

## **Minutes: Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2010**

Present: Walter F. Alterisio, Clerk and Procurement Officer and Member Kevin Welch;  
Chairman Wesley D. Goss absent

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM with quorum present. The board approved use of Town Hall and town common as requested by the Girl Scouts.

The Board noted the memo from Town Accountant re: payroll modifications. Ted Gaudette questioned whether ZBA Chairman had met with special counsel and the board indicated that he hadn't attended the session Selectmen had arranged with Mr. Bobrowski.

The board noted meeting scheduled for 1/26 with GDRSD Meeting and discussed the shortage of payroll, etc. noting there's some indication that GDRSD shortages, etc. & initiatives which might be available to reduce impact. Selectman Welch reported on monies available from the state thru grants, etc.

Selectman Welch reported on various information he'd obtained from the MMA Annual Meeting.

Selectman Alterisio reported on scenario he'd put together for conducting caucus, working with Town Counsel, Attorney General & Secretary of State's office, further noting Town Clerk is in general agreement. Town Counsel provided some of the background and essentials of the process. Meeting will be scheduled for next week to present and review with Caucus Committee and Town Clerk.

Town Counsel confirmed that motions remain as written earlier in the day when asked by Selectman Welch noting some of the questions relative to the Minuteman tuition bill and reported on his research into this question of residence, having called DOE & DOR but found nothing solid. The board agreed with Town Counsel that the Town of Dunstable appears to be on the hook right now according to DOE. Selectman Welch advised that it was coming up again at this special town meeting because of lack of reply from Fincom, and included on the warrant in case they were prepared to take action at this time.

On another subject, Selectman Welch inquired of Town Counsel relative to prints Attorney June Adams Johnson had with her relative to the Hardman conservation restriction, noting a notation on the drawing for Dunstable monument #36 (like 30 yards off Main Street). Town Counsel promised to research and get back to the Board.

Selectman Alterisio noted that Road Commissioner Martin has advised corings are done and expressed concern about water undermining road. He further referenced concern from Road Commission about conflict of interest inquiry from Town Engineer noting if pressed forward and he's out, we're in trouble. Town Counsel advised any questions relative to conflict of interest should be brought to him, are confidential and comes down to fine points. The communiqué has been forwarded to Town Counsel directly.

Referencing planned action for this evening, Town Counsel advised he'll be calling for 2/3 vote on Articles 1, 2 & 3. Need quorum to open the meeting, hopefully not again.

The minutes of 1/11 were approved as amended.

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Selectman Alterisio reported NMCOG must submit for another round of technical assistance funds, could provide \$125K available amongst communities for sustainable development, municipal partnership or regional partnership. Selectman Welch indicated he'd feel more comfortable with a little more information as to what we might be eligible for.

Selectman Welch further noted we keep coming back to grants that other towns get, police, fire, etc., simple application process and suggested Bev Woods come out to a Selectmen's meeting with some recommendations for Dunstable. Selectman Alterisio reported that Dunstable is included in the E911 submission and also looking at sharing highway equipment and resources.

Selectman Welch committed to attend GDRSD meeting tomorrow night noting \$3M shortfall in payroll for next year that needs to be addressed.

The mail was reviewed; warrants signed and meeting adjourned at 6:50PM so that Board members could attend the Special Town Meeting scheduled to open at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Danice N. Palumbo,  
Board Secretary