



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA
March 25th, 2013**

6:00 P.M - Call meeting to order
All stand for Pledge of Allegiance
Acceptance of Minutes – March 15th & March 18th (Bill & Don only)
Approve Warrants:

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| PW # 13-38 | \$ 121,553.37 |
| DW #13-36A | \$ 21,928.91 |
| BW #13-37 | \$ 350,599.10 |

AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

6:00 P.M. – Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss pending litigation with counsel(s); vote(s) may be taken (Chairman Darke, announce “to do so in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the town”;
Bill—Attorney Regina Ryan would like you to telephone her so she can update Board on upcoming mediation -

Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy session with respect to collective bargaining-Teamsters/Highway contract, (Chairman Darke announce “to do so in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town”;

6:45 P.M. – Board of Fire Engineers to discuss their request to seek Special Legislation to allow Fire Chief to maintain position for an additional year

7:00 P.M.--Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21(a) (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property off Main and Center Street.
Chairman Darke, announce “to do so in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the town”; vote(s) may be taken

Capital Improvement – Chairman Jeff Pappas asked to speak briefly with the Board regarding Shanahan field proposed projects

NEEDS ATTENTION

Correspondence:

- 1) Review & sign License for memorial service for Wrights on April 15th
- 2) EMS Service Zone Plan – vote to approve Chairman signing
- 3) See letter from Library Director Nathalie Harty requesting permanent part-time status for Lauren Towler. Vote needed
- 4) Request Board vote to nominate Reserve Officer Gregory Pekarski as Inspector of Animals effective May 1st through April 30, 2014.
- 5) See invitation to Baseball League Opening Day Parade/Celebration
- 6) See attached email from John Manfredonia requesting appointment to vacancy on Finance Board through June 30, 2013

Date of next regular meeting – April, 8 2013 @ 6:15 P.M.

MINUTES

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Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present Donald N. Greaney, Elizabeth A. Gorski and Chairman William H. Darke, Insurance Counsel Regina Ryan via telephone conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-#1

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss MCAD case filed by of Tracy Dalton.

GORSKI, GREANEY, DARKE – “AYE”

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Chairman Darke declared that discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the town's position in this complaint and also announced that the Board will return to Open Session at the close of the Executive Session. Executive Session was entered at 6:20 P.M. and closed at 6:40 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss contract renewal strategy – Groveland Highway/Teamsters Union.

GORSKI, GREANEY, DARKE – “AYE”

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Chairman Darke declared that discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the town's position in negotiating renewal contract. Darke also announced that the Board will return to Open Session at the close of the Executive Session. Executive Session was entered at 6:42 P.M. and closed at 6:55 P.M.

Board of Fire Engineers

The Board of Fire Engineers were present to discuss their request for Special Legislation made at their previous meeting with the Selectmen, said legislation to allow Fire Chief Clement to remain as Chief for one year beyond his 65th birthday. Engineer Roc Dower asked whether the Board had discussed the Engineer's request to keep the current Chief in his position for another year. Engineer Ed Watson told the Selectmen that the Fire Engineers voted to keep Clement on and look at the job descriptions.

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Dower told the Selectmen that the Engineers would like to work with the Selectmen and figure out what is best for the town and have the opportunity to develop the appropriate job description and list of responsibilities for the position they will need to fill; that they want Clement's expertise.

Fire Chief Clement asked who will be the appointing authority going forward? Greaney responded that when the Engineers came in and said the Board of Fire Engineer's want to disband and then came back and said something different the Board the Selectmen thought it would probably be best if they handle it the way the Police Chief position is handled and place an Article on the Warrant to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 48, Section 42. Dower responded that if the Board wants to go with MGL the Board of Engineers will back off; that if the Board keeps the Engineers they want to keep Clement on. Greaney asked if Clement would stay on to handle the former Clerk's position for a few months. Clement asked if the Board is ready to appoint a new Chief and Greaney suggested that Engineer Ed Watson could be appointed Acting Chief and the Deputies could assist.

Chairman Darke commented that he doesn't think it makes sense to have a fight on town meeting floor and Greaney agreed. Watson told the Selectmen that he feels it makes the most sense to appoint the Board of Fire Engineers for another year to work on the job description. Chairman Darke told him that if the job description is the only concern he doesn't feel that will be a problem to create what we need. Dower said again he would like to wait another year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Sec. 21(a) (6) to consider the purchase of real property off Main and Center Street.

Chairman Darke declared that to do so in Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the town and that the Board will return to Open Session following the close of the Executive Session.

GORSKI, GREANEY, DARKE – "AYE"

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Executive Session was entered at 7:28 P.M. and closed at 8:08 P.M.

Approve Minutes

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve the following meeting Minutes:

March 11, 2013 – Open & Executive;
March 15, 2013 – Open; *Gorski – “Abstain”
March 18, 2013 – Open; *Gorski – “Abstain”

Approve Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #13-38.

DARKE, GREANEY – “AYE”; GORSKI – “ABSTAIN”

Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To approve Deduction Warrant #13-36A and Bill Warrant #13-37.

SPECIAL ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

The Board reviewed the application for a Special One Day Liquor License for a memorial service for the Wrights on April 15, 2013 at Veasey Park. Moved Greaney, seconded Gorski, and it was

VOTED: To grant a One Day Special Liquor License for a memorial service for Frank & Virginia Wright on April 15, 2013 at Veasey Park. 3-0

Request of Library Director Harty

Library Director Nathalie Harty sent a written request to the Board to change Lauren Towler's employee status to permanent part-time now that she has fulfilled her probationary period.

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve the employee status of Library employee Lauren Towler to permanent part-time status effective immediately. 3-0

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EMS SERVICE ZONE PLAN

The Selectmen reviewed the EMS Service Zone Plan and upon motion duly made by Gorski, seconded by Greaney, it was

VOTED: To authorize Chairman William H. Darke signing the EMS Service Zone Plan. 3-0

Inspector of Animals Appointment

The Board's Assistant requested the Board appoint Reserve Officer and Animal Control Officer Gregory Pekarski as Inspector of Animals effective May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To appoint Reserve Officer/ACO Gregory Pekarski as Inspector of Animals, said appointment effective May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. 3-0

Finance Board Appointment

Selectmen reviewed an email received from resident John Manfredonia requesting appointment to the Finance Board through June 30, 2013. Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To appoint John Manfredonia to fill the vacancy on the Finance Board through June 30, 2013. 3-0

Debt Exclusion Question

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To notify the Town Clerk to include a Debt Exclusion Question on the Annual Town Election Ballot in the amount of \$3,675,000.00. 3-0

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 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski, Administrative Assistant