

Select Board Members Present:

Joseph Michaud-Chairman
Nathalie L. Dias-Vice Chairwoman
William J. Trimble

Lara H. Stone
Michael P. Watson

The Chairman opened the Public Meeting at 5:30 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 Trimble, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman Watson, yes; Vice-Chairwoman Dias, yes; Chairman Michaud, yes.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 11, 2010 in room 304.

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

\$ 928,226.67	PR27	\$ 1,540,883.52	PD1027	\$ 38,393.03	P1028
\$ 16,700.00	SS1028	\$ 222,726.61	T1028	\$	
\$		\$		\$	

Renewal Applications for Common Victualler Licenses for Papa Gino's (Dartmouth St and State Rd).

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Renewal Applications for Papa Gino's (Dartmouth St and State Rd).

Issue of Pole on Smith Neck Road.

Selectman Michael Watson stated he received a phone call from a Town resident inquiring about seven poles on Smith Neck Road. He informed the Board that all are connected to one street light that does not go on.

The Executive Administrator responded that he also checked with the Police Department and they haven't had any involvement in the lights. Mr. Cressman mentioned unless there is a reason to be there, we can have NStar dismantle the poles.

John Souza, Planning Board Member and also an employee of NStar, stated to the Board that Charlie Tavares, Representative from NStar, has all the information on these poles.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to table this matter pending Mr. Cressman to discuss this issue further with Charlie Tavares of NStar.

Renewal Applications for Daniel Victoria and Richard Moniz for Appointment as Constable.

Vice-Chairperson Nathalie Dias questioned why there wasn't an occupation filled out near Ana Bobola on Richard Moniz Application.

After a motion was made by Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Renewal Applications for Daniel Victoria and Richard Moniz contingent of him providing the occupation of Bobola on his application for Constable.

New Business:

Old Business:

Discussion regarding Town Agent.

The Executive Administrator stated with the recent resignation of the Town Agent, the Select Board should fill said vacancy until the term expires on April 6, 2010. To do this, the Select Board should adopt a motion to post the notice of vacancy on the Town Bulletin Board for ten (10) days. In accordance with Section 6-10 of the Town Charter. Said notice shall contain a listing of the duties of the office and a listing of the necessary qualifications.

Vice-Chairperson Nathalie Dias mentioned that we do not need a Town Agent anymore. Vice-Chairperson Dias stated everything is now sent to our Insurance Agency.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Nathalie Dias and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to post the notice of vacancy for Town Agent on the Town Bulletin Board for ten (10) days.

Selectman William Trimble mentioned that the Charter Review Section 6-7; is once in every ten years, beginning in 2010, and thereafter in each year ending in a zero, a

special committee to consist of nine members shall be established for the purpose of reviewing this charter and to make a report, with recommendations, to the Town Meeting concerning any proposed amendments which said committee may determine to be necessary or desirable. The committee shall consist of nine members who shall be chosen as follows: the Select Board, the Finance Committee and the School Committee shall each designate two persons, the Planning Board shall designate one person, and two persons shall be appointed by the Town Moderator. Persons appointed by the said agencies may, but need not, be members of the agency by which there are designated. The committee shall meet to organize forthwith following the final adjournment of the annual Town Meeting.

Selectman William Trimble read the By-Law-Review- The Select Board shall at five year intervals, in each year ending in five, or in zero, case to be prepared by a special committee appointed for that purposes, a proposed revision or recodification of all by-laws of the town which shall be presented to Town Meeting for reenactment at the Annual Town Meeting in the year following the year in which the said committee is appointed. The by-law review committee shall consist of the Town clerk who shall serve by virtue of office, two representative Town Meeting members appointed by the Town Moderator and two persons appointed by the Select Board. The said committee in its final, or in an interim report, shall include recommendations for such substantive change in town by-laws as it deems necessary or advisable. The review of town by-laws shall be in conjunction with the Town Counsel, or, by Special Counsel retained for that purpose. Subsequent to enactment by the Town Meeting, copies of the revised by-laws shall be forwarded to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth for approval, and they shall be otherwise published, all as required by General Laws. Copies of the revised by-laws shall be made available for distribution to the public at a charge not to exceed the actual cost, per copy, of reproduction.

The Board discussed an elected Charter Committee which can change rules vs. an appointed Charter Committee which oversees the Town Charter every five years.

The Board recommended The Executive Administrator start the process of forming the Charter Review Committee and the By-Law Review Committee.

Selectperson Lara Stone mentioned that one of the goals of the Executive Administrator was to do an analysis of the towns structure issues that would impact the Charter Review Committee's work included in our process.

Mr. Cressman said he is on track. I have been analyzing things and making small changes in my control. I think I will be able to have something within the next two months while this committee is formed.

Minutes:

Minutes of December 21, 2009.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Nathalie Dias, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 21, 2009.

Announcements:

Campaign Finance training seminar on January 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304.

The Regional 911 will be held this Thursday, January 14th in room 314.

Selectwoman Lara Stone updated the Board on her recent visit to the State Library Board of Commissioners to plead our case on why we should receive a waiver for the Library. Selectwoman Stone mentioned that we were .13% of our goal; we need to meet a number of guidelines to keep the waiver.

Art of Social Justice will be held on January 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Whaling Museum, New Bedford sponsored by the Women's Funds and Local Chapter of Women's Bar Association.

Anyone interested in Lacrosse sign ups can go to the Dartmouth Youth Lacrosse.

A reminder that next Tuesday January 19th is Election Day.

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

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres

