



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AGENDA**

**March 15, 2009**

**6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order**

**Approve Minutes:** March 1, 2010 (Open Session only)

**Approve Warrants:**

PW # 10-36	\$ 117,477.88
DW #10-34A	\$ 18,325.14
BW # 10-37	\$ 590,290.47

**NEEDS ATTENTION**

**AGENDA APPOINTMENTS**

**6:15 P.M. – Road Commissioner – update on bridge meeting he attended**

**6:30 P.M. – Chief Kirmelwicz requesting appointment of Officer James Morton to the position of Detective, said appointment effective immediately through June 30, 2011. Town Clerk Brodie will be present to officially swear in Detective Morton.**

**7:00 P.M. – Finance Board regarding Pentucket budget**

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 29, 2009 @ 6:15 P.M.**

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Meeting called to order at 6:27 P.M. at Town Hall.

**Present** Elizabeth A. Gorski, Donald N. Greaney, and Chairman William H. Darke.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2010,  
as presented.

**Approval of Warrants**

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Payroll Warrant #10-  
GREANEY, DARKE – "AYE"; GORSKI – "ABSTAIN"

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve weekly Warrants #BW10- and #DW10-.

**Road Commissioner Arakelian-Update on Groveland Bridge Reconstruction**

Road Commissioner Arakelian reported to Board that he had recently attended a meeting in Arlington, MA regarding the Groveland Bridge planned reconstruction. Arakelian told the Board that work is anticipated to start in August of 2010, maybe a little sooner; that the finish date is anticipated for June 2014; that there will be times when work has to cease due to fish hatching. Arakelian told the Board the present bridge will never be closed during construction of the new bridge. Chairman Darke told Arakelian he had been asked by someone whether they will hire local people for the project. Arakelian stated he didn't know but reported they are currently looking into office space, presently looking at Haverhill; that once they have the office space they will have meetings with the local utilities in June and July.

Arakelian told the Board that the Ma Highway resident Engineer will move an office here and will be here during the entire construction period. Darke stated that John Dinnell called Greg Labrecque for a lay down area at the Pines.

**Road Commissioner-Report on recent rain storm**

Arakelian told the Board that he and his men have been out all weekend due to receiving 10" of rain; that the Governor declared a federal disaster for the State; that there are some problem areas in town. Arakelian reported that Salem Street flooded over in the area of Murray Court; that it's the fourth time that area has flooded over. He also reported that Route 97 is closed now in the area of the former 3 G's Restaurant and that King Street is flooded over, especially the section in Georgetown. Gorski responded that she was sure some of the roads will be undermined. Arakelian agreed and told the Board that Governor's Road needs a repair. He also told the Board that there has been a lot of pumping being done. Arakelian said he and his crew went out early Sunday morning, went back in at 4:00 p.m. then back out again early Monday.

Arakelian told the Board that Johnson Pond is flooding over onto Center Street because of all the water coming down from Chadwick; that there is nothing that can be done; that 10" of water is a lot of water and this is the fourth time this has happened during his 15 years as Road Commissioner.

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Chairman Darke asked Arakelian about the gate at Pike Drive which was the topic of the Board's meeting on March 1, 2010. Darke told Arakelian that he saw the email Arakelian had sent out the next day (March 2, 2010); that it's his understanding of the email that the gate has been unwelded, a new lock put in place and the gate is functioning and that Arakelian is working on designing a new gate for the emergency only access road which will allow for easier plowing. Arakelian responded "yes, we are working on the design but we were still working today and tonight on storm related issues". The Selectmen thanked Arakelian for the reports.

**Chief Kirmelewicz-promotion of Officer James Morton to Detective**

Chief Kirmelewicz met with the Board of Selectmen and informed them of his decision to promote Patrolman James Morton to Detective. Kirmelewicz told the Board that the department hasn't had a Detective designated since Deputy Gillen was promoted to that position by former Chief Weeks; that Jim has been handling all investigations for the department since January, 2009 and has done an outstanding job. Kirmelewicz told the Board that the promotion comes without a pay increase; that he has talked with the Union membership and discussed what he wanted to do and all the men were very supportive. Kirmelewicz stated that he promoted Morton on March 2, 2010 but would like the Board to officially appoint Morton to that position. Upon motion duly made by Greaney, seconded by Gorski, it was

**VOTED:** To promote Officer James Morton to the position of Detective on the Groveland Police Department, said appointment effective March 2, 2010.

Morton spoke and thanked all his fellow Officers, Dispatchers, the Board and his family members who attended the meeting, telling them how he appreciates all their support and wouldn't have been able to do his job as well as he has without their support. Morton told those present "it's a dream come true for me" and acknowledged the great relationship between the men and women of the department. Darke responded to Morton that he believes when someone is doing an outstanding job they should be recognized and the Selectmen all told Morton they are proud of him and his work.

**Former Valley Screw property on Washington Street**

Representative to Merrimack Planning Board, Robert O'Hanley, met with the Board stating that Selectman Greaney had asked him to inquire at MVPC about the former Valley Screw property. O'Hanley stated that the State will take over the property in 2011. Greaney stated he'd like to see the building torn down. Greaney asked O'Hanley to stress the fact that there's a mold problem in the building. It was stated that EPA has control of the property until 2011. Selectman Greaney told O'Hanley he doesn't think the town wants to own the property.

**Former Aggregate property off Salem Street**

Greaney asked O'Hanley if he has been on the former Trimount/Aggregate property and O'Hanley stated he hasn't; that he's just seen pictures. Greaney stated that he had spoken with one of the current owners that day and he would be willing to move the retention pond (it's been suggested the pond is partially on an abutting property). Both O'Hanley and Greaney had been called by resident Joe Ryan to view silt running from the site during the torrential rain storm that occurred in March. O'Hanley called the site an environmental disaster area. O'Hanley stated he had talked to one of the Board of Health members, Michael Dellapaolera, but was unable to reach the Chairman of the Board, Lisa Dube' Carpenter; that Mike is on board with getting a water sample.

**Finance Board**

Finance Board members Husack, Cook, Kowalski and Minichiello met with the Board to discuss the FY '11 town budget. Husack asked the Selectmen how they wanted to handle the increase in the school budget; that the town has about \$125,000 in new funds and the school is looking for an additional \$400,000 or so from Groveland. Chairman Darke told the Finance Board members that he personally does not want to put out a big number to the taxpayers; that the economy is still bad; that if they came in with a smaller number the town does have some Free Cash or Stabilization it could use. Labrecque advised against using Stabilization and Free Cash. Labrecque also stated there is no fluff in the town's side of the budget. Darke agreed and said that the town could cut everything out and next year have no town services and we still could not afford the school budget. Minichiello pointed out that there could also be an override question for the proposed Bagnall School project which the average taxpayer could be looking at up to a \$500 increase on their tax bill. Everyone agreed that the town needs to look into seeking SBA funding to help pay for the Bagnall proposed project. Husack stated that the High School was the #1 priority in the past. The Selectmen agreed to change the Article for the Bagnall School project by adding "subject to SBAB funding".

Those present discussed if the school override passes in the other two towns we would need to cut staff. Kowalski noted that 80% of the school budget is for personnel; that if the school budget passes 65% of the towns funds will go to the school, 35% to town services. One of the Finance Board members mentioned that the school receives \$761,000 from choice students attending our schools yet that amount doesn't show up in the budget; that the towns don't receive a revenue sheet from the school. Darke suggested the school be told at the next meeting that they have to do the template the Finance Directors came up with. Minichiello question there being 15 choice students at the Bagnall yet they complain the school is overcrowded. Selectman Gorski said she can't understand why the school committee won't re-visit the number again.

The Board will meet on March 29<sup>th</sup> to review the Town Meeting Warrants so that they can be forwarded to Counsel for review before posting.

Selectman Gorski stated she would be available to meet with Teamsters to negotiate the Highway Department contract renewal either 9:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays – Fridays after April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

**VOTED:** To adjourn.  
Adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski  
Administrative Assistant