

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday evening, February 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Peter A. Hamilton, Chairman; Theresa E. McNulty, Clerk; Joseph L. Miksch  
George G. Samia, Town Administrator  
Catherine Johnson, Administrative Assistant

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Action Items**

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the amended minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Jill Cleary of The Strength Studio for use of the Town Common on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, with a rain date of Thursday, April 29, 2010, from the hours of 11:30 am to 1 pm for the purpose of its annual picnic for Moms with Muscle Fitness Boot Camp Program.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Joseph Floeck of the East Bridgewater Recreation Commission for the use of Sachem Rock Farm on Saturday, March 27 from 10 am to 2 pm, with a rain date of Sunday, March 28 from 12 – 4 pm, for the purpose of an Easter Egg Hunt for children.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 Executive Session.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the resignation of Richard Bachman from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately.

Mr. Hamilton reported on an Executive Session held on February 2, 2010, with all bargaining units, department headstand committee chairs in attendance to discuss the town's financial situation. Mr. Hamilton explained a request was made to all departments for a 7% reduction in their budgets and requested all town employees take a 2 year wage freeze to mitigate the cuts and to respond tonight as to whether or not they would come to the bargaining table.

Mr. Samia explained the process in which this plan came to be, with history of the financial status of the Town.

Ms. McNulty explained a viable option was needed in order to keep staff and to provide services to the residents.

Mr. Hamilton noted that personnel who responded with the agreement to go back to the bargaining table are; non-union personnel, elected boards, elected officials, department heads, the Police bargaining unit, the School Custodian unit, the Firefighter bargaining unit, the Clerical Union, and the D.P.W. union.

Mr. Hamilton explained that Mr. Samia would spend the next couple of weeks organizing the negotiating, with a time constraint.

Mr. Hamilton expressed the board's appreciation to those who agreed to come back to the table to help resolve the town's financial situation.

Mr. Miksch expressed he thought it was a great thing these particular town employees and unions have agreed to.

Ms. McNulty explained that if the process goes forward, there will be some dipping into the stabilization fund to offset the budget.

Mr. Samia explained that he, along with the Finance Committee and the Town's Financial Team has always forewarned against the concept of taking one time revenue sources and dumping them into the budget, which compounds the financial problem of the town, but with the freeze it may mitigate the cuts to the departments.

Mr. Hamilton recognized the achievement of David Walsh in his Rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Hamilton explained that "DJ" has built a permanent lighted sign outside of the Town Hall for his Eagle project.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Hamilton, McNulty, Miksch; a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Board of Selectmen Clerk