

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with Selectman John H. Bruno II, Margaret T. Fitzgerald and Troy E. Garron present.

The following business was discussed:

AGENDA

Selectmen John Bruno added an Executive Session on potential litigation.

With the above addition, the Agenda for Tuesday, April 14th, was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously approved the following Selectmen Minutes:

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Fitzgerald noted the Board met with Lee Lyman of Lycott Engineering relative to the Monponsett Lakes and asked Seelig to make a list of items to be completed from that meeting and ensure they are completed.

ABATEMENTS/BILLS/COMMITMENTS/WARRANTS

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously approved payment of Payroll Warrant #83 in the amount of \$312,275.23

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously approved payment of Vendor Warrant #84 in the amount of \$22,534.41

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously approved payment of the following Selectmen bills:

Jays Carpet and Interiors (replace carpet/school) \$2,100.00
The Boston Globe (employment ad/Fire Chief) \$ 385.00

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending April 11, 2009 in the amount of \$6,031.93

The Board acknowledged Payment to the Treasurer #09-34 in the amount of \$68.59

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS - EARTH REMOVAL/ROACH

Seelig reported he has had no response from Scott Roach regarding the landscape plan and there may be a question as to whether or not Roach is still living at that address. Fitzgerald asked Seelig to have the Police Department check and see if anyone is living on the property.

GENERAL MAIL/BUSINESS

A. Chapter 90

Seelig stated that the Department of Revenue has advised the Town can appropriate the Chapter 90 money but should not spend it until the Route 36 overages are resolved.

B. Appointment - Animal Control Officer

Moved by Bruno and seconded by Garron, Board unanimously re-appointed Denise Horton as the Animal Control Officer/Pound Keeper, term to expire April 30, 2010.

C. Pilotte Dogs

The Board acknowledged notification that the Pilotte dogs are now living in Pembroke. This negates the issue of licensing in Halifax. Garron wanted the situation monitored closely to ensure that, if the dogs do return, they are licensed. Moved by Fitzgerald and seconded by Garron, Board unanimously instructed Seelig to have Horton inform the Animal Control Officer in Pembroke of the issues involving these dogs in Halifax.

D. Wage and Personnel

Fitzgerald advised that Wage and Personnel held another public hearing and received two new requests. They will try to make a decision tonight on whether or not to include them on the warrant.

E. Gordan Riker Walk/Run

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously granted permission to hold the second annual Gordan Riker Walk/Run on June 28th in accordance with the route used last year. Selectmen noted that the Police Chief and Fire Chief have approved the request.

F. Clean-Up Day

Garron announced the annual Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All volunteers should meet Garron at the Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. Seelig will confirm the Highway Surveyor is aware of the event.

ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Board met with Assistant Town Accountant Sandra Nolan to discuss department operations in the interim between when Town Accountant Laurel Rigo retires on May 15th and a new Town Accountant has been hired and on board.

Fitzgerald noted that as the Assistant Town Accountant, Nolan currently does the bills, payrolls and revenue which must be done on a regular basis. She assured Nolan she would not be expected to close the books for Fiscal 2009. Fitzgerald has put a call into former Town Accountant John Stanbrook to see if he could offer assistance. With regard to the status of the new software system, Nolan said the chart of accounts is all set. She felt comfortable and confident about the new system and felt it could be used beginning July 1st.

In response to questions from the Board, Nolan had no specific needs at this point. She said that Rigo has kept her up to date on the work she has been doing. She had not determined if an additional person would be needed in the interim. She was willing to work additional hours herself if needed. The Selectmen will meet with Nolan again some time in May to determine what help, if any, is needed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (CHARLES SEELIG)

A. Transportation Funding

Moved by Bruno and seconded by Garron, Board unanimously supported Old Colony Planning Council in its efforts to seek increased Chapter 90 spending.

B. Selectmen Meeting - April 28th

Seelig noted the Board had wanted the Municipal and School Building Committee to come back in to discuss their articles and asked if he should schedule the Committee for April 28th. Fitzgerald wanted to review both town meeting warrants on April 28th to determine which Selectmen would speak to which article. She will talk with Seelig about what other information the Board might want for that meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Bruno and seconded by Garron, Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation:

John H. Bruno II	-	Yes
Margaret T. Fitzgerald	-	Yes
Troy E. Garron	-	Yes

Fitzgerald announced there would be no statement at the end of the Executive Session and the Board would not reconvene in open session.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board voted as follows to come of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.:

John H. Bruno II	-	Yes
Margaret T. Fitzgerald	-	Yes
Troy E. Garron	-	Yes

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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