



Town of Dartmouth

400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

William J. Trimble-Chairperson
Michael P. Watson-Vice Chairperson
Lara H. Stone

Joseph Michaud
Shawn McDonald

The Chairman called the workshop meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 7, 2011 in room 304.

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

\$902,263.76	PR35	\$1,259,224.22	PD1136	\$117,408.41	T1137
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Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Jay Peabody and Peter Smola briefed the Board on their work history.

A motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud to appoint Jay Peabody; with no second forthcoming the motion failed.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted (4) four in favor and (1) one abstention (Selectman Michaud) to appoint Peter Smola to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Appointment to the Alternative Energy Committee.

Steven Medeiros was present for his Appointment.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to appoint Stephen Medeiros to the Alternative Energy Committee.

Joseph J. Mulvey, United States Postal Service Re: South Dartmouth Post Office.

Mr. Mulvey informed the Board that the mail carriers at the South Dartmouth Post Office will be relocated to the North Dartmouth Branch. Mr. Mulvey informed the Board that they are looking for a different location near the current post office with a smaller square footage. Mr. Mulvey will be in contact with the board at a later date.

Review of the Regulatory Agreement for Brady Estates.

Paul Cusson, President of Delphic Associates, 651 Orchard St. briefed the board on the Regulatory Agreement for Brady Estates. Mr. Cusson stated this agreement had already been signed but was a red line copy, since there were some changes in the Regulatory Agreement and we had to re-do it. The 40B development is located on Hixville Road and it will have sixteen single family homes with 4 affordable units. Mr. Cusson stated the Regulatory Agreement will be sent to DHCD for final legal approval.

After a motion was made by Selectwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted (4) four in favor and (1)one opposed(Vice-Chairman Watson) to approve the Regulatory Agreement subject to the resolution of outstanding legal bills regarding Brady Estates.

New Business:

Discussion on the Boatyard Pub & Grille License.

The Board would like an update on the status in this project. Mr. Mendonca will be sent a letter to attend the Select Board Meeting on March 21, 2011.

GASB 45 Analysis for FY 2011.

Greg Barnes, Budget and Finance Director, briefed the board on GASB 45.

GASB 45 was issued to provide a more comprehensive and useful look at the costs and financial obligations that governments incur when they provide post-employment benefits other than pensions. These benefits often include healthcare, dental insurance and life insurance. Prior to the implementation of GASB 45, most municipal entities accounted for these benefits on a "pay-as-you-go" basis (the actual cash costs of the benefits in a reporting period were charged to the financial statement with no accrual for future costs). It is hoped that GASB 45 will result in more informed policy decisions as all parties will have a better idea as to costs and will further result in a more accurate financial picture of the total costs of services provided by municipal entities by

recognizing costs over the working lifetime of employees rather than after their employment has ceased.

MMA Re: Health Insurance

Letter from the MMA pertaining to Health Insurance Reform. While health insurance costs are a problem for everyone, municipalities have been forced to pay much more than necessary because of Chapter 32B, the state law that gives municipal unions a veto over common-sense changes that would reduce the cost to taxpayers. Over the past ten years, cities and towns have seen their health insurance costs rise by over 150%. There will be a Joint Committee on Public Service Hearing on Municipal Health Insurance Reform at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8th, in Gardner Auditorium at the State House.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to support the Health Insurance Legislation.

Renewal Application of Padanaram Sales & Service for a Class II Motor Agent License.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the renewal application of Padanaram Sales & Service for a Class II Motor Agent License.

Old Business:

Snow & Ice Budget.

The Board reviewed the Snow and Ice Budget for the period ending February 25, 2011.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the deficit of the Snow & Ice Budget in the amount of \$137,515.09.

Minutes:

Minutes of February 28, 2011.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was voted (3) three in favor and (2) two abstention (Chairman Trimble and Selectman Michaud) to approve the minutes of February 28, 2011.

Announcements:

Dartmouth Community Park Public Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Cushman School, 746 Dartmouth St.

Dartmouth Y.M.C.A. is always looking for volunteers for their Community Farm in which they grow food and donate to those in need in the community. Anyone interested can contact the Dartmouth Y.M.C.A.

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres

