



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA**

July 30, 2012

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

Approve Minutes: July 9, 2012

Approve Warrants:

PW # 13-04	\$ 150,360.10
DW #13-02A	\$ 25,815.75
BW # 13-03	\$ 453,553.02

NEEDS ATTENTION

- 1) Chairman to sign Bagnall bill submittals on meeting table – (1)
- 2) Review and vote to sign Acceptance of Easement from Carl Gardner –Philbrick Street 40B (need this to complete recording at Registry)
- 3) Review Lease received today from Mike Cloutier of Light Department re solar panel site
- 4) Review and complete Annual Appointment List attached hereto

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

6:45 PM – Joe D’Amore – to discuss his petition for five member Board of Selectmen

7:30 PM – Claire Walsh & Ken Smith – (1) regarding proposed monument for Speedway at the Pine’s Rec Area; and (2) Claire Walsh to discuss Historic Society’s interest in converting their building at the Shanahan Field into a residential unit

Next Meeting: Monday, August 13, 2011 @ 6:15 P.M.

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Meeting called to order at 6:16 P.M.

Present Elizabeth A. Gorski and Chairman William H. Darke
Selectman Greaney called to say he would be late.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To amend the Minutes of July 9, 2012 by adding the following words to page #3, last paragraph, at end of third sentence which reads "Chairman Darke told the men they could either go to war or work in the best interest of the town" add "that his preference is to work with them."
2-1 Greaney absent.

Warrants

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #13-02A and Bill Warrant #13-03.
2-1 Greaney absent

Annual Appointments

The Board's Assistant presented the Board with a list of Annual Appointments needed to be completed (4 pages), a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes. Lewandowski asked that the Board approve all officers listed on page one and all appointees whose names appear in italics on pages 2-4.

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To make the Annual Appointments shown on page #1 and all names appearing in italics on pages 2-4 of the listed attached to these Minutes.
2-1 Greaney absent

Correspondence

The Board's Assistant reported that she had received a phone call from William Angelini asking to meet with the Board regarding the letter he recently received from them concerning the town's interest in his property. Chairman Darke asked that Angelini be scheduled on the Board's next agenda, and to request Open Space and Conservation Chairmen to attend.

Recess

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To recess until 6:45 p.m.

2-1 Greaney absent

Lease between Town/Water/Electric

The Board's Assistant provided the Board with a copy of a Lease sent by Electric Light Manager Mike Cloutier for the Selectmen's review. Chairman Darke asked Finance Director Labrecque to review the Lease for comment at the Board's next meeting.

6:45 PM-Joseph D'Armoro-Discussion on 3 to 5 member Board of Selectmen

Joe D'Amore addressed the Board, telling them he plans on circulating a petition at the end of August for changing the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members. D'Amore told the Board that he did his research but also would like the Selectmen's input. He reported that he wants to obtain 100 signatures or more, then place the Article on the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; that if successful the Board of Selectmen would have to ask for Special Legislation, and if passed, the next step would be to place the question on the 2014 Annual Town Election. D'Amore stated he feels strongly that this should be an item on the 2013 Annual Town Meeting and not on a Fall Town Meeting, if one should be called. D'Amore told the Board he would like to take the time to educate the people.

D'Amore reported that there are four reasons for doing this: #4 is the town's population is growing; #3 is that five people for appointing people is better than three and would have support by a search committee; #2 each of the five members could be a liaison to each Board or Committee when important issues transcend to multi boards. Joe reported that some people think the Board of Selectmen should do away with some Boards and do the business of those boards themselves. The recorder of these minutes did not hear D'Amore refer to reason #1.

Chairman Darke told D'Amore that the Board discussed this issue at a workshop meeting they recently held. Darke told D'Amore that he's changed his opinion on this and thinks it's time to look at it but he's not a big believer of petitions. Darke told Joe about the citizen's group that studied making changes to town government back in the 90s. He also told D'Amore he does not have an opinion of which way it should be, whether the Selectmen should assume other Boards and Committees work or not. Darke told D'Amore he would prefer that D'Amore lead a small group to look into how and if this should be done.

D'Amore told the Selectmen he would like to be a part of a committee to study/research this idea but would like one of them to sit on the committee with him. Selectman Gorski told D'Amore there are Boards/Committees the Selectmen could be a liaison to or they could replace certain boards/committees. Gorski stated that a Boston attorney told her it is getting harder and harder to be in public office; that all you have is your name and reputation and hope you can do your best for the community.

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To establish a three to five member committee to study/research whether the membership of the Board of Selectmen should be increased from 3 to 5 members.
2-1 Greaney absent

It was suggested that Finance Director Labrecque also sit on the committee with Gorski and D'Amore. Chairman Darke asked D'Amore to seek two other town voters to serve and present the names to the Board for appointment at their next meeting. D'Amore told the Selectmen he appreciated their support of his request.

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Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To recess until next appointment at 7:30 pm. 2-1 Greaney absent

Acceptance of Easement-Philbrick Street

At the request of Town Counsel and upon motion duly made by Gorski, seconded by Darke, it was

VOTED: To accept and sign the Easement granted by Carl Gardner for 40B properties on Philbrick Street, and to forward to town counsel, together with a certified copy of the April 30, 2012 Special Town Meeting vote on Article 11, for recording with Essex Registry of Deeds.

Selectman Greaney arrived at the meeting.

Payroll Warrant

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #13-52
2-1 - Gorski abstained

Minutes

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To accept the Minutes of July 9, 2012, as amended by Selectman Darke earlier in the meeting.

Property Use Permits

The Board signed property/field use permits submitted for approval.

Bagnall Building Project Bill Submittals

Chairman Darke signed Bagnall Building Project bill submittal forms.

7:30 p.m.-Historical Society representative Claire Walsh, Ken Smith & Russ Conway

Ken Smith and Russ Conway informed the Board that they would like to give a memorial stone to the town in memory of the Pine's Speedway and those who raced there. A copy of the design of the stone and message thereon is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes. Smith told the Board they would like to have Atwood's install the monument in the area of the gazebo, but would understand if the Board preferred a different location although they would like it to be in a visible location. Selectman Gorski agreed saying the memorial stone should be very visible and located somewhere where it is less likely to be vandalized. Smith and Gorski and Greaney shared old stories about being at the Speedway and the cars that were raced there.

Smith told the Board that Atwood will clean the stone about once a year and that they would really appreciate it if they could have him install it in front of the two trees near the dirt road at the gazebo; that they'd like to finalize their arrangements with Atwood on Thursday. Smith reported

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that presently there will be 39 names etched into the back of the stone and more will be added in the future.

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To accept the donation of the Pines Speedway Monument from Kenneth Smith and Russ Conway.

Smith told the Board that they hope to keep the stone covered until the 10th Reunion in October and have an unveiling at that time around 1:00 p.m. Smith told the Board that they would like a representative from the Board of Selectmen to be present. The men also asked if anyone in town has old programs, pictures, any memorabilia from the Speedway to please bring it down to the reunion. Claire Walsh told the Board that she feels it's just such a good feeling sitting around listening to small town talk; that she lived in a city and there is no comparison. Conway and Smith thanked the Board for their time and acceptance of the monument and left the meeting room.

Historical Society representative Claire Walsh talked to the Board about the Historic Society's building at Shanahan field. Walsh told the Board that they are slowly moving along with Washington Hall, trying to get everything in place. She told the Board that the Society will be removing everything from the Knox building to Washington Hall once it is completed. She mentioned that several years ago they discussed renting the building as office space, but because it's in a residential district they spoke with a realtor who suggested it could be re-done into a studio apartment that could be rented for \$725 a month; that the rent from this building would help support the costs of running Washington Hall and also pay for the taxes, water and sewer on the Knox building.

The Selectmen and Claire discussed the parking problems at that location due to the soccer games that are held there. Finance Director Labrecque told the Board he has talked with Walsh about the change of use and suggested that maybe the building could be moved to another piece of land the town may own on Main Street. The Selectmen asked that he research the town owned parcels on town sewerage to see if there is a suitable piece available. Walsh told the Board that the Society doesn't want to leave the building empty; that the neighbors don't want it empty and, that the Society needs the income to help with the costs for running Washington Hall. Walsh thanked the Board for their time.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn. 3-0

Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
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Administrative Assistant

8-13-12