



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

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

Joseph Michaud
Shawn McDonald

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 25, 2010 in room 304.

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

\$913,569.30	PR16	\$879,692.89	PD1117	\$77,619.91	PD1117
\$49,156.97	T1118	\$11,473.33	P1118	\$321,641.71	S1118
\$48,581.13	D1118				

6:30/Appointment with Sue Guiducci re: Dutch Belt Farms.

Sue Guiducci, Agricultural Preservation Trust Commission, updated the board that the Souza Lagasse Farm will be completed in about four weeks. Ms. Guiducci mentioned that the Dutch Belt at the corner of N. Hixville/Copicut Road, an 80 acre farm, will include the APR Application, Commonwealth Capital Application and Request for Proposal. Ms. Guiducci mentioned that the students at Roger Williams College did a conceptual design on Dutch Belt Farm and that this will give us the option to have partnerships.

New Business:

Greg Barnes, Director of Budget & Finance to discuss excess bond proceeds repurposing.

Greg Barnes, Director of Budget & Finance briefed the board on the excess bond proceeds repurposing.

After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the following excess bond proceeds: \$15,000 of borrowing authorized by a vote of the Town passed June 1, 2004 (Article 18), \$1,324.79 of borrowing authorized by a vote of the Town passed May 15, 2001 (Article 34 and 37), \$80,007.57 of borrowing authorize by a vote of the Town passed November 12, 2002 (Article 21), and \$60,000 of borrowing authorized by a vote of the Town passed November 12, 2002 (Article 18) are hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c 44, s. 7 to be as follows:

Department of Public Works Back Hoe(Highway-Funded Portion Only)	15,000	5 Years
DPW-Highway Division (2) 34,400 GVW Dump Trucks	\$81,332.36	15 Years
DPW-Water Enterprise Fund 19,950 GVW Small Dump Truck	\$60,000	15 Years

Correspondence from GNBRVTHS re: feasibility study for a proposed addition to the school.

The Executive Administrator informed the board that the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School has been invited to collaborate with the Massachusetts School Building Authority to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed addition to the school.

Correspondence re: Beach Stickers.

The Executive Administrator mentioned the following:

The number of regular beach stickers almost doubled.
The number of senior beach stickers increased by more than 50%.
Excluding certain costs for year round staff, equipment and facility maintenance, revenues exceeded expenses by more than \$10,000.

Bullard Center Lease.

Postponed until next week.

Board to sign Activity and Use Limitation Agreement on the former “Park Oil” site.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the Activity and Use Limitation Agreement.

Amendment to the Randall Medeiros Estates Open Space Trust.

Executive Administrator, David Cressman updated the Board on the amendment to the Randall Medeiros Estates Open Space Trust. The Planning Board recommends the amendment. The Planning Board would like the Select Board to be aware that the applicant must meet all other conditions of the subdivision plan for approval. Such other conditions are requirements of signage that make the public aware of open space access and installation of the concrete bounds defining the edge of the open space. If the owner of lot 3 is responsible for expenses, the expenses could be more than just property taxes on the open space parcel, as there is reference in the document to perpetual maintenance obligations on the open space parcel as well.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the Randall Medeiros Estates Open Space Trust.

Local Receipts FY 2010 & FY 2011.

The Board discussed the Local Receipts for FY 2010 and FY 2011.

Comcast Commencement of the Renewal Process.

The Executive Administrator informed the board that the Dartmouth Community Television Board has already started to prepare for this process by selecting Att. William Solomon to provide them with legal assistance. Attorney Solomon will update the Board on the progress.

Ballot Question # 3.

The Executive Administrator informed the board that the MMA has done a simulation of the impact of the loss of State Tax funds in FY12 if question 3 is adopted. Additionally, there is the likelihood of FY11 budget reductions if question 3 is adopted. For Dartmouth, the protected loss of Chapter 70 funds is \$1,093,367 of the FY11 adopted amount of \$9,587,786. Based on how Dartmouth does its budgets, this would be a direct loss to the School Department. In terms of Lottery Aid, the projected loss would be \$243,148 from a FY11 adopted amount of \$2,132,179. Considering how the

proponents contend that the adoption of this ballot question will stimulate the economy and how Dartmouth does its budget, it is unlikely that Local receipts and “New Growth” from property taxes would result in an increase of over \$1.3 million by June 30, 2011. It is likely that such reductions will result in service reductions and layoffs.

Minutes:

Minutes of October 18, 2010.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 18, 2010.

Announcements:

Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, November 4th at the Dartmouth High School.

A “Press Conference” was held last Friday; the Town was awarded a grant funding for Community Park. Selectwoman Stone stated out of 58 grants only 21 were awarded.

The Dartmouth High School Marching Band won the U.S. Scholastic Band Association’s New England States Championship on Saturday, defeating four Connecticut high school bands in its division.

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres

