

**Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Memorial Town Hall**  
**Third Floor Meeting Room**  
**8/21/06**  
**7:00 PM**

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**Selectmen Present:** Richard Clough, Chairman; Lonnie Brennan, Clerk; Matthew Vincent

**Others Present:** Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:**

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**Call to Order**

Mr. Clough opened the meeting at 7:06PM.

**Minutes**

**Mr. Brennan moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 26, 29, July 17, 24, 2006 as written. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Correspondence**

Mr. Clough stated that they have received a request from the Democratic Town Committee for the appointment of Election Officers.

**Mr. Brennan moved to approve the provided list of Election Officers (Starr Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Margaret Cuddy, Patricia Duggan, Matilda Evangelista, Etta Hallowell, Theresa Palardy, Audrey Peabody, Natalie Rondeau, Cynthia Tardif, MaryLou Rentschler, and Peter Zibell). Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**New Business**

*One-Day Liquor License*

Mr. Clough stated that there has been a request for a one-day liquor license for an outdoor Wedding at Rock Pond Restaurant. Mr. Delaney explained. Mr. Vincent asked about liability. Mr. Delaney stated that the applicant would be responsible for any liability. Mr. Clough asked about hours. Mr. Delaney stated that the event would end by 11:00PM and a detail officer would be present.

**Mr. Vincent moved to approve the one-day liquor license September 30, 2006 for Steven Khoury in a tent in the parking lot of Rock Pond Restaurant with the license to expire at 11:00PM September 30, 2006 and for a detail officer to be present. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Georgetown Housing Authority*

Mr. Clough stated that they have a joint appointment to the Georgetown Housing Authority. Present from the Housing Authority Martha Robinson, Betty Davidson, and Betty Harper. Ms. Davidson stated that they would like to nominate Donald Smith to fill the unexpired term of Suzanne Lind. She stated that Mr. Smith was on the GHA but did not run for reelection, but would be interested in filling this position until the next annual election.

**Mr. Vincent moved to appoint Donald Smith to the unexpired term on the Georgetown Housing Authority term to expire at the next annual election. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.**

**Mr. Brennan-yes**

**Mr. Vincent-yes**

**Ms. Davidson-yes**

**Ms. Robinson-yes**

**Ms. Harper-yes**

**Mr. Clough-yes**

*Library Update*

Ruth Eifert, Georgetown Librarian stated that she had a power point presentation. Nancy Aberman, Chairman of the Library Building Committee stated that the original building committee was formed in 1999 and four of the original members are still on the committee. She stated that the project should be finished May 2007. Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Moultrie has been keeping a monthly update of Highway projects and that he would like to see the Library do the same. Ms. Aberman stated that John Sayre-Scibona is project manager and that he updates the board monthly. Mr. Sayre-Scibona gave copies of his most recent report to the board. Mr. Brennan stated that they suffer from being on the heels of a problem with the downtown project. Ms. Eifert stated that a complete set of plans are available at the Library if any resident would like to view the plans. Mr. Vincent stated that they would like to have an idea of what to expect each month as the project moves forward. Mr. Sayre-Scibona asked if the document he gave them is sufficient. The Selectman stated that the document was fine but they would like him to add what to expect the next month. Ms. Aberman stated that they have been very happy with the contractor. Discussion on parking spaces Ms. Eifert stated that the contractor will finish the project up to a point and then the Town will finish the landscaping, sidewalk, etc. Mr. Delaney asked for milestones for the public to watch for. Mr. Sayre-Scibona stated that in September/October the concrete will be poured and then the building will go up. Mr. Brennan asked about parking and balancing the spaces between Maple and Pleasant Street. Ms. Aberman stated that most parking is in the front and Maple Street side of the building because that is where the entrance to the Library will now be located. She stated on Pleasant Street there is employee parking as the employee entrance is on that side. Mr. Vincent asked about landscaping. Ms. Eifert stated that fundraising would be used for the landscaping.

Bill Spears, 11 Maple Street stated that he is concerned about the parking. He suggested some changes. He stated that the large amount of parking on Maple Street alters the

character of the neighborhood. Mr. Sayre-Scibona stated that Mr. Moultrie will be replacing the trees that were taken down on the Maple Street side. Mr. Spears asked about the chain link fence and if this would stay up all through construction. Mr. Sayre-Scibona stated that for safety it would stay up. Mr. Spears asked when the LBC met. Ms. Aberman stated that the Library Building Committee meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:15PM at Town Hall.

Pricilla Loring, 9 Maple Street, stated that she is also concerned with the parking on Maple Street. She asked how they will control who can park there. She stated that at the school there is limited parking and some students may use this parking. Discussion on time limit or Library parking only signs. Mr. Brennan asked if they could take the parking and see what a change would cost and have a discussion with the Planning Board. Mark Unger, 25 Bailey Lane stated that they could talk with the Traffic Study Committee about options. He stated that he is on the committee but is not representing the committee this evening but that he would bring this forward to the committee. Ms. Loring stated that during certain hours Maple Street is a one-way that is not being observed. She stated that she has concern about the aesthetics of the sidewalk and the parking will be taking a lot of green. Ms. Aberman stated that the LBC did a traffic study and they could make this available to the Traffic Committee.

Ray Loring, 22 Maple Street stated that the signs with the traffic restrictions are not observed. He stated that he feels they need a larger sign and a restoration of the sign on East Main Street regarding hours one-way.

Mark Unger stated that the Traffic Committee could look into this as there are so many signs. He stated that his is an issue they are working on. Mr. Spears stated that there are a lot of trucks using this as a cut through and there is a sign "No through trucks". Mr. Brennan asked Mr. Unger if an officer was in the square during high traffic hours would this help and have they looked into this. Mr. Unger stated that they are looking at the square and that new traffic lights are in the works that may help with the traffic. Mr. Brennan stated that Mr. Moultrie updated the board this morning on some projects in the works.

Mark Unger stated that he was on the Town Hall Building Committee and Lamarre was the contractor for part of this building and they did a good job.

### **Selectmen's Report**

Mr. Brennan stated that he would like to see mosquito spraying more open. He stated that he would like to request the Board of Health to meet with them or send a report of what is timeline, procedure and what improvements could be made for the future.

Mr. Vincent stated that they could request the Board of Health to let the Selectmen know when spraying is being done in Town. Mr. Brennan stated he would like to see the notification to the public be more in the open.

Mr. Brennan stated that he would like to request the BoH to submit written information on spraying, a timeline up to the spraying and a map with what areas, and the cost to the Town.

**Mr. Brennan moved to request information from the Board of Health regarding the spraying protocols for mosquitoes. What are the standard operating procedures related to the spraying program, what areas were sprayed, types of chemical that were used, and the estimated cost of the program. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Brennan moved to request that the Board of Health notify the Board of Selectmen of future spraying plans before it occurs, even including an emergency meeting with the Selectmen, if necessary. It was noted that this notification would be for any spraying after August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Brennan moved to meet with the BoH Tuesday September 5, 2006. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Brennan stated that the ZBA would be holding a large hearing on September 5 and that they may want to consider moving to the High School. He stated that the ZBA should check with the Building Inspector on the room capacity.

Mr. Brennan stated that there is a School Committee meeting on Thursday and that the School Committee is investigating the expenditure of School funds. He stated that he has talked with the committee and that he is restraining himself on this issue and he has extreme faith in the School Committee. He stated that silence on his part is not his approval. Mr. Clough stated that trust with the schools is lost over this issue. Mr. Vincent stated that the expenditure was not the fault of the School Committee but they are investigating and will make a decision on policy.

Mr. Brennan stated that negotiations are ongoing with the Unions. He welcomed Mr. Clough back.

### **Town Administrator Report**

Mr. Delaney stated that he had an update on the tree bylaw. He stated that he talked to council and asked them if they could add to what we have in place already. He asked the Selectmen to look over some State regulations and see if these would address their concerns. He stated that there are adequate controls in the State Statute. Mr. Vincent stated that the Maple Street trees are a different issue then the downtown tree that was removed.

Mr. Delaney stated he had an update on Milton Way and that a report would be coming. He stated that council stated that the Town is not responsible to take any action on the road. Mr. Brennan stated that with one neighbor making changes is the Town libel. Mr.

Vincent asked if we allow one resident to take action what precedent do we set. Mr. Delaney stated that council would be sending a written report for their review.

### **Appointments**

Mr. Vincent stated that over the summer is a tough time to ask applicants to come to a meeting. He stated that next year they should invite applicants earlier.

#### *Cable TV Advisory Board*

**Mr. Brennan moved to reappoint *Stuart Egenberg, Stephen Melofsky, and Charles Davis* to the CATV Advisory Board term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Clough stated that he would like to hold Paul Swain's appointment until we find out if he attends meetings.

#### *Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

**Mr. Vincent moved to appoint *Ann Blythe* to the CIP term to expire June 30, 2009. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

#### *Council on Aging*

**Mr. Brennan moved to appoint *Rosemary Morse* to the Council on Aging as an Alternate member term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

#### *Historical Commission*

**Mr. Brennan moved to appoint *Joseph Knapp* to the Historical Commission to fill the unexpired term of George Fiasconaro term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Brennan moved to reappoint *George Perkins* to the Historical Commission term to expire June 30, 2009. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

#### *Park and Recreation Commission*

**Mr. Brennan moved to reappoint *Elizabeth Wade* and to appoint *Sean Curtin and Carol L. Fitzpatrick* to the Park & Recreation Commission term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

#### *Recreational Path Committee*

**Mr. Vincent moved to appoint *Bernard A. Kravitz* to the Recreational Path Committee term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

#### *Scholarship Committee*

**Mr. Vincent moved to reappoint *Ken Woodbury, Pamela McKay, and Deborah Mulligan* to the Scholarship Committee term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Veterans' District Representative*

**Mr. Brennan moved to reappoint *Richard Clough* as the Veterans' District Representative term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Zoning Board of Appeals*

Mr. Brennan stated that they have a request for appointment from Matthew Lewis for appointment to the ZBA. He stated that Mr. Lewis is his neighbor and that he would have to reclude himself from a vote. Mr. Clough requested that Mr. Lewis come in to the next BoS meeting to talk with the board.

Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to have the Government Study Committee come in and talk about their vision of the committee and if it is the same as that of the Selectmen. He stated and at that time they can figure out appointments. Mr. Brennan stated that he attended a few meetings and that he has not seen minutes and he has heard that there is a narrow focus with five items to be reviewed. He stated that he was surprised at the five top items.

Discussion to move Selectmen's meeting to Wednesday September 6 at 7PM.

Mr. Delaney stated that he would set up Union negotiations for morning meetings.

**Mr. Vincent moved to adjourn. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved as amended September 11, 2006.