

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2008

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.

6:37 p.m. – Chairman Trindade called the Selectmen’s Regular Session meeting to order in Sanford Hall. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None.

Chairman Trindade also announced that Agenda items four (4) Approval of December 4, 2007 Regular Sessions minutes; item ten (10) Approval of the Budget Management and Financial Management Policy, item eleven (11) Approval of the Anti-Fraud Policy and item twelve (12) CIPC Appointments be placed on hold for discussion at the next regularly scheduled Selectmen’s meeting (February 4, 2008).

Close Special Town Meeting Warrant:

- Chairman Trindade moved to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant; seconded by Selectman Crowley; ayes-3 (Crowley, Foresto, Trindade) nays-2 (Espinosa, Dunne) 3-2-0 motion passes.

Approval of Special Town Meeting Warrant:

- The Board reviewed the January 28, 2008 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Espinosa read a prepared statement regarding his opposition of including Article 2 on the January 28, 2008, Special Town Meeting warrant. Administrator Kennedy indicated that Article 2 was included on the January 28, 2008 Special Town Meeting warrant as recommended by the Town’s financial advisor. Administrator Kennedy also stated her opinion that the Town will probably never see another free cash position of 1.8 million dollars. The Board entered into a brief discussion regarding Article 2 included on the January 28, 2008, Special Town Meeting warrant.
- Chairman Trindade moved that the Board of Selectmen accept and execute the Special Town Meeting Warrant as presented; seconded by Selectman Foresto; ayes-3 (Crowley, Foresto, Trindade) nays-2 (Espinosa, Dunne) 3-2-0 motion passes.

7:00 p.m. Chairman Trindade moved that the regular session meeting be adjourned and the Selectmen enter Executive session for reason number six “To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property...” and to return to open session at approximately 7:30 p.m.; Selectman Foresto seconded; roll call vote: Trindade—aye; Dunne—aye; Espinosa—aye; Foresto—aye; Crowley—aye; All ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

8:00 p.m. *Selectmen return to open session in Sanford Hall.*

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Approval of Grant Awards:

Police Department:

- Chief Tingley came forward to answer questions regarding the Police Department grant awarded by the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (SETB). The parties entered into a brief discussion. Selectman Foresto moved that the Selectmen accept and authorize the Police Department to expend the funds received under the SETB Training Grant Program awarded by the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (SETB) in the amount of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars to be used for employee training for the new 911 system; and overtime replacement costs; seconded by Chairman Trindade; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Department of Public Services:

- The Department of Public Services Director came forward and explained that the two hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000) grant award by the Department of Transportation for restoration of Thayer House (2 B Oak Street) before was accepted but not formally approved by the Board of Selectmen. This action is a house keeping item requiring a formal vote of the Board. The parties entered into a brief discussion. Selectman Espinosa moved that the Board of Selectmen accept and authorize the Director of Public Services to expend the funds received by the Department of Transportation in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be used for the Thayer House (2B Oak Street) restoration; seconded by Selectman Foresto; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Approval of Warrants:

- Selectman Espinosa moved that the Selectmen approve warrant number twenty-seven (27A) as read in the total amount of \$97,632.75; seconded by Selectman Foresto; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Report of the Town Administrator:

- Administrator Kennedy reported that the Water Working Group has been meeting on a regular basis. Tata and Howard are currently working on the contract proposal. Mark Flaherty is also having an outside source review the contract proposal as well and will report back to the Board when the contract is ready for execution.
- Administrator Kennedy reported that she would like to form a Snow and Ice Committee. The committee would consist of three to five people who would review the current snow and ice policy to see if the Town is working smart. Administrator Kennedy indicated that as of today \$190,000 has been spent on snow/ice removal not including today's storm.

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Report of the Selectmen:

- Selectman Crowley reported that the Water Working group has been meeting on a regular basis (every two weeks). Selectman Crowley expects to meet with representatives at Cybex on Tuesday. Selectman Crowley stated that an April town meeting may be needed in order to handle the land easements. Selectman Crowley will report back as warranted.
- Selectman Foresto stated that the Cable Advisory Committee has had discussions with Comcast. The Town attorney and the Cable Advisory Committee have a series of recommendations for Comcast to review and will report back as warranted. Selectman Foresto also indicated that he has begun the "Needs Assessment" and has interviewed three people to date and will report back as warranted.
- Selectman Dunne did not have a report
- Selectman Espinosa indicated that the Water Sewer Working Group recently has discussions with the Water/Sewer Commissioners (two were physically present at the meeting and the third member participated via telephone). The purpose of the meeting was to get an understanding of how to transition the recommendations by the Water/Sewer Working Group to the Water/Sewer Commissioners for consideration.

Report of the Chairman:

- Chairman Trindade reported that the School Committee will be forming a search committee for a new superintendent of schools. Anyone who has questions should contact Carol Villa at 533-3222. Chairman Trindade also noted the payment agreement for \$18,000 with Foxboro Transport which represents outstanding detail funds due the town.

8:25 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, Selectman Foresto moved that the regular session meeting be adjourned; seconded by Selectman Espinosa; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Hanson
Administrative Services Assistant