

Date: May 4, 2009

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Present: Elizabeth Sullivan, Chair and Christopher Donato, Vice-Chair.

Absent: Jon Witten, Clerk.

Staff: Richard MacDonald, Town Manager; John Madden, Finance Director; and Barbara Ripley, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Ruth Rowley was present, and distributed a memo to the Board. She had three points that she wished to discuss regarding planning for municipal facilities. 1) She said that the Town Manager Act establishes the Board of Selectmen as the long-range planning body for the Town. 2) She said that the proposed site for a new police station (parcel 150-500-039) is part of the closed and capped former Town landfill, and cannot be used for any new purpose. 3) Ms. Rowley said that the land considered for the new police station is part of the Aquifer Protection Overlay District of the Town. She urged the Selectmen to make protection of the Aquifer a top priority.

MASS NOTIFICATION POLICY (REVERSE 9-1-1)

Fire Chief Kevin Nord was present. He circulated a DRAFT Mass Notification System policy to Town Department Heads, and made suggested changes. Ms. Sullivan noted that the purpose of establishing the policy was to ensure that citizens are not inundated with non-emergency calls.

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board approve the Town of Duxbury Mass Notification System Policy, dated 4-27-09. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 2:0:0.

H1N1 FLU UPDATE (SWINE FLU)

Chief Nord said that Town Officials have been meeting regularly to keep abreast of developments with the H1N1 flu outbreak. So far, there have been six known cases in Massachusetts. Symptom identification has been confounded recently by the onset of allergy season.

REGIONALIZATION OF DISPATCH SERVICES

Ms. Sullivan asked for an update on this. Chief Nord said that the Plymouth County Fire Chiefs are working on the regionalization issue. He noted that there are 361 dispatch centers in Massachusetts, and only 7 in the state of Texas. Regionalization may be funded through the 9-1-1 surcharge on cell phone bills. He hopes to have further updates soon.

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

Chief Nord distributed a DRAFT plan for the Continuity of Operations for the Town of Duxbury in the event of an emergency. He asked that the Selectmen review it for discussion at a later date.

LAND USE SUMMIT AGENDA

Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Donato discussed topics for the Land Use Summit, to be held on May 20, 2009 at the Duxbury Senior Center. The following topics were chosen so far:

- Commercially-zoned property
- Role of CPC in future land use plans
- Potential Uses of Town-Owned Land, including alternative energy
- Housing

TOWN MANAGER BRIEF

- 1) The Massachusetts Historical Commission has recognized the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Wright Building with a 2009 Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award.
- 2) There was \$1.1 million in construction permitted in the Town during the month of March.
- 3) Sub-contractor bids were opened for the Percy Walker Pool on April 29. Contractor bids will be opened on May 7.
- 4) The Recreation Department has received a record number of registrations for summer programs.

Ms. Sullivan asked whether there will be notification to pool users about the upcoming closure during renovations. Mr. MacDonald responded affirmatively. He also said that the Town will be refunding people who had paid membership fees for the period when the pool will be closed. The architect estimates that the construction will take approximately six months. Mr. MacDonald feels that an eight-month construction period is more realistic. He said that there will be lay-offs of pool personnel during that time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Duxbury Open Space and Recreation Committee's NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Myles Standish Monument State Reservation on Crescent Street, Duxbury. There will be a scavenger hunt for children and refreshments.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board appoint Ms. Pauline Flynn as the Town of Duxbury delegate to Old Colony Elderly Services, for a term to expire on 6/30/10. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 2:0:0.

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board appoint Mr. John R. Madden as the Town of Duxbury Alternate to the Old Colony Elderly Services, for a term to expire on 6/30/09. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 2:0:0.

Ms. Sullivan noted that there are openings on many of the Town's Boards and Committees. She urged people to complete a Talent Bank form (available on the website, and at the

Selectmen's office). Many terms expire on June 30th of this year, so the Selectmen will be looking for people who are willing to serve as members of committees.

TEMPORARY BORROWING

Mr. Madden explained that he has arranged for the Town to transact two borrowing transactions on May 14, 2009. The first transaction is a rollover of a bond for the Percy Walker Pool renovations. The second transaction is an additional bond anticipation note for the purposes of engineering services for the Birch Street Water Tank. Both notes will come due on December 12, 2009, and will become part of a subsequent permanent bond sale.

Mr. Donato moved that the Board of Selectmen execute temporary borrowing in the amount of \$192,000.00 for the purposes of Percy Walker Pool renovations, and engineering services associated with the Birch Street Water Tank. Second by Ms. Sullivan. Vote: 2:0:0.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Madden stated that the news from the State gets worse every day. The Town should be have enough funding for FY09. However, significant cuts in State aid for FY10 could occur, which would pose a serious financial shortfall for the Town. The Finance Department and Town Manager monitor the situation daily.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donato moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Second by Ms. Sullivan. Vote: 2:0:0.