

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

Also Present: Town Counsel Gregg Corbo, Robert Coviello, and John Driscoll.

The Chairman 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 offered any comments.

Mr. Zubricki presented his Town Administrator's Report for the period covering April 24th, 2010 through April 30th, 2010 regarding the following items:

Martin/Main Corner Parking Site Visit: Mr. Zubricki reviewed a draft letter to Congressman Tierney requesting assistance on behalf of the Town's concerned business community, Mass DOT, and the Selectmen with the proposed removal of parking spaces at the corner of Main Street and Martin Street. The Selectmen approved the draft and a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve the Chairman's signature on the letter after Mr. Zubricki reviews the draft with Mass DOT personnel.

Revisions to Shellfish Regulations: The Selectmen have reviewed the proposed change to the Shellfish Regulations limiting the commercial licenses to 94, not including student licenses, senior licenses, and hardship licenses. Mr. Zubricki said that the Shellfish Advisory Commission will be meeting on Tuesday and will forward their comments on the proposed change in time for the next Selectmen's meeting on May 17th.

Town Meeting Motions: Mr. Zubricki reviewed the last minute changes to the Town meeting motions.

In other business, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve the expenditure of \$150.00 from the Luther Burnham Fund to David W. Graf for half-year maintenance service on the E. Howard Town Hall Tower Clock.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve and sign the weekly warrant in the amount of \$207,681.88.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve and sign the minutes for the April 26th, 2010, Selectmen's Open Meeting and the Selectmen's April 26th, 2010, Executive Session.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve a request from Marilyn Klypka-Simpson to use Centennial Grove for a graduation party on Sunday, June 6th, 2010, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve and sign the Public Official Liability Insurance Renewal Application from MIIA, the Town's insurance carrier.

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Mr. Zubricki said that he has been informed by the Board of Health that the State has issued new regulations regarding public beaches. Currently, the Town has three public beaches: Front Beach at Conomo Point, Clammers' Beach at Conomo Point, and the Centennial Grove Beach on Chebacco Lake. The new regulations require that a sign be posted at each beach and that a questionnaire be completed and returned to the Board of Health. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to implement the requirements of the new regulations and Mr. Zubricki will complete the questionnaire and order the necessary signage.

Mr. Zubricki reviewed the proposed letter to the Governor explaining that the Annual Town Meeting was posted only six days before the actual meeting date instead of seven and requesting special legislation be enacted to allow the business conducted at the Annual Town Meeting to be deemed valid. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to authorize signature of the letter by the Chairman. Mr. Zubricki will now ask Senator Tarr and Representative Ferrante to also sign the letter who will hand-carry it to the Governor.

Mr. Zubricki announced that Roger Lander had passed away over the weekend. Mr. Lander had been a policeman, a constable for the Town, and the Chairman of the Council on Aging. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve the lowering of all Town flags to half staff for one week in his honor.

The Selectmen were reminded that Annual Town elections will be held at the Fire Station on Monday, May 10th, 2010, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Cape Ann Savings Bank Trust and Financial Services Department, located on the third floor at 109 Main Street, Gloucester, will host the next Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce Evening Business Exchange on Wednesday, May 12, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the T.O.H.P. Burnham Library.

At 6:50 p.m., citing the need to discuss collective bargaining and the value of real property, the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session. He stated that the Board would not be returning to Open Session and invited Attorney Corbo and Town Administrator Zubricki to attend. The motion was moved and seconded, and per a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board moved to Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:20 p.m. There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to adjourn to the Annual Town Meeting being held in the Essex Elementary School Gymnasium and starting at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
A. Raymond Randall, Jr.