

Present: Chairman A. Raymond Randall, Selectman Mark W. Lynch, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, and Selectmen's Assistant Pamela J. Witham.

Chairman Randall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge at the Essex Elementary School on Story Street and announced that the Board would hear public comment. No one from the public was present to offer any comments.

Brendhan Zubricki presented his Town Administrator's Report for the period covering April 25th, 2009 through May 1st, 2009, regarding the following items:

Wind Turbine Power Generation: Mr. Zubricki reported that since the last Selectmen's meeting, he has been in contact with engineer Jonathan Markey of Meridian Associates to ask about the next steps for the Town to take towards developing a commercial-scale wind turbine generator. The best locations in Town for development are Conomo Point and the old landfill off Landing Road. The first step would be to perform an in-depth feasibility study. Mr. Markey said that the Town is eligible for funding and that of the \$45,000 initial contribution required, the Town will only need to fund about \$5,600. The rest will be funded by Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. Mr. Zubricki reminded the Selectmen that Hamilton is going ahead with a similar project. The Selectmen are in favor of waiting to raise the \$5,600 at a Fall Special Town Meeting rather than appropriating the money from the Reserve Fund at this time.

Conomo Point Subdivision Public Forum: Mr. Zubricki reported that the public forum had been held by Horsley Witten last Thursday. The Selectmen agreed that they would like HW to pursue Option B.1, the highest and best use. This option will convert leasehold lines to legal lot lines and will keep the existing mix of seasonal and year-round use intact. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to direct HW to pursue Option B.1. Mr. Zubricki said that he has been coordinating a joint meeting with the Planning Board, the Conomo Point Planning Committee, and the Board of Selectmen to discuss the next step with Horsley Witten. The Selectmen asked Mr. Zubricki to try to schedule the joint meeting for Wednesday, May 13th.

In other business, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve and sign the weekly warrant in the amount of \$108,186.97.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve and sign the minutes for the April 27th, 2009, Selectmen's Open Meeting, the April 27th, 2009, Selectmen's Executive Session, the April 30th, 2009, Selectmen's Open Meeting, and the April 30th, 2009, Selectmen's Executive Session.

The Selectmen considered the re-appointment of Board of Public Works member Trescott DeWitt. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve the re-appointment of Trescott Dewitt to the Board of Public Works for another term of three years.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter of recommendation from certain members of the Council on Aging. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to appoint Priscilla J. Doucette to fill the vacancy on the Council on Aging left by the resignation of Irene Bowmen contingent upon a CORI check. The Selectmen signed her appointment card.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve the following requests for permits and licenses:

Auction Permits:

- Frank Kaminski, d/b/a Kaminski Auctions, for use on Saturday, May 30th, 2009, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. within the confines of 109 Eastern Avenue.
- Frank Kaminski, d/b/a Kaminski Auctions, for use on Sunday, May 31st, 2009, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. within the confines of 109 Eastern Avenue.

Common Victualler's License:

- Blue Marlin, Inc., d/b/a Marlin Market, Corey Matthews, Manager, at 63 Eastern Avenue. (This license supersedes the Common Victualler's License previously issued with a different manager, no d/b/a name, and an incorrect address.)

The Selectmen were reminded that the Cape Ann Breakfast Club will meet on Friday, May 15th, at the Gloucester House Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. The program, "Get Hooked on Health", will include a panel discussion by three local wellness practitioners. None of the Selectmen, nor the Town Administrator, will be able to attend.

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library.

Town Counsel, Gregg Corbo, joined the meeting.

Mr. Zubricki reported that there is concern about having a place for the children to be out of the direct sun during the summer youth program activities taking place at the Essex Elementary School on Story Street. There will be a tent to provide shade for those participating in the programs at Memorial Park. The Selectmen opted to keep the Memorial Park tent at Memorial Park and recommended that shaded areas adjacent to the tree line at the school be used for sun relief. The Selectmen would like a schedule presenting the timing of the summer program activities matched with locations prepared to be sure that everything is coordinated. Mr. Zubricki said that enrollments in the summer program are greatly reduced from prior years. The deadline for enrolling is the end of May. The Youth Director has been advised to wait until the full enrollment is known before hiring summer program help.

Mr. Zubricki said that there has been an inquiry from the estate of one of the leaseholders at Conomo Point about various matters and procedures to be followed when the leases end in 2011. The Selectmen and Town Counsel agreed that the procedures are still in the discussion and formulation process and asked that the representatives of the estate be informed accordingly.

The Selectmen reviewed last minute changes in the presentation of the articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. for the Annual Town Meeting in the Cafetorium at the Essex Elementary School.

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Jeffrey D. Jones