



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

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

Joseph Michaud
Shawn McDonald

The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 3, 2011 in room 304.

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

PR13V1	\$1,048.74	PR13	\$911,313.02	PD1213	\$419,420.64
D1214	\$68,301.62	P1214	\$28,387.75	S1214	\$322,904.49
T1214	\$34,970.94				

Chief Lee informed the Board that the Police Department will be conducting a Certificate Assessment for accreditation October 12-13, 2011. Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone requested that the Executive Administrator send a formal notice acknowledging the Assessment and pride in the Department.

Roy Oliveira, Veterans' Agent re: Flag.

Roy Oliveira briefed the Board on the Dartmouth Town Flag which allows us to lower to half-staff without prior approval from any Governing Agency for Town residents who have passed away. Mr. Oliveira mentioned that on the first official business day of each month we will lower the Town Flag to half-staff to honor and remember all the Town residents that passed away the previous month. Longer periods of mourning will be done on a case by case basis as directed by the Executive Administrator and/or Select Board.

Mr. Oliveira thanked Matt Pereira of M.P. Construction and Preferred Concrete for their help and donation to the Town.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to adopt the flag presented by Mr. Oliveira as the Official Town Flag.

Application of UMass for a One Day Beer & Wine License for October 15, 2011.

Lori Jakes was present for the Application.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the Application of UMass for a One Day Beer & Wine License for October 15, 2011.

Application of Colonial Imports South d/b/a Colonial Honda of Dartmouth for a Transfer of a Class 1 License from 26 & 42 State Road to 225 State Road.

Brian Lafferty was present for the Application.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Application of Colonial Imports South d/b/a Colonial Honda of Dartmouth for a Transfer of a Class 1 License from 26 & 42 Road to 225 State Rd.

David Hickox, DPW Director re: Dartmouth Street Reconstruction.

David Hickox, DPW Director, updated the Board on the Dartmouth Street project this is a State project, this project is waiting for Verizon to relocate some of its utilities this is about a month's work, however Verizon is currently working six days a week. The goal is to have the State and contractor finish this by winter.

New Business:

Black Friday Application for Kohl's.

Hilary Clark, Assistant Store Manager, was present for the Black Friday Application.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Black Friday Application for Kohl's.

Conflict of Interest.

The Executive Administrator stated that he received a Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest as required by G.L.C. 268a s 23 (b)(3) for William C. Mosher, SRTA Advisory Board.

Selectman Joseph Michaud stated that Mr. Mosher should have disclosed this appearance prior to voting on a contract to grant an entity other than Union Street Railroad which is Mr. George's company's bid was a couple hundred thousands of dollars higher. Mr. Mosher supported this prior to vote. Selectman Joseph Michaud stated you as the Chair could made a call changing the seat.

There should not be a close relationship with anyone who is bidding on a contract.

Dartmouth Cultural Commission.

The Executive Administrator stated over the past two years, there have been some operational issues concerning the Dartmouth Cultural Commission. In particular, the Chair has been difficult to reach and the membership has dwindled to five members. The state has intervened and called for a meeting with the remaining members on October 5th. Ms. Dick, who recently returned to the Commission, appears to be willing to assume a leadership role. However, a five member commission is the minimum number for a commission. While the state allows a larger number, I would suggest the Select Board adopt a motion setting the commission at seven members. A vacancy is currently posted and this would allow for the addition of a second position. Finally, Ms. Wender will provide support to this group.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to set the Dartmouth Cultural Commission at seven members.

The withdrawal of Land on Reed Rd from M.G.L. c. 61A.

Attached is a September 17, 2011 request from Peter Hawes to change use of 6.13 acres of agricultural land on Reed Road, Assessors Map 61, Lot 5-3 from Agricultural Land under M.G.L. C. 61 protection to Regular Land for the purpose of erecting a solar farm, which has already been permitted by the Select Board. Within the past week, the Planning Board and Conservation Commission have voted to not exercise the Town's option to purchase this land. Thus, I would recommend that the Select Board also adopt a similar motion provided the Agricultural Commission returns with a similar recommendation as they are meeting on Thursday, September 29th. I will have the recommendation for your meeting.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to not exercise the option to purchase this land.

Planning Board Vacancy.

The Executive Administrator mentioned that in a letter from Donald Perry dated September 27, 2011 concerning a vacancy on the Planning Board due to the resignation of Arthur Larrivee. I have shared that document with the Select Board. The Select Board is willing to have the Planning Board collect letters from candidates interested in this position. The Select Board discussed that the Planning Board forward all such letters to the Select Board by October 28, 2011 so that the Select Board may review them. Additionally, the Select Board by October 28, 2011 so that the Select Board may review them. Additionally, the Select Board invites the Planning Board to join them in a Joint Meeting in accordance with Article 3, Section 3-1 (h) of the Town Charter, on Monday, November 7, 2011 to select a candidate to fill this vacancy.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Lara Stone, it was voted unanimously to post the position and send out a letter of acknowledgement for Arthur Larrivee.

Select Board Calendar.

November 7, 2011
November 14, 2011
November 28, 2011
December 5, 2011
December 19, 2011

Old Business:

Minutes:

Minutes of September 26, 2011.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 26, 2011.

Announcements:

DCTV Presents a Taste of Local Cuisine. The featured restaurants will be Not Your Average Joe's, Fays Restaurant and Texas Roadhouse. Look for these shows on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. starting October 13th.

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Linda Torres

