



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;

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The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on August 20, 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	\$410,406.29
7/26/2012	PD1304	Payroll Deduction	\$650,912.00
7/30/2012	P1305	Police Expenses	\$8,238.65
7/30/2012	T1305	Town Expense	\$159,172.52
8/4/2102	PR05	Payroll Expense	\$382,575.74
8/9/2012	PD1306	Payroll Deduction	\$538,609.24
8/11/2012	PR06	Payroll Expense	\$387,454.31
8/13/2102	T1307	Town Expense	\$2,404,258.84
8/16/2012	PD1307	Payroll Deduction	\$150,131.86
8/20/2012	D1308	DPW Expense	\$154,479.99
8/20/2012	P1308	Police expense	\$19,780.09
8/20/2012	S1308	School Expense	\$340,778.71
8/20/2102	T1308	Town Expense	\$355,794.39

**I. Appointments:**

6:30 p.m. Lynn Medeiros, Town Clerk, Re: Board to Set Election Date for Annual Town Election for April 2, 2013, Approval of Poll Workers, Signing of State Primary Warrant and Setting Date of Annual Tree Lighting and Activities for Sunday December 2, 2012.

- April 2, 2013 is the election date for 2013.
- *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the election date of April 2, 2013.*
- *After a motion was made by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the poll workers list as provided by Town Clerk Lynn Medeiros.*
- Annual Tree Lighting will take place on December 2, 2012 from 1-4p.m.
- *After a motion was made by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony for December 2, 2012.*

6:40 p.m. Appointment with Robert G. Walker re: Padanaram District.

- Mr. Walker and additional residents expressed concerns in regards to derelict buildings in Padanaram.
- Residents want to know why the building is not open to date. The Select Board explained that the building permit does not outline a completion date on the permit. The Town has no ability to make a private property owner start a project based on a set timeline.
- Unless the property is a health or safety issue the Select Board cannot intervene with the property owner's plans for construction.
- The Select Board will continue to track the building permit, easement and note signer for the Santos property.

6:50 p.m. Appointment of Lorraine Granda to the Dartmouth Cultural Council.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Lorraine Granda to the Dartmouth Cultural Council.*

6:55 p.m. Application of Russells Mill's Engine Company for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for September 9, 2012 and a Common Victualler License.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman William Trimble, it was voted unanimously to approve the application of Russells Mills Engine Company for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for September 9, 2012 and a Common Victualler License.*

7:00 p.m. Application of UMass Dartmouth Alumni Association for a One Day Beer & Wine License for September 22, 2012.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted (4-0 with 1 abstention-Stone) to approve the application for UMass Dartmouth Alumni Association for a One Day Beer & Wine License for September 22, 2012.*

## II. New Business:

### A. Affordable Housing Trust.

- *After a motion was made by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Affordable Housing Trust and appoint the Select Board Members as the trustees.*

### B. Revised Select Board Schedule.

- October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting has been rescheduled to October 22, 2012.

### C. Reappointment of Fred Dabney to the Agricultural Commission.

- *After a motion was made by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was voted unanimously to approve the re-appointment of Fred Dabney to the Agricultural Commission.*

### D. Dartmouth Youth Soccer Association Lease.

- A three year lease will be renewed for DYSA instead of a ten year lease.
- Selectman Michael Watson would like the Select Board to sponsor a ten year lease for the Crapo Fields going forward and would like DYSA to do the same.
- *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to have David Cressman craft a ten year lease for DYSA similar to the Burgo Lease.*

- E.           Special Municipal Employee.
- *After a motion was made by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald and seconded by Selectman Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to rescind the titles of Special Employee as of September 30, 2012 and as part of this motion that the Board notify all Boards and Commissions of the rescinding vote and allow everyone to re-apply for Special Employee status as of September 30, 2012.*
- F.           Lake Noquochoke.
- Public safety issues were addressed at a meeting with Fall River officials. Fall River officials requested that we need to repair the dam and informed us that they no longer need the waterways access. They are going to post “no trespassing” signs on the island going forward.
- G.           Lucy Little Park Project.
- Unable to secure satisfactory commitments from the two land owners for Lucy Little Park.
  - At this point in time we will not be moving forward with this project.
- H.           304 Elm St. LLC Easement.
- Will remain an old business item on the agenda until it is resolved.
- I.           New Accounts Payable Policy.
- This new policy will reduce the time it takes to process invoices from 3 weeks to 1 to 2 weeks.
  - Not filling the Asst. Town Accountant position.
  - Centralize accounting functions in one office.
- J.           Town Personnel Function.
- Centralized Human Resource Personnel function. A new personnel office that would handle all Human Resource matters in one office.
  - Selectman Michael Watson has recommended that this position be a direct report to the Town Administrator.
  - *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald it was voted unanimously to approve that the Human Resource position be supervised by the Town Administrator.*
- K.           Telephone Audit.
- Currently saving \$1,783.00 per month.
- L.           Legal Services
- The Town put together a report of the Town’s legal expenses for the last two years.
  - \$344,510.00 in FY2011

- \$282,889.12 in FY2012
- \$35,300.00 in FY2011 to Howard Greenspan (Labor Counsel)
- \$43,347.00 in FY2012 to Howard Greenspan (Labor Counsel)
- \$331,081.00 for all legal services for FY2012 including tax/ title.
- Anyone interested in the Legal Expense Report can contact Selectman Joseph Michaud.

**M.**                    Vacant Buildings

- Town Counsel drafted a Vacant Building By-Law.
- This will help stop the boarding up of vacant buildings.
- Guidelines will be in place for vacant buildings with this new by-law.
- The Select Board will revisit this on September 10, 2012.

**N.**                    Administrator of Assessing.

- Richard Gonsalves has been chosen as the new Administrator of Assessing.

\*Added to the Agenda

The DPW has requested the approval to move an Nstar pole located North of Howland Street.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was approved unanimously to allow the pole to be relocated.*

**II.**            Old Business:

**A.**                    Ch. 61A Horseneck Rd. DeCosta.

- Based on a discussion with the Department of Agriculture, there has not been an offer presented to file Chapter 61A or for the Town to take up its Right of First Refusal. The DeCosta's attorney claims that it is a buildable lot but the inspector had said it was not. Due to the conflicting information, the Select Board will review the information again.
- Abutters were concerned with access to the property. Abutters feel that the property should have access for agricultural purposes only.

**B.**                    NStar Tree Cutting.

- The DPW provided an update on tree cutting; residents seem to be satisfied to date with the trimming and cutting.

**C.**                    Elected Officials Stipends.

- Range from \$500-700 dollars.
- School Boards \$1000 dollars.

- Select Board \$1000- 2000 dollars.
- Selectman Michael Watson would like to see stipends reinstated.
- Selectman Joseph Michaud agrees that it should be put in front of the Town for reinstatement.
- It becomes difficult when the stipends would be applicable for elected officials only; non-elected persons work just as hard as elected officials.
- *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted ( 3-0, 2 opposed –Trimble, McDonald) to put before Town Meeting a reinstatement of the old stipend of \$2400 for the Select Board and the high range of the suggested stipends for the other Boards.*

**D.**

Chase Rd & Old Westport Rd.

- Requesting a traffic light at the intersection, the report from SRPEDD did not support the need for stop signs.

**E.**

Smart Automated Recycling Program Update.

- The carts were distributed to residents from July 9-31<sup>st</sup>.
- Start date was August 6, 2012.
- Improved collection

**IV. Minutes:**

Minutes of August 6, 2012.

- After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Selectman Joseph Michaud, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 6, 2012.

**V. Announcements:**

- Sept 26, 2012- retirement party for Paul Bergman and Patricia Morro; if you would like to attend please contact John Furtado.

Attest:

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David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

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