

# Town of Dartmouth 400 Slocum Road Dartmouth, MA 02747

## **Board of Selectmen**

#### **Select Board Members Present:**

Lara H. Stone- Chairwoman Shawn McDonald –Vice Chairman William J. Trimble Joseph Michaud Michael 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. 30A, Sec 21: Selectman Michaud, yes; Vice-Chairman McDonald, yes; Selectman Trimble, yes; Chairwoman Stone, yes; Chairman Watson, yes.

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The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 18, 2012 in room 304.

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

Date	Warrant #	<b>Warrant Description</b>	Amount
6/2/2012	PR49	Payroll Expense	\$910,021.04
6/7/2012	PD1249	Payroll Deduction	\$1,608,008.18
6/9/2012	PR50	Payroll Expense	\$975,682.37
6/11/2012	D1250	DPW Expense	\$167,303.11
6/11/2012	P1250	Police Expense	\$9,604.37
6/11/2012	S1250	School Expense	\$410,575.63
6/11/2012	T1250	Town Expense	\$100,780.28
6/14/2012	PD1250	Payroll Deduction	\$470,921.67
6/18/2012	T1251	Town Expense	\$236,437.17

#### I. Appointments:

- 6:30 p.m. <u>Presentation for Margaret Brumstead, Dartmouth High School</u> teacher and the students past, present and future of her Horticulture Club.
  - The Select Board presented Margaret Brumstead and her students of the Dartmouth High School Horticulture club with a citation for their hard work and involvement in the community.

6:30 p.m. <u>Joint Meeting-Park Board & Cemetery Commission Re: MOU.</u>

- The Park Board is in support of the MOU.
- The Cemetery Commission voted against the MOU as it stands.
- The Cemetery Commission feels the MOU as written seems derogatory against the Cemetery Commission. They would like revisions to be made due to this issue.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to transfer the tractor and all equipment including the tractor's trailer to the Park Board effective immediately and to notify the Cemetery Commission that if they require the use of the equipment for Cemetery related business that it will be available for their utilization.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the MOU as written.

After a motion was made by Mr. Vieira and seconded by Mr. Bosworth it was voted unanimously by the Parks Department to approve the MOU as written.

6:40 p.m. <u>Presentation on the Town's new On- line Bill Pay System (Invoice Cloud).</u>

- As of July 1<sup>st</sup> residents can now see balances owed on bills, along with making payments.
- No registration is needed.
- All of the residents' bills can now be viewed on-line.
- Paperless is now an option instead of paper billing.
- Allows access to public information on the website. (e.g. Real Estate)
- Residents can choose email confirmations on auto pay features.
- 2.95% fee for paying by credit card.
- 40 cent fee for electronic check.
- Real time files are stored within Invoice Cloud.
- Residents can schedule their bills to be paid on Invoice Cloud.

6:55 p.m. <u>Application of Institution for Children of Nordeste for a One Day</u> Beer & Wine License for July 28, 2012.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve a One Day Beer and Wine License for July 28, 2012.

\*Please call Inner Bay Restaurant for tickets and donations: 508-971-1690

6:57 p.m. <u>Application of Country Club of New Bedford for an All Alcohol License for June 23, 2012.</u>

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve a One Day All Alcohol License for June 23, 2012.

6:58 p.m. <u>Application of St. George Greek Orthodox Church for a One Day</u>
Beer & Wine License for September 7-9, 2012.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve a One Day Beer and Wine License for September 7-9, 2012.

6:59 p.m. Application of Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust for a One Day All Alcohol License and a Common Victualler License for August 25, 2012.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve a One Day All Alcohol License and a Common Victualler License for August 25, 2012.

- For tickets or donations please contact: DNRT at 404 Elm Street or www.dnrt.org, tickets are \$85.00
- 7:00 p.m. Application of Summit Grove Children's Holy Ghost Club for a Beer & Wine License for June 30, 2012, July 14-15, 2012 and August 12, 2012.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve a Beer and Wine License for June 30, 2012, July 14-15, 2012 and August 12, 2012.

- 7:03 p.m. <u>Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Damon Day and Kevin Estes.</u>
  - The Select Board requested that Damon Day and Kevin Estes be present at the next meeting on July 9, 2012.

7:05 p.m. <u>Town Counsel Proposals-Interviews with Kopelman & Paige and</u> Anthony Savastano.

#### **Kopelman and Paige**

- 99% Municipal Law Firm.
- Firm is 40 years old.
- Each Town would have a 24 hour primary lawyer who is always reachable.
- Currently represent 35% of all towns in the Commonwealth.
- Largest Municipal Law Firm in the State.
- 50 Attorneys at the firm.
- Represent 120 Communities.
- Extensive library of documents available at no cost to the Town.
- Detailed billing in several formats to choose from.

#### Anthony C. Savastano

- Excellent track record over the past 7 years for the Town.
- Good relationship with local officials.
- Readily available due to location.
- Familiar with the Town.
- Intimate knowledge of the Charter and By-Laws for the Town.
- Five minutes from the Town Hall.
- Dartmouth Resident.
- No conflicts due to the fact that Mr. Savastano represents Dartmouth only.
- No coordination costs for multiple lawyers.
- No large firm overhead costs.
- No charge for travel.
- Good relationship with local counsel.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted 3-2 (2 opposed-Michaud, Trimble) to retain Anthony C. Savastano as Town Counsel for FY2013.

### II. New Business:

A. Renewal Application of Agnes Bizarria for a Taxi Driver License and a Class A License.

After a motion made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the renewal application for Agnes Bizarria for a Taxi Driver License and Class A License.

#### **B.** Schofield Agricultural Use License.

 Proposed License Agreement for the use of the fields for the growing season.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Schofield Agricultural Use License.

## **C.** Letter from Verizon re: FIOS Expansion.

• Verizon informed us that they will not take out new franchise build out obligations. Verizon will not expand Fios into Dartmouth at this time.

### **D.** <u>Local Receipts FY 2012.</u>

- 7.5% of budget will go into the stabilization fund
- Trying to maintain the balance between the operating and capital.
- Continuing to be fiscally prudent.

#### E. NStar Vegetation Management Plan Utility Pruning.

• NStar is currently pruning in Dartmouth, pruning helps to prevent loss of service in many instances in cases when storms occur.

#### **F.** Reappointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees.

• (Please see attached re-appointment list)

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted (4-0), to approve all of the re-appointments to the Boards, Commissions and Committees.

## G. <u>Independent Audit.</u>

- Kara Pimental –Audit Principal
- The Town has had positive net assets.
- Recommendation from the auditors –The Town should use the Modified Accrual Module as it pertains to the Town's accounting.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted (4-0) to accept the independent audit.

#### **H.** Letter to Planning Board-Meetings to be broadcast.

Broadcasts can be done on Monday nights in Room 315; difficulties include: they will not be broadcast live; filming the meeting in room 315 will result in some quality issues due to screens and microphones. Executive Administrator David Cressman recommended that we invite the Planning Board to the July 9, 2012 Select Board Meeting to discuss this further.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted (4-0) to invite the Planning Board and Finance Committee to the next meeting on July 9, 2012 to discuss the broadcasting.

# III. Old Business:

**IV.** Minutes: Minutes of June 4, 2012.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 4, 2012.

#### V. Announcements:

- The Freedom Festival, sponsored in part by Bristol County Savings Bank, is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. at U-Mass Dartmouth. The evening will conclude with a wonderful fireworks display.
- As of June 1, 2012 NO SHELLFISHING north of the bridge in Apponaganset Bay.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

# Re-Appointments Boards, Commissions & Committees FY 2013

Agricultural Commission	David	Brownell
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**Board of Public Works** Manuel Branco

**Community Preservation** Margaret Latimer

Stuart MacGregor Michael Kehoe Kevin Shea

Council on Aging Cythia Morris

Mandra Thompson

**Dartmouth Disability** Meagan Monteiro

**Dartmouth Pathways** 

**Committee** Alan Heurex

Gustavo Raposo

Susan

**Greater N.B. Regional Refuse** Nathalie Dias

**Historical Commission** George Nelson

**Historical District** Gerald Koot

Gardiner White

Preparedness Director Edward Pimental

**Recreation Commission** Sherri Tetrault

Mary

**Registrar of Voters** Ellen DeFrias

Veterans Advisory BoardFrankAllen IIIStephenCaravana

James Collins
Charles Ditata
Norman Gunderson

Robert Mayo Donald Normore Albert Oliveira Edward Pimental Albert Seguer Paul Solomon Toomey, Jr. Joseph William Whipp

**Youth Commission** 

Nicole Rabstejnek

• Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Stephaney L. Santiago