



**Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
January 5, 2010  
Town Hall Meeting Room**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair, Ron Ricci in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Ron Ricci, Lucy Wallace, Tim Clark, Marie Sobalvarro and Peter Warren were all in attendance.

**MINUTES** – On a Warren/Wallace motion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 12/15, as presented.

**SENIOR WORK OFF PROGRAM** – On Wallace/Warren motion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the senior work off program for calendar year 2010. As with the 2009 program, the program is available to income eligible seniors who can work off up to \$750 of their real estate property taxes. Ginger Quarles has the application form and matches qualifying seniors to the appropriate town or school job.

**PLANNING BOARD AMENDMENTS** – Planning Board Chairman Joe Sudol was present to briefly review the proposed amendments. First, the Board is requesting a change to the definition of building to not allow two buildings to be separated by a firewall. The definition will be taken directly from the Massachusetts Building Code striking the firewalls section. Secondly, MRPC will be preparing a new zoning map digitized and colorized which will make the map easier to read and amend in the future. Lucy Wallace stated it is helpful to always retain the old versions for historical background. Thirdly, is to amend the Bylaw that addresses drive-thru facilities. Sudol said the Planning Board voted unanimously to move forward with this amendment and strongly urge the BOS to support their efforts. He explained the Planning Board will hold a public hearing regarding the issue. Lastly, is to amend the bylaw on off – site signs on town ways to be consistent with the modification approved by the Agricultural Advisory Committee stating directional signs to commercial agricultural enterprises shall not exceed four square feet in area.

**MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPOINTMENTS** - On a Warren/Wallace motion, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Chris Ready, Wade Holtzman and Mort Miller to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust with a term expiring in 2011.

On a Clark/Wallace motion, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Bruce Nickerson to fill the vacant position on the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust with a term expiring in 2010.

**BURNING PERMIT FEES** – Town Administrator Tim Bragan asked Board members if they would consider implementing a fee for burning permits. On a Clark/Sobalvarro motion, the Board voted unanimously to take no action on the request.

**VICKSBURG SQUARE UPDATE** – Ron Ricci updated the Board members by providing them a handout from the Vicksburg Square Subcommittee. He explained MassDevelopment received three responses to the Request for Expression of Interests. MassDevelopment has decided to interview all three applicants. He said the interviews will take place on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and a representative from the surrounding three communities as well as Devens will be present to participate fully in the interview process and have an advisory role in the decision making process. Ricci said the results would be discussed at the January 12<sup>th</sup> JBOS meeting.

**AMBULANCE APPOINTMENTS** – Peter Warren said he received a request from Ambulance Director Steve Beckman to approve the following appointments: John McClure back to a full time member and David Cline, Mina Rae Beckman and Andrea D’Eramo from provisional to full members.

On a Wallace/Clark motion, the Board voted unanimously to appoint John McClure as a full member to the Ambulance Squad.

On a Warren/Wallace motion, the board voted unanimously to appoint David Cline, Mina Rae Beckman and Andrea D’Eramo from provisional to full members on the Ambulance Squad.

The Board of Selectmen meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm at which time the Board then convened the All-Boards’ meeting, hearing reports from the Planning Board on the update to the town’s strategic affordable housing plan; the Municipal Buildings Task Force; the Finance and School Committees, Planning Board; Library Trustees; Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee; Water Commissioners; Cable Committee and Community Preservation Committee. The All-Board’s meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.