



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA**

September 13, 2010

**6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order
All stand for Pledge of Allegiance**

Approve Minutes: August 30, 2010 (Open & Executive)

Approve Warrants:

PW # 11-	\$
DW #11-	\$
BW #11-	\$

NEEDS ATTENTION

- 1) Jack Callaghan requests that Ben Orlando be appointed as third Assistant Harbormaster, said appointment effective immediately.

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

6:20 P.M. – Water Commissioners-request approval to replace position recently vacated and inform you of grant they will be applying for

6:30 P.M. – Town Counsel Hewig – “Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss pending litigation and further move that the holding of this discussion in open session could have a detrimental effect on the town’s litigating position”. **Announce will return to Open Session to conduct regular business.**

7:00 P.M. – Bagnall Building Committee regarding their email to you on Green Application for windows, furnace, roof at Bagnall

7:15 P.M. – Stephen Merrill-to request permission to apply for Soccer related grants and ideas for improvements at Shanahan (see attached email)

7:30 P.M. – Finance Board – Review and make decisions on STM Warrant for Oct 4th

(See page #2 attached)

7:45 P.M. – Light Commissioners – If they request Ex Session “move to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (6) to discuss purchase of property on Main Street and further move that the holding of this discussion in open session could have a detrimental effect on the town’s negotiating position”. **Announce will return to Open Session to announce and enter 3rd Executive Session.**

8:00 P.M. - “Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (6) for the purpose of discussing offer to purchase for property on Main Street and further move that the holding of this discussion in open session could have a detrimental effect on the town’s negotiating position”. **Announce will return to Open Session for adjournment.**

Next Meeting: Monday, September 27, 2010 @ 6:15 P.M.

Public hearing scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on joint petition Verizon & Light Dept.

MINUTES
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Meeting called to order at 6:16 P.M. at Town Hall.

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

Minutes

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Minutes of the Open Session of August 30, 2010, as presented.

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Executive Session Minutes of August 30, 2010, as presented.

DARKE, GORSKI – “Aye”; GREANEY – “Abstain”

Warrants

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #PW11-10. ^{re}

Darke, Greaney – “Aye”; Gorski – “Abstain”

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Bill Warrant #BW11-11 and Deduction Warrant #DW11-8A.

Request for Appointment-3rd Assistant Harbormaster

Assistant Harbormaster Jack Callaghan requested the Board appoint Ben Orlando of Haverhill, MA as the town's third Assistant Harbormaster. Mr. Orlando has served as Assistant Harbormaster several years ago. Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Benjamin Orlando, of Haverhill, MA as the town's third Assistant Harbormaster, said appointment effective immediately through June 30, 2011.

Water/Sewer Commissioners

Water/Sewer Commissioners Adams, Willet and Sheehan and their Superintendent, Tom Cusick, met with the Selectmen to discuss their need to replace the employee who recently left. Cusick explained why licenses are needed by his employee in regards to well/water testing. The Personnel Policy Plan requires the Selectmen approve all hirings. Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Water/Sewer Commissioners advertising to hire a new employee.

Chairman Adams informed the Board that the Water/Sewer Commissioners will be applying for a Water Supply Protection Grant anticipating if they receive funding it can be used toward the purchase of land off Center Street. Adams requested the Board's approval because the application should be sent out by September 23rd; that the awards should be announced in November. Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign the Water Supply Protection Grant application that must be submitted by September 23rd.

Executive Session

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (3) to discuss pending litigation with Town Counsel.

GORSKI, DARKE, GREANEY – "Aye"

Chairman Greaney announced that holding the discussion in open session could have a detrimental effect on the town's negotiating/litigating position. He also informed the public that the Board will return to the Open Session following the close of the Executive Session and continue with their open meeting.

Executive Session was entered at 6:35 p.m. and closed at 6:59 p.m. A copy of the Board's Executive Session Minutes are on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office.

Bagnall Building Committee

John Osborne, Chairman of the Bagnall Building Committee told the Selectmen that his committee voted not to apply for the Green Program because they felt doing so would affect applying for the rest of the work that is needed at the school, i.e., larger cafeteria and gymnasium. The Selectmen all agreed that Bagnall is not the District's first priority, that the high school is. Darke told Osborne that he thought his Committee and the

Selectmen had agreed to apply for the Green Program if the District did not change its mind about endorsing Bagnall's application for full consideration by SBAB. Groveland's school committee rep Jack Willett was present and asked if the boilers would be dual fuel and Committee member Kim Jackson responded they would be. Selectman Darke told the committee to apply for the money for the green program; that the town can always change its mind. Finance Director Labrecque told the parties that the language in the application the Building Committee has prepared needs to be changed to what other towns are going to use and we should get a shot at it. Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To authorize the Green Program application being amended to to read as the other towns applications read and submit to the School Committee for their vote next week.

Groveland Youth Soccer

Steve Merrill, President of GYS met with the Board and informed them of his interest in finding and filing for grants to be used to make improvements at the Shanahan Field which is currently used by the soccer league. Merrill is hoping to see lights at the field and possibly a well for watering to save costs. Selectman Gorski told Merrill the neighbors would have to be brought in to a meeting before lights are added at Shanahan as the Board did prior to installing them at Washington Park. Merrill told the Board he would be willing to meet with the neighbors. Merrill said GYS League is trying to build up the organization; that they appreciate being allowed to use the outfields at two fields at Washington Park and on the Babe Ruth Field at the Pines. The age group is now 3-1/2 to 10 years of age. Merrill mentioned they had used the softball outfield for a number of years in the past but no one had filed for a Use Permit so the field was unavailable due to Women's Softball using the field. Merrill also discussed removing the old backboard at Shanahan and finding someone to donate to build a new one. Chairman Greaney suggested he speak with Conservation before doing anything with the backboard to make sure he's in compliance with their requirements and to be sure and check lot lines and speak with Building Inspector Schena. Merrill told the Board that the Soccer League would like to put up sponsor signs on the fencing as baseball has. The Selectmen told him the signage should face on the inside of the field so neighbors aren't bothered by it. Merrill told the Board he is getting quotes for the well work and will keep the Board informed.

Cable T.V Committee Request

Greg Labrecque, member of the Cable T. V. Committee, met with the Board and asked their approval for the Cable T.V. Committee to hire a part-time employee (no benefits) 19 hours or less, who will put up the messages on the town public access channels, and

meeting videos on the web site. Labrecque stated he would research what other towns are paying equivalent employees. Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Cable T.V. Committee hiring a part-time, 19 hours or less per week, no benefits employee to manage the town's public access message channels and upload meeting videos to the town's website and other duties required of the new part-time position.

Review Draft of Special Town Meeting Warrant

Selectmen and Finance Board met briefly to review the draft of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Both Boards will recommend favorable action on Articles #1 and #3 and were not prepared to make their recommendations on the remaining five Articles until they received further information. The wording of the Article received from WNewbury Selectmen was of concern to both Boards. Finance Director Labrecque has talked with West Newbury's Bond Counsel and will continue to discuss the town's concerns. The Selectmen agreed that if the proper language is forthcoming by Friday when the Warrant will need to be posted, the Article should be removed from the Warrant.

The Finance Board had concerns with the two Articles presented by the Electric Light Commissioners. Superintendent Cloutier was due to meet with the Selectmen at 7:45 p.m. He and Commissioner Cross were in the building and asked to join the two Board's for discussion. Cloutier was asked how much money his department has in investment accounts and Cloutier responded he has given the Finance Director their numbers. He believes they have a little more than \$4 million in depreciation and stabilization. Cloutier explained that his departments cost for power have gone up considerably over the year and that they are losing money. Cloutier was also asked if the Commissioners have any plans to increase their annual payment to the town and he responded yes, that the Commissioners have discussed it but no votes have been taken; that that money is from their excess. Cloutier told the Board the Light Commissioners have been trying to keep the rate payers rates down and using their excess to cushion the blow for the rate payers. Cloutier then asked that discussion on his department's interest in purchasing property on Main Street be held in Executive Session and that only the Selectmen and their Assistant be present for the discussion.

Executive Session (2)

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (6) for the purpose of discussing purchase of property on Main Street; that holding this discussion in open session could have a detrimental effect on the Commissioners' negotiating position.
GORSKI, DARKE, GREANEY – "Aye"

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Chairman Greaney announced the Board will return to their open session following close of the Executive Session for the purpose of entering into a third Executive Session.

Executive Session was entered at 8:40 p.m and closed at 8:55 p.m. The Selectmen returned to their Open Session at 8:55 p.m. A copy of the Board's Executive Session Minutes are on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (3)

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21(a) (6) for the purpose of discussing Offer to Purchase for property on Main Street; that holding this discussion in open session could have a detrimental effect on the town's negotiating position.

GORSKI, DARKE – "Aye"; GREANEY – "Abstain"

Chairman Greaney announced the Board will return to Open Session following the close of the Executive Session solely for the purpose of adjourning the meeting. Greaney did not participate in Executive Session (3) due to his employer being an abutter to the property in question.

Executive Session was entered at 8:56 p.m and closed at 9:05 p.m. The Selectmen returned to their Open Session at 9:05 p.m. A copy of the Board's Executive Session Minutes are on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant