

Select Board Members Present:

Joseph Michaud-Chairperson
Diane Gilbert
Nathalie L. Dias

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

The Chairperson opened the Public Meeting at 5:30.

The Chairperson polled the Board for a roll call vote to convene into Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 39 Sec 23B: Selectperson Dias, yes; Selectperson Trimble, yes; Selectperson Gilbert, Yes; Vice-Chairperson Carney, yes; Chairperson Joseph Michaud, yes.

The Chairperson reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 9, 2009 in room 304.

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

\$ 832,578.25	PR35	\$ 1,150,885.98	PD0936	\$ 442,512.69	S0937
\$ 59,339.49	T0937	\$		\$	

6:30/Meeting with David Vincent.

Mr. David Vincent briefed the Board on the pending lawsuit filed by eleven taxpayers in Dartmouth pertaining to expire contracts under the Town. Mr. Vincent apologized to Deborah Piva, Town Collector and Edward Iacaponi, Director of Budget and Finance stating, "this was a gross misunderstanding on my part. I thought this lawsuit was pertaining to the Open Meeting Law and Freedom of Information Act." Mr. Vincent in his closing statement stated, "he is withdrawing from this lawsuit".

Mr. Vincent mentioned to the Board that he received the documents he requested and paid \$145.00.

6:45/Meeting with Executive Search Committee for contract signing.

Mark Eisenberg, Chairperson of the Executive Administrator Search Committee, informed the Board after the executed contract is signed the company will proceed to the next step in hiring a new Executive Administrator.

After a motion was made by Selectperson William Trimble and seconded by Selectperson Diane Gilbert, it was voted unanimously to execute the contract as presented.

Chairperson Michaud informed Scott Corin, Chairperson of the Personnel Board that there Board would be called upon for the upcoming negotiations.

6:50/Application of Holy Ghost Society of Horseneck for Special All Alcoholic Licenses for several events. (See List)

Olivia Andre was present for the Application of Holy Ghost Society of Horseneck.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney and seconded by Selectperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the Application of Holy Ghost Society of Horseneck for a Special All Alcoholic License for several events.

6:55/Meeting with Cyndi Marland-Relocation of DCTV Studio.

Cyndi Marland, Director of Media, briefed the Board on the relocation of DCTV Studio stating she received a letter from Dr. Stephen Russell, Superintendent of Dartmouth Public Schools. He informed Ms. Marland that the School Committee needs this area for the upcoming September 2009 school year for a classroom. Ms. Marland informed the Board that the estimated costs for the move would be \$75,000 to \$100,000. Dr. Marland mentioned the space suggested at 366 Slocum Road is not adequate for a TV studio and asked for the Board's suggestion on the relocation of DCTV.

7:05/Meeting with Chief Mark Pacheco re: Hiring COPS Recovery and award of new Regional Homeland Security Grant.

Chief Mark Pacheco briefed the Board on Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) announced the availability of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to address the personnel needs of state, local and tribal law enforcement. COPS grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years for newly-hired, full time sworn officer positions or for rehired officers.

The Chief informed the Board at the conclusion of federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the COPS grant. The retained COPS-funded position (s) should be added to the grantee's law enforcement budget with state and/or local funds, over and above the number of locally-funded positions that would have existed in the absence of the grant.

Chief Mark Pacheco announced to the Board the award of new Regional Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$55,033.80. The Chief stated will be used to start the process of introducing a new infrastructure to our collective police radio systems to a new UHF frequency radio system.

New Business:

Board to review Dartmouth Open Space and Recreation Plan for comments and Approval.

Postponed for two weeks.

Vote to approve hiring of Jane Choubah to take Select Board Executive Session minutes.

Selectperson Diane Gilbert noted for the record that this is not a new hire Jane Choubah works part time in the Zoning Board of Appeals office.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Robert Carney and seconded by Selectperson Diane Gilbert, it was voted unanimously to increase the hours for Jane Choubah to take the Select Board Executive Session minutes.

Appoint Edward Iacaponi as Parking Clerk and an Assistant Parking Clerk, under Chapter 90, Sec. 20A.

After a motion was made by Selectperson Nathalie Dias and seconded by Selectperson William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to appoint Edward Iacaponi as Parking Clerk.

Mr. Iacaponi stated he would appoint an assistant parking Clerk at a later date.

Report from Edward Iacaponi on Tax Lien/Possession sale.

Edward Iacaponi, Interim Executive Administrator, briefed the Board on the Tax/Lien Possession sale on February 27, 2009. The Town of Dartmouth conducted a public auction of certain Tax Possessions and Tax Titles held by the Town of Dartmouth. Mr. Iacaponi reported the Town received \$65,288.80 as a result of this auction.

Letter of resignation from Jean Larrivee on the Historical Commission.

The Chairperson announced the resignation of Jean Larrivee from the Historical Commission.

Chairperson Michaud mentioned a vacancy on this committee. Anyone interest in serving on this committee can send in a letter of interest.

Economic Stimulus request-Discussion of priorities.

Edward Iacaponi informed the Board that he has contacted John Hollander at Congressman Barney Frank's office in reference to the priorities on the stimulus

package. He feels that the Wind Turbine proposal is a priority and would be a substantial savings to the Town on electricity bills.

Minutes:

February 23, 2009 and February 28, 2009

After a motion was made by Selectperson William Trimble and seconded by Selectperson Diane Gilbert, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 23, 2009 and February 28, 2009.

The Chairperson announced the Following:

Select Board minutes are on the web-site from July 2, 2008 to current meetings.

Members needed for Handicap Accessible Committee.

Tribute to Joel Burns, Thursday March 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Century House. 207 S. Main St, Acushnet.

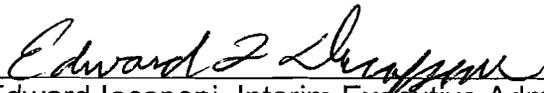
Homesaver Workshop on "Surviving the Housing Crisis", on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Fort Taber Community Center, 950 South Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford.

Other Business:

Selectperson Trimble announced a candidate forum will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Dartmouth Grange.

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

Attest:



Edward Iacaponi, Interim Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres