

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AUGUST 27, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:29 P.M.

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

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resident Joseph D'Amore, Sr.

Joe D'Amore met with the Board and reviewed the discussion he had with the Board on July 30th, stating that he had discussed circulating a petition throughout town so that an Article could be placed on the Annual Town Meeting in May 2013 for the voters to consider increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. Joe mentioned that Chairman Darke stated he'd prefer the Selectmen forming a committee to study changes to town government and that if the outcome of the study was positive toward increasing the size of the Board, the Selectmen would place the Article on a Warrant.

D'Amore told the Board that he, Richard Sciacca, Vernon Cotton and Bette Gorski would serve thereon, but he felt Finance Director Labrecque would have a conflict of interest. Labrecque was present and told D'Amore that he would not have a conflict if he served; that he could run for a Selectman seat if he chose to. Joe told the Board that resident John Christopher expressed an interest in serving on the committee. D'Amore told the Selectmen they need to decide the size of the committee membership, whether the Article would go on a Special or Annual and a Special or Annual Election Ballot. He also noted that Special Legislation would be needed. Chairman Darke told D'Amore that Annual Town Meeting makes a lot of sense.

Darke told D'Amore that the committee will need to look at what the duties can be if the board is expanded to five members, and how its done (for the Selectmen to assume other duties). He also suggested the committee look at a Public Safety Director and how that position can be accomplished. Resident and former Selectman Kathleen Kastrinelis said the committee will need to hold public forums and get the committee's findings out to the townspeople. She also suggested the committee will need to interview employees in town hall.

D'Amore suggested that if it's a problem to have two cemetery commissioners serving on this committee (Sciacca and Cotton) he will need to discuss the problem with them. Labrecque told Joe that having two of three commissioners will require them posting a meeting because they represent a quorum of the three commissioners. The Board's Assistant was asked to publicize on the town's website and the town's facebook page that Selectmen were seeking interested citizens to serve on the committee to study reorganizing town government. Chairman Darke told D'Amore that the Board will fill the committee at the meeting on September 10, 2012. D'Amore thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #13-08. 2-1 – Gorski abstained

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #13-06A and Bill Warrant #13-08
3-0

Groveland Day

Steve Merrill, Pam Blaquiere, Alese Hunt, and Erin Pinkham met with the Board to update them on the events of Groveland Day. Merrill acted as spokesperson and told the Board that the Road Race is planned and all set to go; the Beer Tent plans are finalized; that bands will be given to those over 21 years of age and paying to purchase beer and there will be a limit of four or five beers over a four hour period. Merrill told the Board that they have arranged for two Detail Officers to be on site and that the area will be cordoned off with orange fencing. Merrill stated that the hours for selling beer will be 5:00 – 9:00 PM with last call at 8:30 PM.

The Boy Scouts will have fire pits around the Pines, supervised by adults; that tickets for \$5.00 will allow children to have unlimited rides courtesy of fundraisers.

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To appoint Erin Merrill as a member of the Groveland Recreation
Committee, said appointment effective immediately through June 30, 2012.

Finance Director Labrecque

Labrecque updated the Board on the Bagnall Elementary School construction project and the work the Highway Department has been helping with. Labrecque told the Board that they will be laying the new water line to the school.

7:00PM-Claire Walsh-Historical Society

Labrecque told the Board that he researched town owned parcels regarding the proposal to maybe move the Historical Society's building from Shanahan field. Labrecque told the Board that there is one lot on Main Street; that it may require a title search; that he couldn't find a deed reference for the lot. Historical Society member Claire Walsh was present to hear the Board's decision on whether she can rent the building as a studio apartment. Chairman Darke told Claire that he was suggesting the Board allow the Historical Society to rent the building on a short lease, maybe every year or two. Claire told Darke she feels it would be cost prohibitive for the the Society to move the building and would be risky to move the building again. Selectman Greaney suggested the best use of the building would be for Soccer to rent it. Walsh told the Selectmen that in order to keep Washington Hall going they will have to pay for insurance, water/sewer costs, inspections on elevator, utilities, maintenance, etc.

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, it was

VOTED: To approve the Historical Society leasing their building which is presently located on town land at Shanahan field, said lease to be on an annual basis with the Board and Society reviewing the status two months before the end of each annual Lease year. The building to be leased as a studio apartment and proceeds from rent will be used to run Washington Hall.

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Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn. 3-0

Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant