

Date: May 10, 2010

Date Minutes Approved: May 17, 2010

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Present: Shawn Dahlen, Chair; Elizabeth Sullivan, Vice-Chair; and Christopher Donato, Clerk.

Absent: No members were absent.

Staff: Richard MacDonald, Town Manager; John Madden, Finance Director; and C. Anne Murray, Adm. Assistant.

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

OPEN FORUM - No items were brought forward.

RECREATION DIRECTOR: ELLISON FUND

Mr. Gordon Cushing, Recreation Director, gave an overview of the structure of the Ellison Fund. Currently the expendable amount is about \$24,000.00. The terms of the fund require ½ the expendable amount to be used for upkeep of any Ellison playground in Duxbury and the other ½ to be used for “worthy Town projects.” Mr. Cushing and Mr. Buttkus are recommending funding of the following as “worthy Town projects”: (1) \$8,000.00 to fund renovation of the Chandler Baseball Field, something that has been an ongoing community-wide effort, and (2) \$4,000.00 to remove and replace fencing fabric along the entranceway to the Coppens Soccer fields.

Regarding upkeep of the Ellison Playgrounds the recommendation is for \$2,750.00 to be spent on purchase and installation of impact zone material and \$3,250.00 for a required safety inspection report of the major Ellison Playground, adjacent to the library. Typically, the School Department submits a request for some funding for the Ellison Playgrounds it maintains.

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the recommended distributions from the Ellison Fund, as described by Mr. Gordon Cushing, Recreation Director. Second by Mr. Donato. VOTE: 3:0:0.

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (LIBRARY)

Mr. Dahlen said this item has been postponed as a signed Agreement has not been received.

DISCUSSION RE: DUXBURY TRANSFER STATION BAGS

At a recent meeting the Board had revisited the decision regarding the sale of the Duxbury PAYT trash bags being limited to stores in Duxbury, but held off on changing their position to allow Board members to get additional input.

Mr. Dahlen said that he spoke with a number of managers at some of the larger chain stores outside of Duxbury. They all indicated to him that their customers were upset by the change in policy regarding the Duxbury PAYT bags. All indicated that they are willing to carry the Duxbury PAYT bags, and other towns' bags, as a customer convenience.

Mr. Dahlen also spoke to Anne Antonellis, President of the Duxbury Business Association (DBA). Ms. Antonellis told him she tried to encourage more Duxbury businesses to carry the bags, but there was little response. In addition, she did indicate she was also getting the same

negative feedback and was concerned the “shop in Duxbury” message was being negatively impacted by the decision, which clearly was not the intent.

Mr. Dahlen also had a conversation with Mr. Vic Leon of Foodies. While Mr. Leon said he would welcome additional customers, he also did not want the “shop Duxbury” to be viewed as a negative.

Ms. Sullivan noted that for all the people who complained because they live on the other side of Town, they do have to come to the Transfer Station and in doing so most go past Bennett’s or other Duxbury stores. Ms. Sullivan also mentioned that New Englanders don’t like to be told what to do. She just felt that asking residents once a quarter to support local businesses wasn’t asking too much, but that was her opinion and she respects the opinion of others.

Mr. Donato indicated that he was concerned that the impact would have a negative effect on recycling, and primarily for that reason would be willing to re-consider his position. He mentioned that he would be open to hearing suggestions from the Duxbury businesses on other ways that the Board could assist them in encouraging residents to shop locally.

There was a brief discussion about potentially selling the bags at the Transfer Station. The concerns with that are numerous, but mainly are in regard to manpower issues and delaying people getting in and out of the facility. Consideration will be given to seeing if there are specialty vending machines, which could be installed at the Transfer Station for sale of the bags.

Mr. Will Zachman mentioned the online poll on his website regarding this topic and the results so far.

Ms. Diane Bartlett thanked the Board for their willingness to revisit the issue pointing out that for working households convenience is a factor.

Mr. Donato moved that the Board of Selectmen return to the sale of (Duxbury PAYT) trash bags in local stores, including stores outside of the Town of Duxbury. Second by Ms. Sullivan.
VOTE: 3:0:0.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR LAND USE SUMMIT

Mr. Dahlen said that the Selectmen have only received suggested topics from three boards: Economic Advisory Committee, Affordable Housing Trust, and the Sidewalk and Bike Path Committee. He mentioned that he was disappointed that no topics have been received from the major land use boards, such as the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Conservation Commission, and the Design Review Board as those are very important boards to participate in the Land Use Summit.

After some discussion the Board decided to:

- a. cancel the Land Use Summit scheduled for May 19, 2010.
- b. re-schedule the Land Use Summit for a date in the early fall, perhaps mid-September.
- c. Put a discussion of topics on an upcoming meeting agenda so they can draft an agenda hoping this might act as a catalyst for other topics to again be solicited from the land use boards so that an agenda can be developed for a Land Use Summit.

BUSINESS

TOWN MANAGER'S BRIEF

Mr. MacDonald reported on the following items:

- 1) Tom Connolly, the Fiscal Advisory Committee, and the Finance Department are preparing for the annual review of fees to be scheduled in mid-June.
- 2) Construction values for the month of April 2010 were \$1,623,000.
- 3) VERIZON – A public hearing regarding a cable license for Verizon FIOS will be scheduled for June 14, 2010.
- 4) Strategic Planning – Ms. Judi Barrett is on the agenda next week to initiate the discussion regarding the Strategic Planning meeting seminar.
- 5) Superintendent of School Candidates Interviews – Mr. MacDonald reported that later this week he will be meeting with each of the three finalists for the Superintendent of Schools' position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Donato read the following announcement:

Nature Scavenger Hunt: The Duxbury Open Space and Recreation Community announces its annual Nature Scavenger Hunt will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2010 at 1:00 PM at the Myles Standish Monument (light rain or shine). There will be refreshments and prizes. This free event is geared towards families with children and is open to all.

MINUTES

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board approve the Executive Session (B) Minutes of April 5, 2010 as presented, to remain sealed until the need has past. Second by Mr. Donato. VOTE: 2:0:1 (Mr. Donato abstained since he was not present at the April 5 meeting.)

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board approve the Minutes of April 26, 2010 as presented. Second by Mr. Dahlen. VOTE: 3:0:0.

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board approve the Minutes of May 3, 2010 as presented. Second by Mr. Donato. VOTE 3:0:0.

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 3, 2010 as presented, to remain sealed until the need has past. Second by Mr. Donato. VOTE: 3:0:0.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Sullivan noted that the Economic Advisory Committee (EAC) has received a resignation from Ms. Anne Antonellis. Ms. Sullivan extended thanks to Ms. Antonellis for her service and her willingness to continue to be consulted in the future. Ms. Antonellis filled a Business Representative seat on the EAC, which requires that the individual not only be a Duxbury resident but a Duxbury business owner. Just this afternoon the Board received a Talent Bank from Ms. Paula Harris, who has indicated her interest and willingness to serve on the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS - No items were brought forward.

OLD BUSINESS - No items were brought forward.

Before adjourning the Board spoke about the Annual Community Volunteer Dinner, which was co-sponsored by The Village at Duxbury and Welch Healthcare and the *Duxbury Clipper*. This year there were 29 volunteers nominated for recognition, and it was humbling to hear their contributions to the community. While all the nominees were congratulated, special congratulations were offered to Tom and Patricia Guilfoile, who were recognized as the Town's Volunteers of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sullivan moved for adjournment at 7:45 PM. Second by Mr. Donato. VOTE: 3:0:0.