

Selectmen's Minutes

August 30, 2010

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the T.O.H.P. Burnham Library and announced that the meeting was being recorded. There was no one present from the public to offer any Public Comment.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve and sign the weekly warrant in the amount of \$747,615.49.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to approve and sign the minutes of the August 19th, 2010 Selectmen's Open Meeting, the August 23rd, 2010 Selectmen's Open Meeting, the August 23rd, 2010 Selectmen's Executive Session, the August 25th, 2010 Selectmen's Open Meeting, and the August 25th, 2010 Selectmen's Executive Session.

The Selectmen considered the appointment of Pamela J. Witham to be responsible for reviewing and certifying the expenditures made by the Veterans Service Officer and a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to appoint Ms. Witham.

The Selectmen were reminded that the School Initial Budget Planning Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 8th, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the MERHS Library.

The Selectmen will be meeting in the T.O.H.P. Burnham Library on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. on September 10th, 2010.

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, September 13th, 2010 in the T.O.H.P. Burnham Library at 7:00 p.m. The Selectmen's Assistant will not be at this meeting.

Mr. Zubricki reported that the Essex Merchants Group would like to be better informed about the Route 133 reconstruction schedule. The Chairman said that he would like to meet with Ed Perkins and Michael Cannatta from MassDOT to discuss the possibility of scheduling regular updates with the contractor, the Merchants Group and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Zubricki said that Susan Coviello has advised him of a promotional being sponsored by Oprah Winfrey: Win a free make-over for your home town. The Selectmen directed Mr. Zubricki to ask Ms. Coviello to look into the program, and, if there is anything that would be of value to the Town, to inform the Selectmen.

At 7:21 p.m., citing the need to discuss pending litigation, the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session. He said that discussing the litigation in Open

Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position and invited Mr. Zubricki to attend. He said that the Board would not be returning to Open Session. The motion was moved, seconded, and per a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board moved to Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously Voted to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Jeffrey D. Jones