

Date: March 29, 2010

Date Minutes Approved: April 12, 2010

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Present: Shawn Dahlen, Christopher Donato, and Elizabeth Sullivan.

Absent: No members were absent.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. Nancy Oates administered the oath of office to the following newly-elected Town Officials:*

**Mr. Shawn M. Dahlen, Selectman
Mr. James B. MacNab, Assessor
Mr. Friend S. Weiler, Sr., Moderator
Ms. Mary Lou Buell, School Committee
Mr. John P. Bear, Planning Board
Mr. Theodore J. Flynn, Library Trustee
Mr. John J. Todd, Duxbury Housing Authority**

***The following individuals were elected, but could not attend tonight's meeting, and so will be administered the oath of office at a later date:**

**Mr. Gary Magnuson, School Committee
Ms. Laura Sullivan, Library Trustee**

Next, Town Moderator Friend Weiler, Sr., administered the oath of office to Ms. Nancy Oates, who was re-elected to serve as Duxbury's Town Clerk.

Congratulations were extended all-around!

RE-ORGANIZATION OF SELECTBOARD

Ms. Sullivan said that the Board traditionally selects its officers after the annual election. She said that she has given the matter a lot of thought this year. She commented that there was a lot of strife on the Board in the previous year. She said that the best solution to this might be to have someone new at the helm. She nominated Mr. Dahlen to be the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Dahlen provided a second for the motion. Ms. Sullivan asked if there was any discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, she asked for a vote. Vote: 2:1:0 (Mr. Donato voted against).

Next, Mr. Dahlen nominated Ms. Sullivan to be Vice-Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Second by Ms. Sullivan. Vote: 2:1:0 (Mr. Donato voted against.)

Ms. Sullivan then nominated Mr. Donato as Clerk. Second by Mr. Dahlen. Vote: 2:0:1 (Mr. Donato abstained.)

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Will Zachmann announced that he has launched a new on-line newspaper, called The Duxbury Times. It can be found at www.duxburytimes.com.

EVENT PERMIT REQUEST: TAMMY KIRK FOR DUXBURY BEACH RESERVATION / GURNET CLASSIC ROAD RACE ON AUGUST 14, 2010

Ms. Ripley explained that the applicant has requested to postpone discussion of this item. They would like to make some changes to the event before obtaining approval.

EVENT PERMIT REQUEST (REVISED): PAUL CURLEY FOR BEST BUDDIES CHALLENGE BICYCLE RIDE ON JUNE 5, 2010

Ms. Ripley explained that the Board approved this event, in concept, at their meeting of March 8, 2010. However, the Board wanted a change to the proposed route, since it involved a very busy and narrow section of Tremont Street. Ms. Ripley explained that the new route avoids that section of Tremont Street, and utilizes the Duxbury Senior Center as a rest stop. Public safety department heads have approved the change.

Ms. Sullivan moved that participants in the tenth annual Best Buddies Challenge Bicycle Ride, to be held on June 5, 2010, are granted permission to travel through Duxbury and to use the Duxbury Senior Center as a rest stop, contingent upon the conditions listed on the permit. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 3:0:0.

TOWN MANAGER BRIEF

The Town Manager reported that he met with the Commander of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Boston, the Plymouth Harbormaster and the Duxbury Harbormaster to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The purpose of this agreement is to formally set forth the framework and procedures by which the USCG and the Duxbury Harbormaster will work together to enhance the safety and security of the Town of Duxbury waters through the cooperative enforcement of federal maritime safety and security zones. This agreement gives the Duxbury Harbormaster Department legal authority to enforce federal law, maritime safety and security zones. With this agreement, the Duxbury Harbormaster will assist the USCG, Captain of the Port, and Plymouth Harbormaster with the enforcement of the federal coastal security zone around Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant. This agreement presents the Duxbury Harbormaster Department with more accessibility to federal homeland security grant monies and training.

MINUTES

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board approve the minutes of March 22, 2010 as presented. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 2:0:1 (Mr. Dahlen abstained).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Transfer Station stickers expire on March 31st. If residents have not purchased their sticker, they may download the application from the town website (www.town.duxbury.ma.us) or stop by the Treasurer/Collector's office at Town Hall.

2. **Commercial Shellfish Applications:** Reminder that **Commercial Shellfish Applications** can be submitted during the month of APRIL only. Applications are now available in the Board of Selectmen office. Applicants must be Duxbury residents and have a Massachusetts Commercial Fisheries license showing “endorsed shellfish.”
3. The Third Annual Land Use Summit is being organized for May 2010. This will be an opportunity for the Town’s land use boards to share information and concerns.
4. Next week, the Selectmen will vote to set Health Insurance Rates.
5. At an upcoming meeting, committee appointments and liaisons will be discussed.
6. The Public Safety Building Feasibility Study Committee will meet on Thursday, April 2, 2010 to discuss plans for going forward after the successful vote on the Fire Station plans this past weekend. (NOTE: This meeting was subsequently postponed to the week of April 5.)
7. The Crematory Study Committee met today to discuss plans for going forward after the successful vote on the Crematory/Cemetery Office Building this past weekend. Mr. Dahlen asked that input from the Duxbury Historic Commission be obtained for design issues. Mr. MacDonald said that the anticipated completion date for this facility is March 2012.

BONUS SHELLFISH SEASON

Mr. Donato moved that the Board of Selectmen declare a temporary Bonus Shellfish Season:

- 1) for the commercial harvesting of softshell clams for the month of April, in accordance with Attachment B & C of the posted regulations; and
- 2) for the commercial harvesting of quahog clams for the month of April, in accordance with Attachment A & C of the posted regulations.

Second by Ms. Sullivan. Vote: 3:0:0.

BONUS OYSTER SEASON

Mr. Donato moved that the Board of Selectmen declare a temporary Bonus Shellfish Season for the recreational harvesting of oysters, in the locations described in the posting, during April, 2010 on Wednesdays only (i.e., April 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th 2010) with a bag limit as prescribed in the Shellfish Rules and Regulations at six (6) quarts per week per family permit. All the Shellfish Rules and Regulations, laws, terms and conditions shall apply.

Second by Ms. Sullivan. Vote: 3:0:0.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sullivan moved for adjournment at 7:29 P.M. Second by Mr. Donato. Vote: 3:0:0.