

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2007

Present: Selectmen Glenn Trindade, Richard Dunne, Dennis Crowley, Andrew Espinosa and John Foresto, Town Administrator, Suzanne Kennedy and Administrative Services Assistant, Celeste Hanson were present.

6:04 p.m. – Chairman Trindade called the meeting to order in Sanford Hall of Town Hall. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: *None.*

Approve and sign warrant:

- Selectman Espinosa moved that the Board approve and sign warrant number twenty three (23) for fiscal year '08 as read in the total amount of \$1,252,852.93; Selectman Dunne seconded; All ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

6:15 p.m.: Chairman Trindade moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into executive session for reason 3 “To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation” and reason 6 “to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property” with the intent of returning to open session; seconded by Selectman Foresto; roll call vote: Espinosa—aye; Foresto—aye; Dunne—aye; Crowley—aye; Trindade—aye; 5-0-0 (voted).

7:30 p.m. Selectmen return to open session and continue with regular business

Reports of the Selectmen

- Selectman Foresto did not have a report.
- Selectman Espinosa updated the Board regarding the DEP meeting. Selectman Espinosa indicated that Administrator Kennedy, Water Sewer Superintendent Flaherty; Selectman Dunne, himself and two representatives from Tata & Howard attended the meeting to discuss the Town's various steps towards remedying the current water problem. Selectman Espinosa indicated that state DEP officials were very receptive to the Town's ideas. DEP officials recommended that the Town cease with mini flushing in order to let the system settle; mini flushing is making the problem worst. Selectman Espinosa reported that the hydro flush has been delayed until May. Selectman Espinosa also stated that the Town will need to develop a flushing model to be included in the Master Plan. Selectman Crowley voiced his disappointment that the hydro flush needed to be put off until May and that the mini flushing would also cease. Selectman Dunne voiced his opinion that member of the Water Sewer Board of Commissioners should be more involved with this issue. Selectman Dunne also stated that Tata and Howard would be submitting a scope of services relative to the computer model and flushing program. Administrator Kennedy also suggested that the working group begin to work on a “PR” strategy. Selectman Espinosa stated that he would continue to update the board as warranted.
- Selectman Dunne confirmed that the date to meet the State legislators was moved from Tuesday to Wednesday. The Administrator confirmed that the meeting was

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changed. Selectmen Espinosa, Trindade and Crowley will be attending. Selectmen Dunne also indicated that the Board of Assessors has requested a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the board transition should the charter be approved. In closing, Selectman Dunne stated that he attended the School Committee meeting. Selectman Dunne stated that as a result of the discussion at the meeting, Tina Wright has e-mailed town officials, requesting support of a \$1.5 million dollar override. Selectman Dunne suggests that the Selectmen consider meeting with the Finance Committee and School Committee.

- Selectman Crowley reported that the Planning Board would like to discuss revising the sign by law to address advertising signs. Selectman Crowley also indicated that he would like to see resolution of the Keville issue very soon and feels that the matter has been dragging on for too long.

Report of the Chairman.

- Chairman Trindade reported the Town will need to discuss provisions for a new highway barn, which would be included as a CIPC project issue. Chairman Trindade proposes that the Town begin preliminary investigations for site selection. He proposes that the Town consider the property near the high school adjacent to the high tension wires and also suggested that perhaps the Town could sell the current fire station (station 1) and construct a facility to house both the highway barn and the fire station.

Report of the Town Administrator:

- Administrator Kennedy did not have a report this week.

8:20 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, Selectman Espinosa moved that the meeting be adjourned; Selectman Foresto seconded; All ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Hanson
Administrative Services Assistant

NOTE: APPROVED BY BOS ON