



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 opened the Public meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The Vice-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; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman McDonald, yes; Vice-Chairman Watson, yes;

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 31, 2011 in room 304.

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

\$904,872.31	PR29	\$417,506.56	PD1130	\$82,912.50	S1131
\$151,211.30	T1131	\$558.43	M1130	\$891,696.31	PR30
\$528,998.23	PD1131	\$120,864.55	D1132	\$5,683.47	P1132
\$604,742.87	S1132	\$134,088.09	T1132		

6:30/Joint Meeting with Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board.

The Board discussed the following items with members of the Zoning Board and Planning Board: Policy of granting variances-current practice vs. strict adherence to State Law. Development of new zoning districts: Transitional Zoning or a variation of this. Definition of a "family" as four unrelated individuals. Cell towers.

“Green” energy and beautification projects in town and other pending planning projects on Planning Board Timeline/Strategic Plan.

Attorney Savastano was present and spoke on the variance issues.

The Select Board will continue to meet on a quarterly basis with Boards.

7:15/Ms. Julianne Kelly, Mass in Motion re: Bike Path.

Ms. Julianne Kelly, of Mass in Motion, briefed the Board on the future plans and goals of a bike path connecting from Fall River to Fairhaven. Ms. Kelly announced that the SouthCoast Regional Bikeway Summit will be held on Tuesday, February 15th, from 1p.m.-4p.m. at the Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center Auditorium, 151 Martine St, Fall River, MA.

New Business:

Appointment to the Historical Commission.

George Nelson was present for his appointment to the Historical Commission.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to appoint George Nelson to the Historical Commission.

Split Tax Legislation.

David Cressman, Executive Administrator informed the Board that Christopher Markey, State Representative, has suggested the following Split Tax Legislation. With respect to each parcel of real property classified as class three, commercial in each city or town certified by the commissioner to be assessing all property at its full and fair cash valuation, and at the option of the selectmen or mayor, with the approval of the town meeting or city council, as the case may be, there shall be an exemption equal to not more than fifty percent of the value of the parcel; provided, however, that such exemption shall only apply to property that is solely occupied by a business that, at that location and all others combined, has an assessed valuation of less than one million dollars. This exemption shall be in addition to any exemptions allowable under section five. The value of exemptions granted under this section shall be borne by the combined value of class three commercial property and class four industrial property.

The Executive Administrator will also address the 1 million dollar exemption in a letter to State Representative Markey.

Old Business:

7 Stoneledge Rd.

The Executive Administrator sent a letter on behalf of the Dartmouth Select Board, thanking Dr. David Milstone, at the University for their January 10, 2011 letter concerning the property at 7 Stoneledge Road in Dartmouth rented to UMass Dartmouth students. In his letter it outlines actions that the University may take in response to the actions of the students and the University's acknowledgement of its responsibilities. The Select Board understands that federal law restricts your ability to share certain information. However, the Select Board would appreciate communication from you when this case has concluded and whether the students were held responsible for their actions.

Announcements:

The Executive Administrator informed the Board that in the Town's By-Laws there is a section for the removal of snow and/ or ice from the sidewalks. Mr. Cressman stated our office has several complaints from residents regarding children who have to walk in the streets. The Executive Administrator stated the Police Chief will be enforcing this By-Law and issuing warnings to Town residents who do not comply.

The Vice-Chairman polled the Board for a roll call vote to convene back into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21: Selectman Michaud, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman McDonald, yes; Vice-Chairman Watson, yes;

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres

