

**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**  
**10/16/06**  
**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 7:08PM.

**Minutes**

Minutes to be approved September 25, October 2, 10, 2006.

Mr. Vincent asked to change the minutes of October 2 to reflect that Mr. Wood was requested to attend the meeting by the Selectmen.

**Mr. Vincent moved to approve the minutes of *September 25, October 2, 10, 2006*. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Proclamation**

*“Michael & Kristina Anderson Day”*

Mr. Vincent read a proclamation for Sunday October 22, 2006 to be declared “Michael & Kristina Anderson Day” in recognition of their Wedding.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Brennan stated that they have a request from Essex National Heritage to proclaim November 12, 2006 as “Essex National Heritage Area Day”.

**Mr. Brennan moved to proclaim *November 12, 2006 as “Essex National Heritage Area Day”*. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Old Business**

*STM Warrant Review*

Mr. Delaney stated that he has moved the financial articles to the top and asked the Selectmen if they approve the order of the Articles. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to move the school article up so parents who have babysitters do not have to leave if the

meeting if the meeting runs late. Mr. Brennan stated move the Street acceptance and ConCom to the end and move up the citizen petitions. Mr. Clough stated he would like to keep the citizen petitions at the end. Mr. Brennan stated that he would not speak on articles 5, 7 and 9 and this would keep the meeting shorter. Mr. Delaney stated that he would send the warrant to counsel tomorrow. Mr. Vincent asked if they should meet next week to find out where funding was coming from for Article 6 Taking Pride in Georgetown. Discussion on lack of funding for this article.

*Union Cemetery Discussion*

Joe Knapp, acting president of Union Cemetery Corporation was present and addressed the Selectmen. He stated that the Corporation has been reenacted after 30 years. He stated that this was done at the recommendation of Counsel. He stated that the Trustees are Tom Mahlstedt, Ed Desjardins, Harry LaCortiglia, Kristina Robinson, George Perkins, Elaine Fiasconaro, and himself. He stated that the corporation would voluntarily turn over the cemetery to the Town. He stated that the reinstatement was how Town Counsel recommended being the best way to turn over the cemetery to the Town. He stated that they have \$11,500 in a cemetery account for maintenance, etc. He stated that with current expenses they would end the year with approximately \$10,000. He stated that at a previous meeting the BoS had stated that they would look into taking over the cemetery. He asked how the Town will proceed and when would they take over the cemetery. He stated that he told the board this would only be for a year. Mr. Desjardin stated that this cemetery is a big part of the Town's History. He stated that there are some funds to take care of the cemetery for a while. Mr. Clough stated that they will still need some sort of a commission to look after the cemetery. Mr. Brennan stated that he thought that they would look into turning over the cemetery before the end of the year. He stated that this should be turned over to the FinCom to add to the budget. Mr. Mahlstedt stated that they can not turn over the cemetery to the Town without a plan. He stated that he works for a company that develops plans for passing over cemeteries to Towns. Mr. Brennan stated that they have to get the Trustees to the FinCom. He stated that he does not know if counsel would require them to go to Town Meeting for a vote to accept the cemetery. Mr. Delaney asked if the Town wants to take over the cemetery. Mr. Vincent stated that he thought they would but that they have to find out what the consequences to the town would be. Mr. Mahlstedt stated that there are laws on abandonment of historical cemeteries. Mr. Knapp stated that Rowley just took over a cemetery in their town and that they could get documentation from them. Mr. Mahlstedt stated grass cutting, tree trimming, etc. are some basic issues that have to be addressed. Mr. Brennan stated that they would have to have a policy on how to handle vandalism, damage due to weather, etc.

**Mr. Brennan moved that the Board of Selectmen are in agreement to acquire ownership of the Union Cemetery from the current Union Cemetery Corporation and for the Corporation to meet with the Finance & Advisory Board and for Town Counsel to prepare legal documents, Deed and Town Warrant Article if needed. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Vincent asked if CPC funds could be used for maintenance. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that CPC funds can not be used for maintenance but to refurbish, etc.

Mr. LaCortiglia asked would the board make a new commission. Mr. Clough stated that they have volunteers already and that they may make a committee as an offshoot of the Historical Commission. Mr. Vincent stated that there are some young new residents that are veterans who may be interested in helping also. Mr. Mahlstedt stated that he has the laws on burials and cemeteries and get copies for the board. He stated that there is a lot of legislature on cemeteries. Mr. Knapp stated that the Town Clerks office has a book on the Union Cemetery graves and this information is on the Georgetown Historical Society web site. Mr. Delaney stated that he would contact counsel and find out the steps to proceed. Mr. Desjardin stated that the fence would be going in soon and would like to have a selectmen present for the groundbreaking.

### **New Business**

#### *5 K Mike Donohoe Memorial Road Race*

Laura Laflamme stated that the road race is for October 21, 2007. Laura Laflamme and Debbie Johnson were present and stated that they are looking for approval from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Vincent stated that the Fire Department is running a race in the spring using the Old Nancy name for their race. Ms. Laflamme stated that they would call their race the Michael J. Donohoe Memorial Road Race.

**Mr. Vincent moved to approve the *Michael J. Donohoe Memorial Road Race/Walk for October 21, 2007 at 12:00PM* subject to public safety approval. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

#### *License*

Roy Robertson and Charlie Waldner were present. Mr. Waldner stated that he is a silent partner. Mr. Robertson stated that he is opening JoJo's Pizza Company at 70 West Main Street. Mr. Brennan asked when he planned to open. Mr. Robertson stated that he hopes to open at the end of the month. He stated that he is working with the Building Inspector and Board of Health.

**Mr. Vincent moved to approve a Common Victualler License for JoJo's Pizza Company, 70 West Main Street. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

### **Appointments**

#### *Park & Recreation*

Request from Peter Durkee for reappointment to the Park & Recreation Commission.

**Mr. Brennan moved to reappoint *Peter Durkee 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.**

#### *Animal Control*

**Mr. Brennan moved to reappoint *Helen Phillips as Animal Control Officer* term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Vincent moved to reappoint *Reed Wilson as Assistant Animal Control Officer* term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Brennan stated that during the budget process he would like to have the FinCom review the Animal Control position and what would be the best way to handle the position. He stated maybe it would be possible to join with a neighboring town. Discussion on Veterans Graves Officer. Mr. Brennan stated that they have someone acting in this position but they do not want to be appointed. Mr. Vincent stated that there are some new residents that are Veterans and may be interested in the position.

Colton Schroeder stated that he is observing the Selectmen's meeting as part of a Boy Scouts merit badge.

Discussion on meeting next Monday October 23, 2006 at 6:30PM for Executive Session a Regular Session at 7:00PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved as written October 30, 2006.