

**Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Memorial Town Hall**  
**3rd Floor Meeting Room**  
**9/15/08**  
**7:00 PM**

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**Selectmen Present:** Matthew Vincent, Chairman; Philip Trapani; Evan J. O'Reilly, Clerk

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

**Absent:**

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**Call to Order**

Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mr. Vincent asked for a moment of silence for Michael Legere, a past member of the Fire Department who passed away this weekend. He also sent condolences to his family, and longtime GTFD firefighter Captain Brad Legere.

**Warrant & Minutes**

**Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of August 11 and September 5, 2008. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Correspondence**

United Nations letter asking the town to recognize October 24, 2008 the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the UN and to send a Proclamation.

**Mr. Trapani moved to recognize October 24, 2008 as UN Day and send a proclamation from the Town of Georgetown. No second.**

Mr. O'Reilly stated that he does not feel they should sign the proclamation and explained his position. Mr. Vincent stated that he feels the US is a part of the UN and that we should support the UN. He stated that he would review the proclamation over the week and ask next week to either adopt the sample sent or adopt a different one that Mr. O'Reilly would be comfortable with.

Letter from Tom Falzareno on trees to be planted at the Harry Murch Park.

Mr. Vincent stated that this discussion should include Peter Durkee as the Tree Warden. He stated that Mr. Durkee, the Historical Commission, and Steve Przyjemski, ConCom Agent should meet to discuss the issue. He stated that they could also include Mr. Falzareno in the discussion. Mr. Vincent asked Mr. LaCortiglia if these types of changes

could be made to the plan without the CPC approval. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that they are reviewing that now.

Mr. Vincent stated that they received an informational letter from Whittier VoTech on a repair to their roof.

### **Board Business**

#### *Fall Town Meeting*

Discussion with Beverly Enos, Moderator on a date for the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Delaney stated that he has discussed dates with Ms. Enos. A tentative date was set for November 17, 2008 at 7:00PM. Mr. Vincent stated that at the Tri-board meeting next week they would finalize the date.

Mr. Vincent stated that there is a Tri-Board meeting posted for September 25, 2008, at 7:00PM with the BoS, FinCom, and School Committee.

Mr. Delaney stated that he sent out an email to all departments asking if they have any items for Town meeting.

#### *Map 11, lot 38/Rosemarie Lane*

Mr. LaCortiglia explained the history on this parcel. He stated that the parcel was a part of a subdivision decision and was signed by BoS with the land to go to the ConCom. He stated that the deed was never recorded, and then the land was taken by the town in tax title. Mr. Vincent stated that from the deed it does show the intention of the board for this land to go the ConCom. He stated that the deed needs to be recorded within 90 days. He stated that Mr. Delaney contacted Town Council and that the acceptance has to go to Town Meeting. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that it is his understanding that the BoS must declare the land surplus then it would go to TM.

Mr. LaCortiglia stated that the Planning Board will be bringing Street acceptances to the Fall Town Meeting.

Mr. Trapani stated that when this parcel came before them his first thought was if this land could be used for another use fields, etc. Mr. Vincent stated that he received an email from a previous Selectman, Sal Testaverde that it was the intent of the BoS for the land to go to the ConCom. Mr. O'Reilly stated that is not their intent to change the decision of previous BoS.

**Mr. Trapani moved to declare the parcel of land shown on the Town Assessors map as *Map 11, lot 38*, to be no longer needed for general municipal purposes and to transfer the parcel to the care and custody of the Conservation Commission for passive conservation purposes. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to see some of the ConCom trails maintained and maps of the trails done. Mr. Shreder stated that they are working on this. Mr. Vincent

stated that the High School students are now required to do community service and could help with the trails. Mr. DiMento stated that it would also be nice to have someone work with West Boxford on trails.

Mr. Vincent reminded residents that the State Primary is tomorrow, Tuesday, September 16, 2008 7AM to 8PM.

Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to congratulate the Police Honor Guard on achieving the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for their Uniforms and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Drills at a Billerica event. He stated that the Honor Guard is done on the officers own time and uniforms are purchased by CP funds. He also congratulated the Police Department on their accreditation.

*Map 16, lot 12/Martel Way*

Mr. LaCortiglia explained the history on this parcel and the legal paperwork that has had to be done. He was asking for an extension of time until September 30, 2008.

**Mr. O'Reilly moved to sign the Extension of time for Performance agreement for Map 16, lot 12 to September 30, 2008. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Discussion on Open Space land parcels that Park & Rec is looking at to purchase. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that within the next three months these may come forward.

*Bussing Parcel*

Mr. Vincent asked were the Bussing parcel stood. Mr. LaCortiglia asked about the ConCom accepting the land and if it has to go to Town Meeting. He stated that it was his understanding that the ConCom and BoS have to vote to accept the land and that it does not need a Town Meeting vote.

*Park & Recreation Concerns*

Mr. Vincent stated that they had a request from Park & Rec for a discussion on maintenance of Town parks and fields. Jim DiMento and Elizabeth Wade were present. Ms. Wade and Mr. DiMento stated that they need a facilities manager to oversee their projects as they are volunteers and work during the day. They gave a list of recent projects and how this is getting too much for a volunteer group. Mr. Vincent stated that they are looking at the Highway Department to oversee the parks property. He asked if they are looking for this to happen this fall or the spring. He stated that Mr. Trapani is looking at a DPW. Mr. Trapani stated that he would like to see them work on the large items and put other items to the Highway Dept. Mr. Vincent stated that with not much happening in the winter that they should have something for the spring town meeting. Mr. Delaney stated that he would hope Park & Rec would have more activities for residents and the town the property fall under the DPW. He stated that they need to bring in funds from programs to keep going. Discussion on CPC funds and being used on properties that are not purchased with CPC funds. Mr. Vincent stated that they hope to have something for Spring Town Meeting.

Mr. Trapani asked if the Park & Rec has any plans to replace the playground at American Legion Park. Ms. Wade stated that they do not have a plan to replace the equipment.

### **Selectmen's Report**

#### *Fall Town Meeting*

Mr. Vincent stated that they have to pull together items for the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Delaney stated that Snow & Ice is the top item and he is working on a financial report for next meeting. He stated that he will be doing an in-depth look at the budget for the first quarter. Mr. Vincent stated that he does not like that they have not given non-union employees a wage increases and he asked for a report on cost for different percentages to be included in Mr. Delaney's report. Mr. Vincent stated that he wanted to note that Officer Barber's position at the Police Department was not a new position but filled when an officer resigned.

Reminder that the Tri-Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 7:00PM.

Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Moker asked if they could vote on the School Facilities Report on September 25. He asked Mr. Delaney if he could call the School Dept for a draft before the meeting.

Mr. Trapani stated that he hopes to have a final appointment list at the next meeting on the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that he had a draft press release on the Media Advisory Committee.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Delaney stated that next week he would have the recommended finalists from the Search Committee for the Fire Chief position.

Mr. Vincent stated that the Police Chief has asked to negotiate his contract and asked if a morning meeting would work for all. Mr. Delaney to check with Chief Mulligan.

### **Appointments**

#### *Historical Commission*

**Mr. Trapani moved to appoint James Davenport to the Historical Commission as an Alternate member term to expire June 30, 2008. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Vincent stated that he has received request from Essex National Heritage for nominations for its annual Pioneers in Partnership award. He stated that he would like to nominate Dick Paganelli for his work on the Rec Path. He stated that he would like to send the nomination from all three Selectmen and asked for a motion.

**Mr. Trapani moved to nominate Dick Paganelli for a Pioneers in Partnership award from Essex National Heritage Commission. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Trapani moved to adjourn. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved September 22, 2008.