

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 1, 2011
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Parker, William Rice, John Whelan, Francis Cavaco,
Robert McLintock

Town Administrator: Michael J. Carroll

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. He advised the meeting was taped via audio and video and asked if anyone in the audience was taping. No response.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Authorize Recruitment for a Nurse for the Board of Health

In order to expedite the process, Mr. Carroll advised that the position was advertised internally but the period has not expired.

A motion was made by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Cavaco, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize recruitment of a nurse for the Board of Health.

In response to questions from Mr. Rice and Mr. McLintock, Board of Health Director Beth Hallal advised that the Board of Health does the hiring.

Chairman Parker noted it is accordance with Article 6, Section 6 of the Town Charter.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued Review of Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Carroll noted that the current warrant has been posted and contains recommendations made by the Board of Selectmen. Board members will take turns presenting the articles at Town Meeting.

There was discussion on Article 24 (Assisted Living).

Mr. Rice questioned whether Board members want to tell the Town that they do not support assisted living.

Mr. McLintock wanted background information.

Mr. Rice felt the Board should support assisted living. He said he signed the petition along with 42 others to make sure that it gets on the floor at Town Meeting.

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At the suggestion of Town Moderator Michelle Hines, a motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. Whelan and it was unanimously

VOTED: To make the recommendation on Article 24 at Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Appointment of Beverly Della Grotta to Human Services Council

Mr. Carroll recommended the appointment. He noted that Ms. Della Grotta has been very active with Save-A-Pet.

A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Beverly Della Grotta to fill the unexpired term for four weeks.

She will have to be reappointed at the end of June when all reappointments are made.

Mr. Cavaco felt that Ms. Della Grotta will be an excellent addition to Human Services.

Mr. Whelan added is confidence.

Discussion on SRPEDD Expedited Permitting; Consider Sub Committee

Mr. Rice recommended that such a process be created in this Town. He had information provided by Ms. Carol Bragg, SRPEDD representative.

Ms. Bragg clarified that this would (1) identify a single person in town who would answer questions about the whole permitting process; (2) put together a guide book about the process; and (3) do a concurrent application received by all the boards. It would provide better coordination between departments. Information is available on the SRPEDD website.

Discussion was deferred to a meeting after the Town Meeting.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Ms. Bragg suggested the Town provide tornado safety education. She said the weather channel has a video available.

Chairman Parker advised a notice was sent out via the Reverse 911.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll made the following announcements on behalf of the Town Clerk. Tickets are available at the Town Clerk's office for the dinner dance on Saturday, January 21, 2012, in celebration of the Town's 200th Anniversary. The Annual Ceremony to honor the victims of 911 will be on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The Superintendent of Schools has been contacted so that students can participate. Save-A-Pet is sponsoring the annual yard sale on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the middle school. The rain date is June 12.

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Chairman Parker advised that he got a price on the sign for the Town Hall. The person who made the sign for the public safety complex would do the exact sign for \$5,000.

Mr. Carroll advised that money is available from the original \$100,000 appropriation for repairs to Town Hall and the Animal Shelter. Funds could be encumbered for next year.

The matter was deferred until a future meeting.

Mr. Whelan advised that issues raised by a few veterans will be addressed by Veterans Agent Seth Bai.

Mr. Rice said that he was concerned about what questions should be asked of the candidates for Town Administrator. He did research and had a list of questions.

Board members decided to take turns asking questions.

Mr. Rice suggested that the Board should talk about items before they are put on the agenda.

With regard to the Board of Health, Mr. McLintock advised that he met with Mr. Al Smith about a number of issues. He felt there are a lot of wounds that have to be healed on both sides.

It was decided to schedule a work session with the Board of Health for a July meeting.

Accounts Payable Warrant

A motion was made by Mr. Cavaco, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To withhold an invoice from Miller Engineering in the amount of \$940 for proper backup.

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The vote: Mr. Cavaco ó Aye; Mr. Whelan ó Aye; Mr. Rice ó Aye; Chairman Parker ó Aye; Mr. McLintock ó Abstained.

Prior to the vote, Mr. McLintock clarified that it was for additional drawings.

Mr. Cavaco stated that the Finance Office does not have contracts to backup some of the bills that are presented for payment.

Mr. McLintock expressed dissatisfaction with the Town's procedures for paying bills.

Mr. Rice disagreed.

Mr. Cavaco advised that a tentative meeting has been set up with Rep. Howitt for June 24, 2011, at Town Hall to talk about an overlay district in order to obtain additional liquor licenses.

Mr. Cavaco advised that the Town Engineer will look into the light at the entrance to the Public Safety Complex.

In response to Mr. Cavaco's question, Chairman Parker advised that school buses are not included as part of Article 12 (surplus property).

Mr. Cavaco stated that the Finance Director does not have all contracts. One of them is Weston & Sampson.

Mr. McLintock questioned how bills are paid without contracts.

Mr. Lamoureux explained that the Town contracted with Weston & Sampson around 2003/2004 for on-call engineering services.

Mr. Cavaco referred to a site visit the following day at a Central Avenue business to discuss plans.

Chairman Parker noted that he spoke to Mass. Highway and representatives from that office will not be in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:17 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Cavaco, to go into Executive Session in accordance with Chapter 30A, Section 21, for strategy with respect to litigation and strategy with respect to collective bargaining; not to reopen into Open Session.

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The vote: Mr. Rice ó Aye; Mr. Cavaco ó Aye; Mr. McLintock ó Aye; Chairman Parker ó Aye. Mr. Whelan was not in the room at the time of the vote.

Respectfully submitted,

John Whelan, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary