

Date: November 23, 2009

Date Minutes Approved: November 30, 2009

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Present: Elizabeth Sullivan, Chair; Christopher Donato, Vice-Chair, and Jon Witten, Clerk.

Absent: No members were absent.

Staff: Richard MacDonald, Town Manager; and Barbara Ripley, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

OPEN FORUM

Sergeant James Tougas, of the Duxbury Police Department was present, along with three other members of the Department. Sergeant Tougas expressed his support for the Town government. He acknowledged that there have been recent difficulties. However, he said that the Town Manager and Selectmen are doing a good job, and that it is time to move on.

POLE-HEARING

Mr. Daryl Crossman, Rights-of-Way Manager for VERIZON New England, INC. was present to discuss the petition by VERIZON and NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for a new pole on Indian Trail. He said that the petition is necessary in order to remove a push brace from private property.

Notice of the hearing was sent via certified mail to abutters. There were no abutters present at the meeting. Mr. Peter Buttkus, DPW Director, said that he had examined the site, and saw no issues with the petition.

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Crossman for providing scaled drawings with the petition.

Mr. Witten moved that the Board grant a location to VERIZON NEW ENLAND, INC. and to NSAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for one new pole (Pole 162/1S) on Indian Trail, in the Town of Duxbury. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 3:0:0.

FOURTH OF JULY GIFTS

Ms. Sullivan reminded everyone that there has been an anonymous gift of \$5,000.00 for the Town's portion of the cost of the Fourth of July celebration. This donor is hoping to inspire additional gifts to cover the remaining portion of the Town's costs. Since then, donations have been received from Josh & Leslie Cutler and from Richard & Linda MacDonald.

Mr. Witten moved that the Board gratefully accept the gifts from "Anonymous", from Josh & Leslie Cutler, and from Richard and Linda MacDonald for the Town's Fourth of July celebration. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 3:0:0.

TOWN MANAGER'S BRIEF

- 1) **Budget presentations from major departments will begin at the next meeting with a presentation from Fire Chief Kevin Nord.**
- 2) **Negotiations are proceeding steadily with VERIZON, to bring cable service to Duxbury.**
- 3) **The public is reminded that the deadline for Town Meeting articles is December 8, 2009.**
- 4) **There was an H1N1 vaccine clinic on November 20, 2009. The Health Agent is working with the School Department to provide another clinic as soon as more vaccine becomes available.**
- 5) **Town Hall will be open from 8:00 AM until 12:30 PM on the day after Thanksgiving.**

MINUTES

Ms. Sullivan moved to accept the minutes of November 16, 2009 as written. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 3:0:0.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board enter Executive Session in order to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, since an open discussion might have an adverse impact on the Town's bargaining position, and then to adjourn immediately afterward. Second by Mr. Witten. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Witten---aye; Mr. Donato---aye; and Ms. Sullivan---aye.