



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

Lara H. Stone-Chairwoman
Shawn McDonald-Vice-Chairman
William J. Trimble

Joseph Michaud
Michael Watson

The Chairwoman called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on **May 21, 2012** in room 304.

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

Date	Warrant #	Warrant Description	Amount
5/12/2102	PR46	Payroll Expense	\$900,168.44
5/17/2012	PD1246	Payroll Deduction	\$709,860.72
5/21/2012	D1247	DPW Expense	\$196,848.47
5/21/2012	S1247	School Expense	\$645,418.93
5/21/2012	T1247	Town Expense	\$126,542.76

I. Appointments:

- 6:30 p.m. Park Board Vacancy-Joseph Vieira, Jim Bosworth, Kyle Ross.
- Jim Bosworth currently serves on the Recreation Committee and feels as though the Park Board vacancy would be his next step in serving the Town. Mr. Bosworth serves as a commissioner for DYAA and is a coach for youth sports.
 - Kyle Ross is a new resident to the Town of Dartmouth; he previously worked in youth sports in Raynham and would like to become actively involved in the Town of Dartmouth.

- Joseph Vieira would like to serve on the Park Board; he is currently the president of the Dartmouth Youth Football league and has been for the past six years. He is a member of the Recreation Commission and believes he could be an asset to the Park Board.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Jim Bosworth to the Park Board.

6:35 p.m. Theodore Estates/Soares Property-Dartmouth Community Forest & Recreation Opportunity.

- Both properties became available; the two parcels total approximately 80 acres.
- Open space for potential agricultural expansion.
- 190 acres of conservation land that abuts these parcels.
- This site could be a mixed use activity site. It is in the middle of town so it has great potential.
- There is a shortage of fields in Dartmouth so this land could be used for athletic fields. This would be the first phase of the project.
- USDA Community Forest Grant is a new grant and this project would be a really good fit for the grant.
- This site would be used for active and passive recreation.
- Anticipated costs of the parcels are still currently being negotiated.

6:40 p.m. Hearing-Street Acceptance: Nicole Way, Elise Ln., John Alden Ln.

The Chairwoman opened the Hearing:

- Applications have been submitted for Nicole Way, Elise Lane, and John Alden Lane.
- First three streets to go through the new street acceptance policy. The Board will have to file a report with the Town clerk to lay out the streets seven days before presenting at Town Meeting.

The Chairwoman closed the Hearing.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to accept the street acceptances for Nicole Way, Elise Lane and John Alden Lane.

6:50 p.m. Zoning Board Vacancy-Permanent-Michael Travers and Alternate-Robert Gardner Jr., Damon May, John George Jr.

- Michael Travers has been involved in the Town since the 70's.

- Mr. Travers would like to continue to serve on the Zoning Board.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve Michael Travers to serve on the Zoning Board as a permanent member.

- Robert Gardner Jr. served 18 years on the Planning Board in New Bedford, MA. Mr. Gardner also served on the Park Board for a number of years.
- Since moving to Dartmouth, Mr. Gardner would like to offer his experience to the Town of Dartmouth.
- Mr. Gardner is seeking an alternate position on the Zoning Board.
- Damon May is a Dartmouth resident who would like to be more involved in the community. He is an architect and believes he could bring his experience to the Zoning Board.
- John George Jr. was a member of the Dartmouth Planning Board previously, representative to the Board of Appeals, and a former member of the Board of Selectman. Mr. George would like to get back into public service as it has been a while.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted to nominate John George Jr. as the Zoning Board alternate. (4-in favor, 1-opposed, Michaud)

7:05 p.m. Application of Fire District 1 for a One Day Beer & Wine License for June 2, 2012.

- Traditional clam bake at 10 Bridge Street- Fire District #1
- Call 508-996-1596 for anyone wishing to purchase tickets for the event.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the One Day Beer & Wine License for Fire District 1 on June 2, 2012.

7:10 p.m. Application for Chipotle Mexican Grill, 348 State Rd. for a Common Victualler License.

- Kevin Blackburn was present on behalf of Chipotle Mexican Grill.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the application for a Common Victualler License for Chipotle Mexican Grill.

- 7:15 p.m. SRPEDD-Intersection of Chase Road and Old Westport Rd., Intersection.
- Chase Road/Old Westport Rd. Intersection Study was performed by SRPEDD.
 - SRPEDD presented on traffic volumes, the highest volume was on Old Westport Rd. at approximately 13,000 vehicles per day.
 - Speed was also a factor that was measured in the study. The speeds in those areas are much higher than the actual posted speed limits for those areas.
 - Vehicle Crash Reports given to SRPEDD from the Dartmouth Police Department, showed lack of sight distance from the south to see vehicles coming up Chase Road and high speeds were problematic as well. They were mainly lower speed crashes with minimal injury.
 - Congestion at the intersections was fairly acceptable.
 - No pedestrian accommodations are problematic in these areas.
 - Recommendations for improvement would be a 3 way stop control, installing a traffic signal at the intersection, a roundabout, adding a formal bike lane, add a sidewalk that would connect to the existing sidewalk and put in a crosswalk and/ or optical speed bars.
 - Anyone who would like a copy of the study can contact Executive Administrator David Cressman.
- 7:30 p.m. Discussion with Youth Commission/Youth Advocate.
- What is a youth advocate? An advocate is a person that publicly supports and recommends a particular cause and policy.
 - The Youth Commission is a resource for high and low risks for families.
 - It is a confidential commission.
 - Started in 1968, this is a nonprofit group that has been here for 44 years.
 - Local businesses and generous donations help tremendously to fund this commission. The Glaser Glass fund is also a big contributor.
 - Lowest suicide rates, pregnancy rates, dropout rates and drug abuse rates in the Town of Dartmouth.
 - Peer support group called Banana Split for children of divorced parents.
 - Teen Zone, teen peer support group.
 - Please note that all groups currently have waiting lists because the need is there.

- It is a community based, people based group.
- Liability issues have arisen in regards to the Youth Commission; the Select Board is awaiting Town Counsel's recommendations on this issue. Information on this will be available by June 4, 2012.

II. Old Business:

- A.** Town Meeting Warrant -Budget Motion
- The Executive Administrators budget will advance to Town Meeting.

III. New Business:

- A.** Discussion on Responses to Town Counsel Request for Qualifications.
- The Executive Administrator's recommends that the Select Board consider interviewing two firms: Anthony Savastano, Esq. and Kopelman and Paige, Esq.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to ask both Anthony Savastano, Esq. and Kopelman and Paige, Esq. to come in for an interview in regards to the Request for Town Counsel Services.

- B.** Ambulance Run Times.
- Every six months the Select Board presents a report on Ambulance run times. The time is very similar from June to November of the past year.
- C.** FY 2012 Local Receipts.
- Greg Barnes presented to the Select Board on local receipts. All receipts are still on schedule, we are looking to exceed last year's receipts. Motor vehicle excise tax is looking higher than last year.
 - Commitments are way ahead of previous fiscal years.
- D.** Statue Acceptance at Community Park.
- The Executive Administrator recommended that the Select Board accept the Link Together Statue Acceptance at Community Park, as a gift from UMass Dartmouth.
 - June 14th from 4-6 p.m. is the unveiling of the statue.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted to accept the Statue Acceptance at Community Park. (4 in favor, 1 abstention, Stone)

- E.** Staff Report: Requests for Signage on Town Property.
- Deborah Melino-Wender presented to the Select Board in regards to signage on Town Property.
 - DPW will take requests for direction signage.
 - The feeling was that it would litter the public way and cause more problems.

After a motion was made by Selectman Joseph Michaud and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to uphold the recommendation given from the staff report and have no additional signage on Town Property.

- F.** Transfer of Funds for Parks Dept. Equipment.
- \$7,900.00 request for a transfer of funds for the Park Department. The Finance committee approved it to be taken from the Property and Liability account as a Request for Transfer of Appropriations.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Request for Transfer of Appropriations.

IV. Minutes: Minutes of May 14, 2012.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 14, 2012.

V. Announcements:

-Mosquito Spraying: The Bristol County Mosquito Control will start taking requests to be sprayed for Mosquitoes on May 21, 2012. You must either call 508-823-5253, fax 1-508-828-1868 or email RequestbristolMCP@comcast.net.

-Boy Scout Troop 13- Lantern of Hope Fundraiser. To help support Troop 13 and the Massachusetts Relay for Life, which takes place on 6/30/2012.

After a motion was made Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to adjourn.

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator

Transcribed by: Stephaney L. Santiago