

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009 - 8:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 8:00 p.m. with Selectman John H. Bruno II, Margaret T. Fitzgerald and Troy E. Garron present.

The following business was discussed:

AGENDA

Selectman Troy Garron added a report on the Plymouth County budget.

With the above addition, the Agenda for Tuesday, May 5th, was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

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

Selectmen Meeting 03-10-09 - Regular Session

Selectman Fitzgerald abstained from voting as she was not in attendance.

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

Selectmen meeting 03-24-09 - Regular Session

Selectmen Bruno abstained from voting as he was not in attendance.

ABATEMENTS/BILLS/COMMITMENTS/WARRANTS

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously committed for collection Ambulance Commitment #4B in the amount of \$15,872.00

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously committed for collection Mobile Home Park License Fee #05 in the amount of \$5,160.00

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board unanimously approved payment of Vendor Warrant #90 in the amount of \$397,047.56

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

Constellation NewEnergy (street lights/Apr)	\$ 568.37
Constellation NewEnergy (pole at old police station - Mar/Apr)	\$ 62.72
National Grid (street lights/Apr)	\$1,020.88
National Grid (pole at old police station/Mar)	\$ 30.71
Whitman Trophy (plaque for retiree)	\$ 65.00
Constellation NewEnergy (Town Hall/Apr)	\$ 732.74
National Grid (Town Hall/Apr)	\$ 373.95
Gilman and Associates (legal services/Apr)	\$ 185.00
Constellation NewEnergy (Pope's Tavern/Apr)	\$ 108.94
Wyman's Garden Center (tree)	\$ 350.00
Malloy, Lynch, Bienvenue (Fiscal 2008 audit)	\$7,500.00
Harry B. Harding & Son (town warrant printing)	\$1,632.00
W. B. Mason (office supplies)	\$ 30.12

The Board acknowledged the following Payments to the Treasurer:

<u>TURNOVER NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
09-35	\$7,421.77
09-36	\$ 154.27
09-37	\$4,756.55

GENERAL MAIL/BUSINESS

A. Office Machines/Computer Manager

The Board acknowledged notification from Janyce Whitney that she will no longer be in charge of office machines and the Town's computer system. In response to a question from Fitzgerald, Seelig said the Computer Committee was never officially formed and was comprised of Town Hall Department Heads that were on board when the system was installed.

The Board designated Town Administrator Charles Seelig as the Office Machines Manager and Computer Systems Supervisor. Fitzgerald asked Seelig to develop job descriptions for both functions.

B. Rescinded Appointment - Capital Planning

Moved by Bruno and seconded by Garron, Board unanimously rescinded its vote taken on November 10, 2008 to appoint Jason Seleyman as an At-Large Member to the Capital Planning Committee, term to expire June 30, 2011. Jason Seleyman never accepted the appointment and was not sworn in to this position.

C. Defibrillators - Town Buildings

The Board acknowledged notification from the Health Agent of plans to place defibrillators in town buildings. Fitzgerald instructed Seelig to find out where they are being placed and to ensure the Acting Fire Chief is involved. Acting Fire Chief Henry Bosworth was present and said that one of the things mentioned in developing the Town's emergency plan is that areas be designated for emergency services. It was recommended that the Town Hall and the Elementary School be so designated. While he knew the Health Agent had the defibrillators, she had not talked with him about them.

Garron felt they should be placed only where people are trained to use them. Fitzgerald felt Seelig and Bosworth should determine where they should be placed and arrange for the training of the personnel in those areas.

D. Emergency Medical Service Zone Plan

Bosworth said the Plan application is almost complete and will be submitted to the Selectmen for signature some time in the near future.

E. Chapter 90

The Board acknowledged a response from State Senator Thomas Kennedy relative to the Selectmen concerns regarding Chapter 90. According to Kennedy, it is anticipated that Chapter 90 funding will be increased as a result of the increase in the sales tax.

F. Chapter 40A (Zoning)

The Board opposed a proposed change from a required 2/3 vote to a majority vote on zoning related issues. Seelig will attend an upcoming meeting on May 7th to voice opposition to the change.

G. Licensing Seminar

The Board authorized the Selectmen Assistant to attend the licensing informational seminar hosted by Municipal Licensing Corporation on June 2nd.

H. Public Records Request

The Board acknowledged a request from the Utility Workers Union of America for documents relating to the SEMASS contract. Fitzgerald instructed Seelig to inform the department responsible for overseeing the contract that this request has been received.

I. Budget Line Item Transfers

The Board acknowledged a request from the Parks Commission to transfer money between line items for marking equipment for the Lingan Street beach. The Board will consider this request at its next meeting before town meeting since the Finance Committee will also be meeting at that time. Since it is anticipated that other requests will be forthcoming and such requests require approval by both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee, the Board will hold a joint meeting with the Finance Committee in June to act on any other requests submitted.

J. Photocopy Machine - Second Floor

The Board instructed Seelig to determine where the second floor copy machine should be located since necessity requires it be moved from its current location in the new Treasurer's office.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

A. Earth Removal Permit - Roach/Holmes Street

Seelig informed the Board of an email he received from Roach stating the landscaping plan is being developed and he will advise the status. Seelig had not yet pushed the issue of potential fines with the parties involved. The Board instructed Seelig to write to Roach informing him the plan must be submitted by a date certain or the Board will consider fining him, the company that removed the material without a permit, and the company that received the material.

B. Town Accountant Search

The deadline for resumes has passed. The Board made no decision at this time on whether or not to appoint a committee to do the initial screening.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY BUDGET

Selectman Garron reported on a meeting of the Plymouth County Advisory Board relative to the budget for Plymouth County. The assessment reflects a 2-1/2% increase over the previous year. Out of the sixteen line items, two came into question. Part of the budget was passed based on the sale of the old court house and selling off gravel on property owned by the County. The Town of Plymouth voted \$1.4 million to purchase the court house which is now in negotiations. \$750,000 was expected from the sale of gravel. Garron was opposed to budgeting on-going expenses with one-time money. At least fifteen positions would be eliminated including the entire maintenance department since most of the buildings will be sold. Nine positions would be lost in the Registry of Deeds.

The budget was voted down. Seelig will provide each Selectmen with a copy of the proposed budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Garron and seconded by Bruno, Board voted was follows to enter into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. with Austin Sennett of Emergency Response Systems and Fire Chief Screening Committee members Henry Bosworth, Robert Gerhard and Kim Roy to discuss the search for the new Fire Chief and separately with Board members only to discuss 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 10:00 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 10:00 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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