

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JUNE 6, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:24 P.M.

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

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Minutes of May 23, 2011, as presented.

Warrants

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #11-48.

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

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Bill Warrant #11-49 & and Deduction Warrant #11-46A.

Evaluation Process-Superintendent of Schools

The Selectmen reviewed a packet received from Pentucket School Committee member Jayne Broz asking the Board's of Selectmen to participate in the annual review of the Pentucket Superintendent Dr. Paul Livingston. The Selectmen were also asked to designate the Finance Director or some town department with direct working relations with the superintendent to also complete an evaluation form. Finance Director Labrecque told the Board that the Regional Finance Advisory Committee meets on Thursday and that the three town Selectmen can discuss how they should proceed. Selectman Darke will attend the meeting on Thursday and report back to his fellow board members. The School Committee requests that the evaluations be completed by June 21, 2011.

Finance Director-Cell Tower-Lease Renewal

Finance Director Labrecque informed the Board that they had received a letter from TowerCo asking to enter into a lease amendment to extend the term of the current lease and modify certain provisions in the existing lease. The Board approved Labrecque contacting TowerCo and negotiating and extension. Labrecque will report back to the Board on his progress.

Essex County Retirement Board Meeting

The Finance Director informed the Board that he will be attending a meeting at Essex Retirement Board on June 23rd and need their input on whether a 3% COLA should be granted annually on the first \$12,000-\$13,000 of retiree's pensions. The Selectmen authorized Labrecque to vote for a 1.5% increase.

Pentucket's Revised School Budget/Assessment

Labrecque told the Board he will send the Board in advance of their next meeting his recommendations for cuts to the budget.

Pines Sand Removal Project

Chairman Gorski stated that she had read the email from one of the abutters to the Pines and has such sympathy for that family; that the sand is again blowing at their house and vehicles and their child cannot enjoy their yard. Gorski told her fellow board members that the town has money from that project to make the quality of their life better; that it should be back to how it was before the project. Selectman Greaney reported that part of the problem is the dirt pile at the top and informed Chairman Gorski that he had telephoned the company prior to the start of the meeting and instructed them to remove the pile the next day; that he was assured they would. The Board's Assistant reported that the meter and fire hose on the hydrant will be connected again and Selectman Darke asked that it be done immediately.

Gorski also reported that dog owners are failing to clean up after their animals and asked whether they can be fined. The Board's Assistant reported the town has a bylaw and they can be ticketed if seen not picking up their dog waste. The Board will consider increasing the fines by amending the bylaw at a town meeting. The Board also asked that the highway department install signs that dogs are not allowed on playing fields.

Conservation Commission meeting-June 15, 2011

Selectman Greaney reported that the Conservation Commission will be having a hearing on a NOI on June 15th relative to the Pines Boat Ramp proposed changes; that he had told the Assistant Harbormaster that he would attend but due to his son's game that evening he's not sure he can make it and asked Selectman Darke to attend in his place. Darke will attend the meeting at Veasey Park.

Executive Session

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (3) for the purpose of discussing potential litigation
Gorski, Darke, Greaney – "Aye"

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Executive Session was entered at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:22 p.m. The Board announced it will not return to Open Session at the close of Executive Session. A copy of the Board's Executive Session Minutes is on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office.

Property Use Permit

Selectmen signed various Property Use Permits for the Council on Aging and Youth Soccer using the snack shack at Shanahan Field during fire works on July 3rd provided the acting Health Agent inspects and issues a permit.

Mass Cops Request to Meet-Patrolmen's Contract

Prior to adjourning the Board's Assistant reported that the Patrolmen recently changed unions from Teamsters to MACops and an agent recently telephoned to set up the initial meeting. Town Counsel will be asked to assist the town with the upcoming negotiating sessions.

Request for iPhones

The Board's Assistant reported that the two highway men asked whether they could have iPhones as their department cell phones; that they would pay the extra cost of that type of phone and reimburse the town for the cost of internet service. The Selectmen denied the request stating that the phones are needed for communication purposes only and they saw no need to provide internet phone service.

Adjournment

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant