



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

Lara H. Stone- Chair
Shawn McDonald –Vice Chair
William J. Trimble

Joseph Michaud
Michael Watson

The Chair opened the public meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on August 6, 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
7/21/2012	PR03	Payroll Expense	\$410,7106.29
7/26/2012	PD1304	Payroll Deduction	\$650,912.00
7/28/2012	PR04	Payroll Expense	\$388,820.52
7/30/2012	P1305	Police Expense	\$8,238.65
7/30/2012	T1305	Town Expense	\$159,172.52
8/2/2012	PD1305	Payroll Deduction	\$1,414,418.84
8/6/2012	D1306	DPW Expense	\$153,789.19
8/6/2012	P1306	Police Expenses	\$7,375.52
8/6/2012	T1306	Town Expense	\$135,290.37

I. Appointments:

6:30 p.m. Application of Holy Ghost Society of Horseneck for a One Day Beer & Wine License for the “Blowout” on August 11, 2012.
Board to vote on waiving the \$75.00 Application Fee.

After a motion was made by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the One Day Beer and Wine License for the “Blowout” on August 11, 2012.

6:35 p.m. Conservation Restriction for “Birchfield Farms”.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Conservation Restriction for Birchfield Farms.

6:40 p.m. Application of Country Club of New Bedford for a One Day All Alcohol License for August 17, 2012.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Application of the Country Club of New Bedford for a One Day All Alcohol License for August 17, 2012.

Nstar Tree Removal

- Residents are concerned about the number of trees that are being trimmed and cut down by Nstar.
- 100 trees are currently marked by Nstar for removal.
- Nstar must cut all trees that are a danger to the wires, as this is mandated by the State. If a power outage occurred due to poor maintenance Nstar will be fined by the State.
- Residents can ask Nstar not to remove trees on their property.
- Nstar is currently contracted with Barnes Tree Service for the next two months.
- NStar will hold a Public Meeting within the next couple weeks, residents are welcomed to attend.
- Most of the trees along roadways and stone walls are dangerous because they are forced to grow around the power lines; in storms they are hazardous to residents.
- Preservation of the Scenic Roads is crucial.

Tree Removal Roads:

- Old Fall River Rd, Reed Rd, Hixville Rd, Collins Corner Rd, and side roads off of these main roads.
- State Rd, Chase Rd, Old Westport Rd, and side roads off of these main roads.
- Slocum Rd, Sharp St, and side roads off of these main roads.
- Tucker Rd, Allen St, Sharp St, and side roads of these main roads.

II. New Business:

A. Filming of Planning Board Meetings.

- Meetings will be filmed in September by DCTV.

B. Sponsorship of Zoning Articles/Solar Farm Bylaw.

- Large-Scale Mounted Solar Farms will be allowed in residential neighborhoods by permit only.
- M.G.L Chapter 30A Section 3- Activities zoning cannot prohibit. This law states that no zoning can unreasonably prohibit or regulate photovoltaic arrays/solar installations.
- Uses of land should be equal throughout residential areas.
- Who will determine the protection of property values?
- Board of Health should not need to be consulted to build solar farms.
- The By-Law passed in April may not be legal. The Attorney General will provide the Select Board with their decision within a few months.
- We need a compromise to move forward; banning all solar farms in residential areas is unreasonable.
- Setback requirements need to be reviewed and revised.
- Our current solar farms generate significant revenue annually for the Town.
- August 27th -the Select Board will discuss this issue further.

C. Application of St. Julie Billiard for a Common Victualler License for “Septemberfest”.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the application of St. Julie Billiard for a Common Victualler License for Septemberfest.

D. Potter School/ Community Center.

- The School submitted an application to be considered for renovation for the Potter School site.
- Preliminary discussion to take place shortly.

E. Dias Landing Boat Ramp Reconstruction.

- August 28th -hearing will be held on the Dias Landing Boat Ramp.
- The Harbormaster is seeking assistance for funding for reconstructing the ramp.

After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the authorization of David Cressman to send a letter on behalf of the delegation.

- F.** Legislature's Final Energy Bill.
- Legislation was passed to strike the section implementing a mandatory pilot for operating solar farms.
- G.** Massachusetts Municipal Performance Management Program.
- Sarah Concannon is heading up the MMPMP for the Town.
 - Leadership strategy program for efficiency.
 - Utilize performance management in a way that is best for the community.
 - The grant is for 6 months.
 - The analysis is done through excel and not a software package.
- H.** Conservation Restriction-106 Barney's Joy Rd.
- Approved and passed around for signatures.
- I.** Affordable Housing Trust.
- The proposed trust was given to the Select Board for review.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the Housing Trust and appoint the Select Board as Trustees.

- J.** Chapter 61A, Horseneck Rd., DeCosta.
- The Planning Board feels that the property should be preserved for conservation.
 - Valuable land to purchase for the Town.
 - Agricultural Committee wants to keep the land for agricultural purposes.
 - A joint meeting of all three boards will need to occur to discuss the property.
 - This will be put on the agenda for August 20th to discuss further.
- K.** Select Board Meeting Schedule.
- September 10, 2012
 - September 24, 2012
 - October 1, 2012
 - October 15, 2012
 - October 29, 2012
 - November 5, 2012
 - November 19, 2012
 - December 3, 2012
 - December 17, 2012

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was unanimously voted to adopt the Select Board schedule.

III. **Old Business:**

IV. **Minutes:** Minutes of June 23, 2012.

After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 23, 2012 with a correction to Chair Lara Stone's absence and Vice-Chair McDonald chairing the meeting.

V. **Announcements:**

- Barnes Tree Service will be trimming for NStar, they will be in Town for approx. 2 months.
- Fall Town Meeting-Tuesday October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Select Board would like to welcome the Chancellor of UMass Dartmouth in the near future.
- New recycling program has started in the Town.

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

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