

Minutes: Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, September 12, 2011

Present: Chairman Walter F. Alterisio, and Procurement Officer and Member Kenneth J. Leva; Daniel F. Devlin, Clerk absent

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with quorum present. Sue Psaledakis advised the garden group would like to donate a tree for the town common. She reported she's spoken with Parks who had no problem with the proposal. After reviewing their concerns for insuring placement would not deter line of sight, the board approved.

Sue also approached the Selectmen regarding plans for monuments. She suggested development of a committee to come up with a policy regarding monuments and memorials and their placement. She indicated she'd like the Selectmen to get it under control and the board agreed.

She advised that she understood that the police had wanted to donate a tree as well. She advised there are still some trees on the common that need to be replaced.

The minutes of 8/8 and 8/22 were tabled until the next meeting with a full board as the meeting of 8/8 had a complete board.

The Board approved the Oktoberfest banner as to its content and application will be forwarded to Road Commissioners for their approval. The board also approved the request from Groton Hockey for a frame sign in front of town common (in the same location used by other organizations). They will be reminded of conditions relative to traffic.

Fire Chief Charles H. Rich Jr. provided his recommendation for 3 new firefighters for the Dunstable Volunteer Fire Dept., Daniel Doherty and Patrick Kerrigan who have both completed probationary period and required training and Matthew Maciel of Pepperell, as a probationary member of the department. The board approved all three after motion by Selectmen Leva and vote.

Chairman Alterisio signed the Chapter 90 paperwork as Chief Elected Official for resurfacing Westford Street and resurfacing & drainage work on River Street in absence of a current Town Accountant.

Chairman Alterisio advised on regional reports on 911 and complete response from Chief Downes which put together his evaluation and position and recommendations relative to the report. He noted the need for departments to collectively work together for progress and

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controlled growth. Need to address items that require attention and consider the positive aspects of the proposals. Some real positive response to the initiative and possibilities from other communities and Chairman Alterisio suggested the board set up a session with the Chief to look at how to develop the positions and approach. Uncertain whether an executive session was required but will double check with town counsel.

The board discussed the position of Town Accountant, and temporary town accountant. Chairman Alterisio advised he has 0 reservations that Ruth Rogers could do the job as she's done it for so many years, having worked with Dick Choate, Roberta Dean and Kim Fales.

Town Clerk reported to Selectman Leva on her recent e-mail relative to the Conflict of Interest requirements. She needs assistance from the Board. She addressed the need for training, etc. and appropriate guidance.

Chairman Alterisio reported he'd reviewed situation relative to town accountant position and plans for proceeding with Fincom.

Town Counsel Rich Larkin arrived for executive session, Vote was immediately taken to enter into Executive Session under MGL C39 §23B(3) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and return to open meeting upon conclusion of Executive Session. Vote taken via the following roll call vote: Chairman Alterisio yea & Selectman Leva yea. The Board temporarily adjourned into Executive Session @8:05PM.

Upon completion of executive session, the Board returned to open session at 8:50PM.

The board then discussed the vacant Town Accountant position, recommendations made by Kim Fales in her letter of resignation and Secretary reported on conversations with miscellaneous individuals relative to coverage for town accountant position in the interim and Selectman Leva provided motion to appoint Ruth V. Rogers as Temporary Town Accountant for indefinite term.

Motion made by Selectman Leva to appoint Brian Locapo to the Recreation Commission for 3 year term, Karen Schwetz to Cultural Council and Judy Thompson as Associate Member of Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 year terms, and having heard nothing further from the Zoning Board of Appeals, appoint John B. Martin Jr., who had

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expressed interest in the position back in June, as Member of Zoning Board of Appeals for the 5 year term vacated by Alice Ekstrom. Chairman Alterisio 2nd and board voted to appoint.

Chairman Alterisio advised he would not be available for the next meeting but would leave cell phone number with Secretary.

The board briefly discussed the special permit application for Raymond special permit and Chairman Alterisio will forward comments to Planning Board with his personal position.

The board returned to open session at Treasurer's warrants were reviewed and signed and the meeting adjourned at 9:10PM after appropriate motion and vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Danice N. Palumbo,
Board Secretary