

## **Minutes: Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, March 28, 2011**

Present: Kevin W. Welch, Chairman, Kenneth J. Leva, Clerk and Procurement Officer and Member Walter F. Alterisio

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with all members and town counsel, Richard W. Larkin, present. The board was visited by Representative Sheila Harrington who provided an update on numerous activities in the House. She reported on bills being filed and efforts made to finalize the budget and the redistricting initiative. She also advised on her participation in a Massachusetts Taxpayers Association presentation on health insurance and noted a few questions brought up at the session. Town Counsel suggested she contact Chris Henchy @DOR for questions relative to health insurance requirements for town employees – current and retirees.

The board reviewed requests for use of Town Hall approving its use by the Lake Massapoag Rod & Gun Club for their annual meeting in September and Girl Scout Daisy Troop #63078 for their Bridging Ceremony in May.

The board also noted request from Karen Yeung, Chair of the Dunstable Cultural Council for appointment of two new members and voted to appoint Dawn Buzan and Sharon Flanagan to their initial 3 year term.

The board nominated Michael F. Palumbo to serve as Animal Inspector after confirming his interest in continuing in that capacity for the approaching term.

The board reviewed document presented by Town Counsel relative to the MA Fisheries & Wildlife option to purchase the Beagle Club property from the town. Town Counsel noted the bottom line is that if it were to turn out there's something on site, they could remove it and take it out of the \$22K, which is one little wild card we need to be aware of. He did, however, indicate further that he understood they've made the walk already and there's limited liability on this parcel. The board voted to move forward and signed the last two pages as required.

On Selectman Alterisio's return from the Fincom meeting, he reported on the discussion with Fincom and Town Engineer with Town Counsel. He advised that he'd told Fincom that each work for the Board of Selectmen who holds the ultimate decision. He further suggested to the Board that we might want to take a look at how to massage this thing, referencing possible use of funds within Town Engineer's current budget to fill the gap. Chairman Welch disagreed indicating that Town Engineer has decimated the engineering bill in past years with Planning Board and he finally had to put a stop to it.

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Selectman Leva left the meeting to visit Conservation to sit in on the discussion relative to the Woodward's Mill Dam as Bill Moeller was scheduled to report on his findings. Upon his return he advised that Mr. Moeller reported that it appears any defects were related to the Route 113 project by MA Highway back in the mid 80's and responsibility may lay with the state for repair.

The board noted a couple of items that may need to be added to the warrant and Selectman Alterisio briefly reflected on the input received from Representative Harrington and Senator Donahue on the issue that fact communities.

The Treasurer's warrants were reviewed and signed and the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM after appropriate motion and vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Danice N. Palumbo,  
Board Secretary