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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2002**

Present: Arnold Wilson, Chairman
 Charles Blanchard
 George Dib
 Hal White
 Doris Sosik
 Gregory Morse, Acting Town Administrator

G. Morse, Acting Town Administrator, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reorganization

G. Morse requested nominations.

MOTION: To nominate Arnold Wilson as Chairman, by G. Dib.

2nd: D. Sosik

Nominations were closed.

Vote: Three in favor; A. Wilson abstained.

MOTION: To nominate Charles Blanchard as Vice-Chairman, by D. Sosik.

2nd: G. Dib

Nominations were closed.

Vote: Three in favor; C. Blanchard abstained.

MOTION: To nominate George Dib as Clerk, by A. Wilson.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Nominations were closed.

Vote: Three in favor; G. Dib abstained.

H. White arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Native American Hardwood – Logging Permit Application for 552 Leadmine Road

George King of Native American Hardwood appeared before the Board. Bernie Lorkiewicz submitted his recommended conditions, and Mark Lev, Building Inspector, asked the Board to require the logger to install a sign that identifies the logging company, contact person and telephone number.

G. King said that an orange DEM placard will be posted at the site. Regarding the use of wood chips vs. stone, B. Lorkiewicz indicated a concern that given the time of year and lack of frozen ground, that with muddy conditions, wood chips will be picked up in the tires and spread on the roadbed, whereas stone would not do so as much. B. Lorkiewicz suggested that if the length of stone bed were a problem it could be shortened. G. Morse had no objection to the use of wood chips.

MOTION: To grant the logging permit to George King of Native American Hardwood for 552 Leadmine Road as proposed, and that he be allowed to use wood chips, and that he not be required to post a separate sign at the site, and that all of the conditions outlined in B. Lorkiewicz's 3/14/02 memo be complied with, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To close the public hearing, by G. Dib.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Woods and Waters, Inc. d/b/a Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park – Change of Manager on Liquor Licenses

Attorney Robert George, and the owners and manager of Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park appeared before the Board. Their application was for a change of manager on their annual and seasonal liquor licenses. All of the required information was submitted.

MOTION: To grant the change of manager for both seasonal wine and malt and annual all alcohol liquor licenses, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: G. Dib

Vote: All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 4, 2002 as amended, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: Four in favor; G. Dib abstained.

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MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 18, 2002 as amended, by G. Dib.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 1, 2002 as amended, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the executive session minutes of April 1, 2002 as submitted, to remain confidential, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Class II License for 29 Main Street

Calvin Carrington and Attorney Ed Neal appeared before the Board. There had been a previous license at this location that expired in December 1999 for an auto repair and sales business. C. Carrington is in the process of selling the business and requested to have the license reinstated.

A. Wilson suggested that the Board put this on hold until revised documentation is submitted with the correct name. C. Blanchard suggested that they provide a drawing of the site, indicating the number of cars and where they will be stored. C. Carrington agreed to redo the application.

Annual Appointments

On the following list of annual appointments, J. Malloy noted whether the appointee is an incumbent with an (I) after his/her name.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Theophile Beaudry (I) for a term to expire in 2005

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Barbara Barry (I) for a term to expire in 2005

WIRE INSPECTOR

Gary Tremblay (I) for a term to expire in 2003

ASSISTANT WIRE INSPECTOR

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Clyde Gagnon (I) for a term to expire in 2003

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Gregory Morse (I) for a term to expire in 2005

DPW TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

Bernard Lorkiewicz (I) for a term to expire in 2005

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Eli Ciprari, III (I) for a term to expire in 2004

Brian Curboy (I) for a term to expire in 2004

David Denault (I) for a term to expire in 2004

Mark Denault (I) for a term to expire in 2004

Richard Denis (I) for a term to expire in 2004

Daniel Gervasi (I) for a term to expire in 2004

David Johnson (I) for a term to expire in 2004

Brian McRoy (I) for a term to expire in 2004

David Mitchell (I) for a term to expire in 2004

Chris Yaskoski (I) for a term to expire in 2004

TREE WARDEN

Thomas Chamberland (I) for a term to expire in 2004

FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Thomas Ford, III, (I) Sergeant (K-9) for a term to expire in 2005

Alan Curboy, (I) Sergeant for a term to expire in 2005

Jeffrey Lavallee, (I) Sergeant for a term to expire in 2005

Christopher Donais, (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Michael Couture (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Pamela Desplaines (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Sean Gibbons (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Frank Leo (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Daniel Menzone (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Paul Newsham (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Mark Saloio (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Robert Campbell (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Kevin Mercier (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Joseph Lombardi (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Ralph Scala (I) for a term to expire in 2005

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FULL-TIME E911 DISPATCHERS

Barbara Boiteau (I) for a term to expire in 2005
Timothy Grant (I) for a term to expire in 2005
Teri Stach (I) for a term to expire in 2005
Toniah Abner (I) for a term to expire in 2005

PART-TIME/RESERVE E911 DISPATCHERS

Lisa Keay (I) for a term to expire in 2005
Karen Leary (I) for a term to expire in 2005
Jean Tavernier (I) for a term to expire in 2005
Becky Hulyk (I) for a term to expire in 2005

FULL-TIME FIRE PERSONNEL

Edward Bourassa (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Alan Brackett (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Robert Wright, Jr. (I) for a term to expire in 2004
John Marinelli (I) for a term to expire in 2004
David Peterkin (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Matthew Roderick (I) for a term to expire in 2004

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL PERSONNEL

Ronald Woolhouse (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Russell Chamberland (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Charles St. Pierre (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Paul Roy (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Robert Moynagh (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Vernon Jackson, Sr. (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Thomas Chamberland (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Brian Towns (I) for a term to expire in 2004
William Chamberland (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Joseph Overly (I) for a term to expire in 2004
John Roderick (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Edward Chamberland (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Richard Coburn (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Gordon Holstrom (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Rebecca Brogran (I) for a term to expire in 2004
John Moran (I) for a term to expire in 2004

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES

Leonard Petrillo (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Thomas Mapplebeck (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Daniel Boone (I) for a term to expire in 2004
Richard Tilton (I) for a term to expire in 2004

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PLANNING BOARD

Robert Wheaton for a term to expire in 2007

Margaret Cooney (I) for a term to expire in 2007

MOTH INSPECTOR

Thomas Chamberland (I) for a term to expire in 2003

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

James Johnson (I) for a term to expire in 2003

VETERANS' DIRECTOR/BURIAL AGENT

Thomas Chamberland (I) for a term to expire in 2003

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige (I) for a term to expire in 2003

FENCE VIEWER

Gregory Morse (I) for a term to expire in 2003

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Virginia Belforte (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Elaine Cook (I) for a term to expire in 2005

STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

Donald Mapplebeck (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Thomas Button (I) for a term to expire in 2005

Gregory Morse (I) for a term to expire in 2005

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Brian Towns (I) for a term to expire in 2003

HANDICAPPED AND ADA COORDINATOR

Leonard Senecal (I) for a term to expire in 2003

COUNCIL ON AGING

Robert MacWilliams (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Vacant

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DIRECTOR, COUNCIL ON AGING

Barbara Search (I) for a term to expire in 2005

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U.S. GOVERNMENT SURPLUS FOOD PROGRAMS

Barbara Search (I) for a term to expire in 2003

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Marie Belisle (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Douglas Quigley (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Barbara Search (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Vacant

Vacant

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Gregory Morse (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Leonard Senecal (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Tom Button (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Jean Joel (I) for a term to expire in 2003

James Malloy (I) for a term to expire in 2003

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Hoffman (I) for a term to expire in 2005

INSURANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

Barbara Barry (I) for a term to expire in 2003

John Snelgrove (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Mary Gregory (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Daniel Carlson (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Ellie Chesebrough (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Barbara Boiteau for a term to expire in 2003

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION & POLICY COMMITTEE

Wayland Wheaton (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Roy Baum (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Charles Blanchard (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Michael Serio (I) for a term to expire in 2003

William Bailey for a term to expire in 2003

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deborah McKinstry (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Larry Adams (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Alan Jones (I) for a term to expire in 2003

Nancy Ryder (I) for a term to expire in 2003

James Malloy (I) for a term to expire in 2003

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STURBRIDGE CULTURAL COUNCIL

James Douglas (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Mary Lou Volpe (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Nancy Gardner (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Vacant

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Josef Rokus (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Thomas Button (I) for a term to expire in 2003
James Malloy (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Carol Hooker (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Deborah Boyd for a term to expire in 2003
Leonard Senecal (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Arnold Wilson (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Gregory Morse (I) for a term to expire in 2003

BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

James Malloy (I) for a term to expire in 2003
William Muir (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Arnold Wilson (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Thomas Button (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Brian Amedy (I) for a term to expire in 2003

ROAD KILL DEER AGENTS

Emile Fortier (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Robert Landreville (I) for a term to expire in 2003

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

James Malloy (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Leonard Senecal (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Lawrence Adams (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Kevin Smith (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Gregory Morse (I) for a term to expire in 2003

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Gregory Morse (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Leonard Senecal (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Thomas Button (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Anthony Celuzza (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Carol Hanson (I) for a term to expire in 2003

OPEN SPACE PLAN COMMITTEE

Elissa Gelfand (I) for a term to expire in 2003

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Mary Blanchard (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Alfred Basille (I) for a term to expire in 2003
P. Edward Norris (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Carol Goodwin (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Nancy Ryder (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Judith Pote (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Anthony "Chip" Silvestri for a term to expire in 2003
Vacant

FISKDALE PARK STUDY COMMITTEE

Charles Blanchard (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Laurel Buckley (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Robert Briere (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Wayne Morse (I) for a term to expire in 2003
Frances O'Connell (I) for a term to expire in 2003

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Robert Briere (I) for a term to expire in 2005

With the above appointments there are still the following vacancies:
Council on Aging (3); Historical Commission (2); Cultural Council (1)
Open Space Committee (1).

J. Malloy indicated that Tom Creeden asked not to be reappointed after serving 15 years on the Planning Board, and recommend that the Board send a letter thanking Tom for serving the town for 15 years.

MOTION: To send a letter of thanks to Tom Creeden for his 15 years of service, by D. Sosik.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

A.Wilson said that Dr. Rotty should also receive a letter of thanks.

The Board decided to hold on the following appointments: Chris Yaskoski, Public Works Dept. (since he has just been hired and is on probation); G. Morse indicated that Mary Gregory should be added to the Public Works Dept. list; John Hart may be added as a Part-Time Police Officer; Matthew Kelly and Nicholas Dadalt as Call EMTs; Brian Towns may be added to the LEPC; William Muir is the Planning Board member on the Betterment Committee, and the Planning Board will determine who that will be after they reorganize;

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Emile Fortier will resign as Road Kill Deer Agent; Judy Pote has resigned from the Open Space Plan Committee.

MOTION: To confirm the Town Administrator's appointments, except for those on hold, by G. Dib.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

South Middlesex Bass Anglers

The Board received a request from the South Middlesex Bass Anglers to hold a bass fishing event on Big Alum Pond, which is a different group than the East Coast Bass Anglers.

MOTION: To approve the request of the South Middlesex Bass Anglers to hold a fishing event on September 5, 2002, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: G. Dib

Vote: All in favor.

Town Administrator's Matching Grant Account

The Board received a request for a minimal matching grant from Barbara Search (\$37) from the Town Administrator's matching grant account. Barbara Barry and Jean Joel asked that the Board approve this for accounting reasons, as opposed to Barbara Search matching it out of her budget.

MOTION: To approve the request to use \$37 for a Martap Helping Hand Mini-Grant, by G. Dib.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Walker Pond Grant

J. Malloy met with Nick Applegate regarding the Walker Pond Grant, and submitted to the Board information that Mr. Applegate provided. They would be seeking a total of \$11,000 from the Town via a warrant article. Although this is a higher amount than previous town matches, the grant award is much higher also (normally these are \$20,000 projects with a \$10,000 grant and \$5,000 from the Town and \$5,000 from the Lake Association; this grant is a \$50,000 project, with a \$25,000 grant with \$11,000 coming from the Town as a match and \$8,500 coming from the

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Walker Pond Association and \$5,500 coming from others). Nick Applegate will be coming before the Board on May 6th. There is a grant agreement with the Commonwealth in the "Correspondence In" file; J. Malloy suggested that the Board wait until the 6th to approve the agreement, which would be subject to Town Meeting funding the local match.

Sturbridge Host Noise Complaint

The Board received a letter regarding a noise complaint against the Sturbridge Host by an abutter. As the Board has held hearings and discussed this with the Host before, without success, J. Malloy recommended that the Board hold a hearing with the Host to consider suspending or revoking their live entertainment license.

MOTION: To set a hearing for the purpose of suspending or revoking the live entertainment license for the Sturbridge Host on May 20, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., by G. Dib.

2nd: H. White

C. Blanchard did not think that would be an appropriate action by the Board, and noted that the current complaint is about an inside exhibit area. H. White suggested that the Board review the information from the meeting in September, the last time this issue came before the Board, before deciding to take further action. D. Sosik said that the Police Dept. should understand what they are able to do about noise complaints under state law, and they should be kept informed of actions taken by the Board.

Vote: All opposed.

Health Insurance Change

As part of our renewal with MIIA, the Town had an option to increase some co-pays in order to reduce the premiums. J. Malloy sent out a memo to all town departments, and from the responses he received, 55% were in favor of the higher co-pay; 45% were not in favor. Based on the response, Mr. Malloy did not recommend any change to the health insurance program. The Board agreed.

Brush Tractor Bids

MOTION: To award the contract for the brush tractor with boom mower attachment (with trade in) to Bacher Corp. for the price of \$79,590, by C. Blanchard.

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2nd: D. Sosik
Vote: All in favor.

Old Business

C. Blanchard asked about the status of the Tri-community celebration. G. Dib said that they have not reached the necessary dollar figure in donations for the event. At their next meeting they will decide what they are going to do.

C. Blanchard asked when the hydrants will be painted. G. Morse said that he would look into it.

C. Blanchard asked about the quality and completeness of water and sewer mapping. G. Morse said that they still need to get better locations of manholes and other items.

D. Sosik asked about the status of the crosswalk at the Blackington Building. G. Morse said that they have received authorization to move the crosswalk. A new crosswalk will be painted, then they will blacken out the old one.

A. Wilson asked the Board to decide about the format of Board meetings, as the three-month review period is up. It was the consensus of the Board to continue to hold a regular meeting twice a month, with a work session on the second week; correspondence should continue to be handled in list form; department head reports should be submitted every month, and department heads should appear before the Board every other month.

New Business

G. Dib noted that Barbara Boiteau was named Dispatcher of the Year by the Mass. Communication Association and awarded a medal for her part in the capture of two dangerous criminals in December 2000.

MOTION: To send a letter of commendation to Barbara Boiteau, by
G. Dib.
2nd: H. White
Vote: All in favor.

H. White announced Community Appreciation Day at Westville Recreation Area on April 27th.

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D. Sosik said that as the liaison to the Council on Aging, she has been invited to speak to a group of volunteers.

A.Wilson announced that on April 29th the Annual Town Meeting will be held at Tantasqua Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., and at 7:30 there will be two Special Town Meetings.

A.Wilson asked the Board for a decision regarding Sturbridge v. Mobil et. al. It was the consensus of the Board to agree with J. Malloy's recommendation.

Ask the Selectmen

A.Wilson received a call from a person who wished not to be identified on TV, who complained about skyrocketing cable bills and the fact that the cable company is now asking people to prepay for cable service.

MOTION: To enter into executive session under MGL Chapter 39, §23B, Paragraph #6: To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property, not to reconvene in open session, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Roll call vote: All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date