

Selectmen's Minutes
Teachers' Lounge, Essex Elementary School

May 7, 2012

Present: Chairman Jeffrey D. Jones, Selectman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, Town Counsel Gregg Corbo, and Finance Committee Chairman Jeffrey Soulard.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge of the Essex Elementary School and announced that the Board would hear Public Comment. There was no one present from the public to offer comment.

Mr. Zubricki began his presentation of his Town Administrator's Report for the period April 21st, 2012 through May 4th, 2012 regarding the following:

Town Office Building Request for Proposals Opening: Mr. Zubricki commented that the owner of the Lahey property relayed through his attorney that he is prepared to engage in meaningful discussions as to final price.

Water/Sewer Betterment Accounting Policy: The Selectmen postponed discussion of this topic until their next regular meeting on May 21, 2012.

Potential Licensure of Town Property for Commercial Purposes: Discussion of this matter was taken under advisement and will be discussed at the next regular Selectmen's meeting on May 21, 2012.

Annual Town Meeting Motions: The Selectmen reviewed the proposed motions for each of the articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

In other business, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the weekly warrant.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve and sign the minutes for the April 23rd, 2012, Selectmen's Open Meeting, the April 23rd, 2012, Selectmen's Executive Session, the April 25th, 2012 Selectmen's Open Meeting, and the April 30th, 2012 Selectmen's Open Meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to reappoint Trescott DeWitt to the Department of Public Works for a term of 3 years, effective May 15, 2012.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to remove the entirety of the clam flat known as "The Spit" from the list of designated winter flats. Effective May 13th, 2012, the entire Spit will be designated as a year-round clam flat.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve a request from the Friends of the Council on Aging to waive the rental fee and to approve the rental of Centennial Grove for their annual BBQ on Thursday, June 14, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Selectmen discussed the status of Special Legislation regarding Conomo Point with Representative Ferrante, who had joined the meeting.

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

Auction Permit:

- Blackwood March Antiques, Michael March, for use on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, between the hours of 4:00 and 11:00 p.m. within the confines of Woodman's Function Hall at 125 Main Street.

Common Victualler's License:

- Gregg Mahoney, P and G Cookout, Hot Dog and Sausage Grill Cart, 91 Main Street, contingent upon approval by the Board of Health.

The Selectmen were reminded that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School will take place on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at 562 Maple Street, in Hathorne, Massachusetts.

There will be a Downtown Boardwalk Feasibility Study Public Input Session scheduled at the Essex Elementary School on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Heath's Tea Room Restaurant in Rockport.

The Essex Lions Club 2012 Essex Senior Recognition Night will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manchester Legion Post 113, 10 Central Street. Tickets will cost \$20.00 each and those attending are requested to R.S.V.P.

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, May 21st, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the T.O.H.P. Burnham Library on Martin Street.

Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante left the meeting.

At 6:45 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss matters regarding the lease, sale, and value of property at Conomo Point. He stated that discussing these matters in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's negotiating position. He said that the Board would be returning to Open Session only to adjourn the meeting and invited Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, Town Counsel, and Finance Committee Chairman Jeffrey

Soulard to attend. The motion was moved and seconded, and, following a unanimous Roll Call Vote of the two Selectmen present, the Board moved to Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:55 p.m. and Selectman Gould-Coviello joined the meeting.

The Board continued to discuss the various motions for the Annual Town Meeting and Mr. Zubricki answered a variety of questions.

There being no further business before the Board, at 7:15 p.m., a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn the Selectmen's meeting and to move to attend the Annual Town Meeting in the gymnasium.

Documents discussed during this meeting include the following:

None.

Prepared by: _____
Brendhan Zubricki

Attested by: _____
Lisa J. O'Donnell