

MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:23 P.M.

**Present** Selectmen Elizabeth A. Gorski and Joseph R. D'Amore .

**Absent** Chairman Donald N. Greaney

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approve Warrants**

Selectman Gorski called upon the Rule of Necessity in view of the absence of Chairman Greaney and announced she would be signing the Payroll Warrant. Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Payroll Warrant #14-34

D'Amore, Gorski – "Aye" 2-0

Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Bill Warrant # 14-33 2-0

Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve Deduction Warrant #14-32A. 2-0

**Road Commissioner letter re Snow & Ice Budget**

Selectmen reviewed a written request for deficit spending in the Snow and Ice Account submitted by Road Commissioner Arakelian. Selectman Gorski remarked that it has been a tough winter and Selectman D'Amore agreed. Moved Gorski, seconded D'Amore, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve the request received from Road Commissioner Arakelian for an additional \$45,000 in Snow & Ice Account. 2-0

**Canon Imagerunner Copier**

Selectmen reviewed an email from Assessor's Office Manager Debra Webster requesting that the Canon Imagerunner Copier 5000 be declared surplus property and approve the transfer of same to the Fire Chief's office in Central Station. Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To declare the town's old Canon Imagerunner Copier 5000 as surplus property and allow the transfer of it to the Fire Chief's office at Central Fire Station. 2-0

**6:30 P.M. - Pentucket Superintendent Dr. Jeff Mulqueen**

Dr. Mulqueen, Business Manager and three Pentucket school committee members met with the Board to update on the upgrade of the athletic facility. Mulqueen informed the Board that the plan is to relocate the tennis courts to higher ground from the front of the property which is in the flood zone; that a new track will be constructed and a new softball field. The former tennis courts will be a practice field. Selectman Gorski ask if the practice field is for all sports and was told it will be. Mulqueen reported that the Pentucket site is limited due to wetlands.

Dr. Mulqueen told the Board that the \$800,000 bond issue will be used toward a new stage (\$100,000.00) and fields, track and courts (\$700,000.00). Selectman D'Amore commented that the school committee is asking for permission to borrow \$800,000 and start a new 20 year bond now that the middle school roof bond is expiring. Dr. Mulqueen and Labrecque told the Board that the school committee's proposal will reduce costs to the taxpayers.

Selectman D'Amore stated that the District now needs to renovate the High School now that we've taken care of our elementary schools. Dr. Mulqueen responded that they will be creating a Master Plan team to look at how to best deal with the middle school/high school. The Advisory Committee will be made up of one Selectman from each town, one Finance Board member from each town, the Business Manager and School Committee Chairman. Labrecque told the Selectmen that they will be asking for four space holders for possible Warrant Articles.

**Mike Dempsey-Bussing Property--Center Street**

Dempsey told the Selectmen there have been some minor changes to the title issues on this property, but nothing significant. He suggested the Board extend the P&S Agreement for another 30 days.

Moved Gorski, seconded D'Amore, and it was

**VOTED:** To enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (6) for the purpose of discussing granting another 30 day extension of the Purchase & Sale Agreement between the town and James Bussing for property located off Center Street.

GORSKI, D'AMORE-- "AYE"

2-0

Executive Session was entered at 7:15 P.M. and closed at 7:40 P.M. The Minutes of the Executive Session are on file in a separate binder in the Administrative Assistant's Office. Chairman Greaney announced the Board will return to the Board's Open Session at the close of the Executive Session.

Selectmen returned to Open Session at 7:40 P.M. Moved D'Amore, seconded Gorski, and it was

**VOTED:** To not provide further extension on the current terms of the P&S between the town and James Bussing for property on Center Street known as Strawberry Field, and ask Seller to come back with new terms by April 7<sup>th</sup> if he clears the property's title by that date. 2-0

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**Angelini/Mattingly properties**

Conservation Chairman Mike Dempsey told the Board that he is waiting to hear about the conservation fund grant he applied for Mattingly's property and feels they will need another short term extension on that P&S.

Dempsey told the Board that Woody Cammett is scheduling a meeting with the Planning Board to discuss Angelini's Earth Removal Permit before requesting a public hearing before the Selectmen.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by D'Amore, seconded by Gorski, it was

**VOTED:** To adjourn.  
Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,