

Selectmen's Minutes
T.O.H.P. Burnham Library

May 9, 2011

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

Chairman Randall called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded and that the Board would hear Public Comment. No one from the public was present to offer any comment.

In other business, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to hold a special election on Wednesday, June 15th, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to open the special election warrant.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to include one operational override ballot question and one capital exclusion ballot override question as printed on the election warrant.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to close the special election warrant.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve and sign the special election warrant.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to transmit the special election ballot language to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the following requests for one-day licenses:

One-Day Entertainment License:

- Mike Doyle, Doyle Wedding, for use on Saturday, August 13, 2011, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. within the confines of the Centennial Grove Cottage at 55 Centennial Grove Road.

One-Day Wine & Malt License:

- Mike Doyle, Doyle Wedding, for use on Saturday, August 13, 2011, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. within the confines of the Centennial Grove Cottage at 55 Centennial Grove Road, contingent upon receipt of a certificate of liability insurance to the Town and assurance of a police detail for the day.

The next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be in the T.O.H.P. Burnham Library on Monday, May 16, 2011, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Essex Lions Club program honoring High School Seniors who attended Essex Elementary School will take place on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Manchester. Selectman Jones will attend the ceremony.

The Selectmen reviewed a response suggested by Town Counsel to a communication from Kimberly Ross Smith and a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve and sign the letter.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to ratify the signature of the renewal contract for the Chief of Police.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Successor Ambulance Billing Agreement.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the rental of the Centennial Grove Cottage for the Doyle Wedding on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, on August 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2011.

The Selectmen discussed the status of the special legislation regarding Conomo Point. The State Committee had felt rushed when considering the Town's request for exemption from Chapter 30(b) and had only approved the exemption for the bridge leases. The Selectmen were in agreement that the Town should renew the request for special legislation as it was originally made which included a possible sale and/or long-term lease of some or all of the property. It was noted that a resident intends to send a formal complaint to the Attorney General's office stating that two of the articles concerning Conomo Point that were passed at the Annual Town Meeting are outside the authority of the Board of Selectmen and/or the Special Act.

The Horsley Witten Group has been asked to complete their preliminary plan for the subdivision of southern Conomo Point which will include supplemental parking areas, if possible.

Selectman O'Donnell said that she will be resigning from the Conomo Point Planning Committee if Susan Coviello is elected to replace Chairman Randall on the Board of Selectmen and said that they should be looking for a replacement. The Selectmen were in agreement that an amended focus should be given to the Committee to reflect past progress and future needs, now that the leases are ending at Conomo Point.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

Prepared by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Lisa J. O'Donnell

May 9, 2011

2011
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Essex
Warrant for Special Election

Essex, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Essex;

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Essex, qualified to vote as the laws direct of a Special Town Election to be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The polls will be open at 12:00 o'clock noon and will close at 8:00 o'clock P.M. at the Essex Fire and Police Headquarters.

To bring to ballot the following questions:

Shall the Town of Essex be allowed to assess an additional \$189,799 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding a portion of the Conomo Point legal services appropriation, portions of the Town's operating budget and a portion of the Manchester-Essex Regional School District budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eleven?

_____ Yes _____ No

Shall the Town of Essex be allowed to assess an additional \$83,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the following capital projects: the purchase of a new police cruiser, portable space for the police department and a new copying machine for Town Hall for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eleven?

_____ Yes _____ No

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies; one at the Post Office, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Essex Elementary & Middle School, in said Essex, seven days at least before the time for holding said election.

Given under our hand this 9th day of May, two thousand eleven.

A. Raymond Randall, Jr., Chairman

Attest: _____
Constable

Jeffrey D. Jones

Date: _____

Lisa J. O'Donnell

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ESSEX