dartmouth Waterways Management Commission recently suffered the sudden and tragic death of Attorney Norman Peloquin. The Dartmouth Waterways Commission seeks guidance from the Board in filling the current vacancy.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectperson Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to post for this vacancy for the Dartmouth Waterways Management Commission.

Old Business:

Minutes:

Minutes of August 9, 2010.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to table the minutes of August 9, 2010 until the Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2010 are complete.

Announcements:

The Town Clerk received a plaque for the Town for partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2010 census year.

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

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres

