Dunstable Board of Selectmen



Meeting Minutes, Wednesday June 4, 2014

Present: Chairman Walter Alterisio, Ken Leva, Daniel Devlin.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alterisio at 7:10 pm. The following summarizes areas discussed and actions taken.

Proposed meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen to be moved from Monday to Wednesday is in effect. This allows selectmen to attend meetings of other boards and committees who meet on Mondays as well as providing access to Selectmen meetings with least disruption. The meeting schedule will be every other Wednesday. The board welcomes feedback from other boards and committees on the change which will continue until further notice.

The proposed joint meeting with Groton and the Groton/Dunstable School District was discussed. Mr. Alterisio, reflecting on the commitment at town meeting by the board, expressed concern with the number of players having perceived different informational needs that we initially settle on format and frequency. There are two levels to be addressed. Current spending on the approved appropriation and future strategies and how they would result in spending recommendations. The focus should be on understanding informational needs as opposed to oversight.

The board reviewed the list of annual appointments and acted on those professional assignments. Initial notices were sent to committees which Madonna will follow up to confirm interest on being appointed to new terms. July 1st is still the target to have all vacancies filled.

The board briefly discussed the status of three legal issue the town is involved. Approval of a development off Lake St, by Carolina Properties LLC named Alexander Estates by the planning board is in appeal. The decision of the Board of Appeals to allow the replacement of a structure on Lake Circle is being appealed. A meeting has been called in Dracut for representatives of Dracut, Tyngsborough, and Dunstable to review a proposed suite by the City of Lowell providing for voting representation on the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational School District. Mr. Alterisio will attend.

Public informational meeting for the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline has been scheduled for June26th. The agenda for the Boards June 18th meeting will provide for a review and assigned presenters. Mr. Alterisio attended the Groton presentation and recommends Dunstable follow a similar format.

Expenses vs. Budget through May are estimated at 85% vs. YTD expected 92%. Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss contract with police union, not to resume to open session was made. Each member was polled with an affirmative vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Walter Alterisio, Member