

The weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Joseph L. Miksch, Chair; Robert M. Condon, Clerk; Brian Connors; George Samia, Town Administrator; Christine M. White, Principal Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointment

Micki Laslie, representative of the Morgan Fund, to inform the public of the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 17 from 6 – 8 pm at the Gordon W. Mitchell to benefit seven-year-old Morgan Lawler, who suffers from FOP (Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva), a very rare genetic condition. Ms. Laslie educated the public on the specifics of the disease, and the community's desire to help her family with medical and other costs. The Board thanked Ms. Laslie for attending and encouraged the public to attend the fund-raising dinner.

Action Items

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011 Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

M/Connors, s/Miksch a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Donna Morris as Animal Control Officer for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Dominic Marini to the Agricultural Commission for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of the following Constables, for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014: David A. DiCenso, William E. Scharnick and David A. Asiaf.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of the following Council on Aging members for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012: Robert DiFazio and Susan Muir.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Nancy Hill to Old Colony Elder Services Board of Directors for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Richard M. O'Flaherty to the Old Colony Planning Council for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Nancy Hill to Old Colony Planning Council for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Richard M. O'Flaherty to the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Jeanne Bennett as Parking Clerk/Hearing Officer for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Dominic A. Marini as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service Trustee for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Richard M. O'Flaherty to the Southeaster Mass Commuter Rail Task Force for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Mary Ahern to the Historical Commission for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014.

M/Connors, s/Miksch a unanimous vote, approve the request of Caryn Kean to have a picnic and Bible Study on the Town Common on Thursday, June 16, 2011 from 6:30 – 9 pm.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of the Treasurer/Collector, under M.G.L. 41, Section 81 U, to allow her to confiscate the funds relating to the following bonds:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Roadbond Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D09	Theresa Terrace	\$9660.11
D14	Browns Crossing	\$7512.36
D15	Carol Circle	\$21513.61
D24	David Lane	\$6723.43

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the reappointment of Eric S. Norment to the Recreation Commission for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Jacquelyn Rose and the Recreation Commission for use of the Town Common on June 21, 2011 from 5 – 10 pm for the purpose of holding a Dale and the Duds Concert to benefit a scholarship and the Recreation Commission.

M/Condon, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the following certification relative to the request of the Treasurer/Collector to approve the sale of notes and bonds in the amount of \$34,0000.00 to cover the cost to build the High School and the Center at Sachus Rock:

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts ("The Town"), certify that at a meeting of the board held June 14, 2011, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:
Attached, as written.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia explained in detail the bond issue relative to the cost of building the High School and the Center at Sachus Rock.

Reminders

The Board of Health will hold its yearly rabies clinic in front of Town Hall on Monday evening, June 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Dogs will be inoculated between 5:30 and 6:45 pm. Cats will be inoculated between 6:45 and 7:30 pm. All dogs and cats should be restrained with a leash or carrier. Fee is \$10 per animal. Please bring previous rabies records with you. You may contact the Board of Health at 508-378-1612 or smulloy@ebmass.com with any questions.

Licenses will be available in the Town Clerk's office on the same evening as the rabies clinic, June 20. Be sure to stop in and license your dog.

Board of Selectmen weekly meetings being moved to Monday evenings from Tuesday evenings beginning July 11, 2011. Also, for the months of July and August the Selectmen will meet every other week.

Board Discussion

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a majority vote (Condon opposed) the following relative to the purchase of new vehicles for various departments as approved at the June 6, 2011 Town Meeting:

That the Board direct the Town Administrator to inform the Department Heads that they are not to move forward with procurements regarding vehicles until the Board, working with the Town Administrator, George Samia, the Procurement Officer authorizes the purchases. Further, consistent with moving forward with these procurements expeditiously, I move that the Board seek the following information from the Department Heads: 1. Bid Specifications; 2. Vehicle Specifications; 3. Plans for integrating the new vehicles into the respective department fleets; and 4. Trade-in values as applicable to the purchases.

Mail Bag

Mr. Condon and Mr. Samia discussed the letter from the SEIU requesting employee health insurance information.

Open Forum

Chris Fabroski commented on the upcoming vehicle purchases and urged the Board to be more diligent in putting forth information on the purchases prior to Town Meeting.

Mr. Condon claimed that he requested this information from Mr. Samia and he refused to provide it. Mr. Samia claimed that he did provide Mr. Condon with the information he requested, and that ample information was put forth by the DPW and John Haines prior to Town Meeting. Mr. Fabroski also inquired about leasing vehicles versus purchasing vehicles. He also inquired about the bond funds to be used for the streets mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Fabroski asked Mr. Samia about "slowing down" the spending in the town. Mr. Samia stated that the town is a payroll-driven organization, and that the 2-year wage freeze was the most significant example of slowing down the spending.

Mr. Fabroski inquired about Free Cash within the Town's budget and Mr. Samia explained the concept, and stated that although most of the Free Cash was spent, the Town was still able to have reserves in a regular stabilization fund and a capital stabilization fund, resulting in a recent Moody's Investors Service rating of Aa3.

Bob DiFazio inquired as to why the Board did not have the specifications on vehicles - as mentioned in the motion by Mr. Connors - prior to Town Meeting. Mr. Samia responded by stating that the concerns surrounding vehicles stemmed from the controversial article at the Town Meeting that pertained to a vehicle to be purchased for the Fire Department, whether it was to be a class of ambulance (a "Class 5" vehicle, and licensed and used as such) or a vehicle for the personal use of the department head, an issue that has still not been resolved.

Mr. DiFazio further stated that he did not approve of vehicles purchased by the town being unmarked, and inquired about the ambulance fund and enterprise accounts within the DPW which were explained by Mr. Samia. Mr. DiFazio urged the Board to get a defibrillator for the Council on Aging, given that large amounts of money expended for the fire department.

Mr. Miksch suggested that in the near future he would like to have all town vehicles, other than unmarked police cars, have lettering marking them as Town-owned. Mr. Samia and Mr. Connors suggested looking into the matter for a future meeting

Tim Kramer commented on the ambulance fund and felt that the Town did not need another ambulance, and wanted to know specifically if the vehicle currently used by the Fire Chief is an ambulance. Mr. Connors stated that there is no Class 5 license for the vehicle.

Mr. Connors further stated that the decision on how many ambulances the Town has is up to the voters at Town Meeting, and that he wants the voters know what they are voting for and have transparency within the Town government.

Roy Gardner wanted to clarify that the vote of the Selectmen regarding the road bond funding invokes M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81 U and Y and is for fixing the roadways.

Mr. Gardner also commented on the Town Meeting vote on the Class 1 and Class 5 ambulances. He stated that the article wording was explicit, and that no other type of vehicle should be purchased. Mr. Connors stated that measures are being taken to ensure that the voters get what they voted for. Mr. Gardner apologized if comments he made on the Town Meeting floor were misinterpreted, as he was unaware that there were legitimate reasons for the controversy surrounding the ambulance article.

Mr. Gardner also voiced his approval of earmarked accounts within the Fire Department and DPW as opposed to a general fund as a way to curb spending.

Mr. DiFazio inquired about the possibility that the money appropriated at Town Meeting for a Class 1 and a Class 5 ambulance may not be enough.

Mr. Fabroski inquired about expenditures and if the public could view any records of expenditures. Mr. Samia stated that anyone could come in and make a public information request. Mr. Samia further explained the procurement process. Mr. Fabroski then inquired about the recycling center and what is and is not accepted there. There was also a discussion on so-called "Green Grants" and the possibility of a recycling center that would be open daily.

Russ Hannagan informed the Board that one of his producers at EBCTV, George Lopes, a country-and-western singer is available to do a free concert on the common in the month of August. The Board directed Mr. Hannagan to the Recreation Commission.

Christine White reminded the public that there are four openings on the Finance Committee and that any interested party should send a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

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

VOTE: Yes – Miksch, Condon, Connors; a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Board of Selectmen Clerk