

**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**  
**7/28/08**  
**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 7:05PM.

**Warrant & Minutes**

Warrant to be signed in the office.

**Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2008 Regular and Executive Session. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Vincent stated that he has been asked about the Library being open for evening meetings. He asked if a Senior Citizen in the work off program could work at the Library evenings. Mr. Delaney stated he would talk with the CoA and see if this would be possible.

**Board Business**

*Police Crossing Guard Recognitions*

Joanne Rivera and Philip Tomarchio Crossing Guards for the town were present. Police Chief Mulligan thanked each for their years of service and gave them letters of recognition.

*Police Budget Update*

Chief Mulligan read a letter to the Selectmen that was sent to Town Administrator/Finance Director Stephen Delaney regarding the Police Budget and the position cut that is necessary. Chief Mulligan stated that the Animal Control Officer was cut and that this position had been recently taken over by the Police Department. He explained the position of the Animal Control Officer and the calls that the department must provide. He asked the public for a 911 to help the Police Department. He stated that he does not feel the department was treated fairly and is asking the public for help. Mr. Vincent stated that this does not come easy for anyone and he had hoped to keep the position until the fall town meeting and if funds were available to reallocate funds to the

Police budget. Mr. Trapani asked what is the delta that he needs to stop this cut. Mr. Vincent asked that they give reserve hours to the Officer let go. Chief Mulligan stated that he has already discussed this with the officer. Mr. Vincent stated that they do not know what the numbers for fall Town Meeting will be. He asked Mr. L'Hommidieu if the FinCom had discussed the Police Department budget at their last meeting. Mr. L'Hommidieu stated that they have only discussed fuel costs. Mr. Vincent asked if he could hold off sending the officer to the academy until after November. He also stated that they could ask the public for funds as Scott Jones did for the Schools. He also asked Chief Mulligan for the dollar amount that the needs to keep the officer for the next meeting. Mr. Vincent asked Mr. Delaney to review this with the Chief and come back with some options. Sgt. Cudmore stated that the officer to fall is a 10 year veteran and given lots of hours to the town. Mr. Vincent stated he wants to go over the process so a department is not caught by surprise.

#### *GASB 45 Report*

Kathleen Riley, Segal Co was present.

Ms. Riley explained her position and the report that she would give. She explained that this is a state mandated accounting report of retiree benefits. She stated that the State has not come up with a mechanism to fund GASB 45.

Mr. Vincent stated that he does not see the Town as being able to fund or make payments at this time. He asked what will be the effect to the towns with GASB 45. She stated that she does not see an impact right now but as towns start to fund then this will become an issue. Mr. Vincent stated that they have some revenue generating departments and that this is a mechanism that they could add to bill to fund for these employees. Mr. Trapani stated that the numbers are hard to swallow. He does not know how the town will fund this.

#### **Selectmen's Report**

##### *Economic Development*

Mr. Trapani stated he received a packet from Senator Tarr with information on Economic Development that will be very helpful as they start up.

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

##### *Fire Chief Search Committee*

Mr. Delaney stated that they have received 16 resumes and each member of the committee has received a packet. He stated that they will meet next week to review the resumes and then set up interviews. Mr. O'Reilly asked if volunteers should have a larger part in the process. Mr. Delaney explained the process and the members of the search committee. Mr. Vincent stated that there would be time in the process for the public to have input.

##### *66 Bradford Loop*

Mr. Delaney stated that the closing for the property at 66 Bradford Loop has passed and documents are in the process of being recorded.

#### **Appointments**

**Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Karen D. Christiansen to the Historical Commission* for a 3-year term to expire June 30, 2011. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Vincent stated that the next meeting would be Monday, August 11.

Mr. Vincent asked for a timeline from Mr. O'Reilly on a Media Committee, from Mr. Trapani on the Economic Development & DPW study, and asked Mr. Delaney to set up a joint meeting of the FinCom, Schools, and Selectmen. He stated that he would meet with Mr. Moker and Mr. Ayers to set up an agenda.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and to return to regular session for adjournment only. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Mr. O'Reilly-yes

Mr. Trapani-yes

Mr. Vincent-yes

Regular session adjourned at 8:10PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved August 11, 2008.