

**Selectmen's Minutes
Teachers' Lounge**

April 25, 2012

Present: Chairman Jeffrey D. Jones, Selectman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Selectman Susan Gould-Coviello, Town Administrator, Town Counsel Gregg Corbo, and Selectmen's Assistant Pamela J. Witham.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 else was present to offer comment.

The Selectmen discussed the single article on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman would read the article and offer some background. He would be followed by Town Counsel who would explain the reasons for seeking the special legislation. It was anticipated that Senator Tarr would be present and offer comments concerning the article.

In other business, Mr. Zubricki said that Police Chief Silva would like to have a special duty officer at the Annual Town Meeting. However, his budget has been depleted and he has asked if the Selectmen would authorize payment for the special detail from the Special Event Fund. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the Chief's request to fund a special detail officer for the Annual Town Meeting from the Special Events Fund.

Mr. Zubricki said that Mr. Barron had been sent a real estate tax bill for his expired leasehold at Conomo Point by mistake and Mr. Barron had sent in payment. Town Counsel has prepared a letter to Mr. Barron apologizing for the tax bill and returning his check. The Selectmen reviewed the letter and a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to sign the letter and return Mr. Barron's check.

Mr. Zubricki reported that he had changed the locks on the property at 24 Cogswell Road (Map 19, Lot 13). The Town's insurance company has also advised Mr. Zubricki to place no trespassing signs in the windows of the unleased cottages at the Point and he is in the process of purchasing the signs.

The Selectmen agreed that they would like to hand out copies of their April 4, 2011, Conomo Point position statement. All the Selectmen were in agreement that Selectman O'Donnell would work with Horsley Witten to prepare another handout with a map of the proposed northern zoning district at Conomo Point.

The Selectmen were reminded that the next Board of Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, May 7th, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge at the Essex Elementary School on Story Street.

The Selectmen then continued their meeting to the cafetorium to participate in the Special Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

After some discussion, the Special Town Meeting reaffirmed their vote of November 2010 and authorized the Selectmen to seek special legislation exempting the Town from Chapter 30 (b) with regard to a sale and/or a lease of land at Conomo Point.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

The Selectmen continued their meeting with a review of a letter of petition to Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Ferrante informing them that the Town had reaffirmed their vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue to seek special legislation for exemption from Chapter 30 (b) for Conomo Point. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve and sign two originals of the letter (one for each legislator). A certified copy of the Town Meeting vote was attached to each letter. Senator Tarr, who had attended the meeting, was given both sets of originals to hand carry to the State House.

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

Attested by: _____
Pamela J. Witham

Attested by: _____
Lisa J. O'Donnell