

Select Board Members Present:

Joseph Michaud-Chairperson
Diane Gilbert
Nathalie Dias

Robert W. Carney, Vice-Chairperson
William J. Trimble

The Chairperson opened the Public Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The Chairperson polled the Board for a roll vote to convene into executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 39 Sec 23B: Collective Bargaining On-Going Litigation, and discussion of Interest in Real Property. Selectperson Dias, Yes; Selectperson Gilbert, Yes; Selectperson Trimble, Yes; Vice-Chairperson Carney, Yes; Chairperson Michaud, Yes.

The Chairperson reconvened the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. November 17, 2008 in room 304.

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

\$ 280,550.32	PR-Retro	\$ 863,414.59	PR18	\$ 1,412,367.17	PD0919
\$ 122,217.55	D0920	\$ 135,842.82	P0920	\$ 715,736.19	S0920
\$ 91,786.49	T0920	\$		\$	

6:30/Meeting with Dr. Ron DiPippo, Chairman of the Alternative Energy Committee to give an update on the work of the Committee to date.

Dr. Ron DiPippo, Chairman of the Alternative Energy Committee, briefed the Board on the progress of the Committee. The Chairman discussed the Land-Base Commercial-Size Wind Turbine Bylaw, SODAR Measurements at Landfill, New Residential-Size Wind Turbines and Proposed Commercial-Size Wind Turbines in their report.

7:00/ Tax Rate Setting Hearing.

The Executive Administrator read the legal notice for the record.

Paul Bergman, Administrator of Assessing, briefed the Board on the option of establishing one tax rate for all classes of property as opposed to shifting part of the R-O Tax Levy to the CIP Classes. Mr. Bergman stated the shift cannot exceed 150% of the CIP percentage allocations. In FY2008 the Board voted to shift 40% to the CIP Classes the Residential 78.48% and CIP 21.56%. In addition, the small commercial exemption was voted in at the maximum 10%. If the Board voted the same as last year the tax rates (with the small commercial exemption) would be:

<i>Residential</i>	\$7.22
<i>Comm/Indust</i>	\$11.01
<i>Personal Property</i>	\$10.93

Hearing no pros and cons from the audience the Chairperson closed the hearing.

After a motion was made by Selectperson Nathalie Dias and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney, it was voted unanimously to maintain the same split tax rate at 40%.

After a motion was made by Selectperson Diane Gilbert and seconded by Selectperson William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the small commercial exemption at 10%.

New Business:

Notification from ABCC to set estimate of resident population, under M.G.L. Ch. 138, Sec. 17.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney and seconded by Selectperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to sign the notification from ABCC to set estimate of resident population.

Correspondence from New England Golf Course Owners Association re: Mass. Governor Signs Beverage Cart Bill.

The Executive Administrator read the correspondence from New England Golf Course Owners Association pertaining to Massachusetts Governor Signs Beverage Cart Bill. This would allow alcoholic beverages on Massachusetts golf courses.

The Board will take this under advisement researching further information from Attorney Kelly from the ABCC on changing their license and adding additional fees for the beverage cart service.

Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney suggested we check with the State of Rhode Island to see what they do on beverage cart service fees.

Petitions of NStar Gas to obstruct and disturb the surface of the following: Intersection of Wilson St and Delano Way, intersections of Wilson St and Howland Ave, 24 School St, 718 Dartmouth St on Sol-E-Mar side.

After a motion was made by Selectperson Nathalie Dias and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney, it was voted unanimously to approve the Petitions of NStar Gas to obstruct and disturb the surface of the following: Intersection of Wilson St and Delano Way, intersections of Wilson St and Howland Ave, 24 School St, 718 Dartmouth St on Sol-E-Mar side.

Public Notice from US Army Corps of Engineers re: Two (2) Scoping Meetings.

Michael Gagne read a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Announcement of Public Scoping Meetings for the proposed Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works South Coast Rail.

Meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at U-Mass Dartmouth and Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Taunton High School.

Correspondence from Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, Inc. re: Proposed Nauset LLC Conservation Restriction.

Attorney Daniel Perry and Dexter Mead, Executive Director of DNRT were present for the continuation of the proposed Nauset LLC Conservation Restriction. Attorney Daniel Perry requested the Board entertain this matter providing further information. Attorney Perry stated they are adding a provision to the CR that would allow DNRT to use the property for research and educational purposes.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney and seconded by Selectperson Diane Gilbert, it was voted (4) four in favor and (1) one opposed (Selectperson Trimble) to approve the Nausett LLC Conservation Restriction with the additional language.

Notice from Division of Marine Fisheries re: Approved shellfish openings.

The Executive Administrator stated the Apponagansett Bay (Outer) is open and Apponaganett Bay (Central, Mid-Western Shoreline, Little River) are open to shellfishing until May 31st. 2009 and closed as of June 1, 2009. Closed areas are Apponagansett Bay, northerly of a line drawn the entrance of Apponagansett Bay from the Birchfield Farms Pier to Ricketsons Point.

Correspondence from Phil Lenz expressing his interest in Handicapped Accessibility Committee in Dartmouth.

Michael Gagne briefed the Board that the Town is required through the Community Development Block Grant it is necessary to establish a Handicapped Accessibility Committee.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney and seconded by Selectperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to appoint Phil Lenz to the Handicapped Accessibility Committee.

Memo from Edward Iacaponi, Director of Budget & Finance/Treasurer re: Outsourcing Tax Bills.

Edward Iacaponi, Director of Budget and Finance, informed the Board after an analysis of what the Town would have to invest (\$46,000) in additional postal hardware and software. In order to provide a savings, it makes sense to outsource our Tax Bills. Edward Iacaponi stated this would amount to an annual savings of \$6,000 in the Town Collector's Budget.

Minutes:

Approval of Select Board Minutes of November 3, 2008.

After a motion was made by Selectperson William Trimble and seconded by Selectperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 3, 2008.

Other Business:

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

Attest:


Michael J. Gagné, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres