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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JULY 1, 2002**

Present Arnold Wilson, Chairman
 Charles Blanchard
 Hal White
 Doris Sosik
 James Malloy, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 17, 2002 as submitted, by
 C. Blanchard.
 2nd: D. Sosik
 Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the executive session minutes of June 17,
 2002, to remain confidential, by C. Blanchard.
 2nd: H. White
 Vote: All in favor.

ZBA/BOS Joint Appointment

Ginger Peabody, Mary Blanchard and two other members of the Zoning Board of Appeals were present for the ZBA/Board of Selectmen joint appointment of Robert Cornoni to the ZBA.

MOTION: To appoint Robert Cornoni to the Zoning Board of
 Appeals, by D. Sosik.
 2nd: H. White
 Vote: All Selectmen and ZBA members in favor.

Quarterly Reports

Beverly Poirier, Assistant Assessor, read her report to the Board (copy on file). She informed the Board that Internet access for property records would eliminate many calls regarding requests for parcel identification, valuations, deed references and square footage of houses. At the next Special Town Meeting they are requesting an article for funding to increase

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the hours for their clerk, Judy Cornoni, to 15 hours/week. B. Poirier requested that the Board support this article.

Larry Adams, Town Planner, submitted an outline to the Board, including a list of ANRs (copy on file). He reviewed current subdivision applications, other housing construction projects, commercial and industrial site plan reviews, adoption of regulations, growth management and PC-based initiatives. He informed the Board that 23 forms are now available on the Town's website. J. Malloy thanked L. Adams for scanning the forms onto the website.

Regarding Subdivision Rules and Regulations, L. Adams said that the Planning Board intends to review them every year and revise them as necessary. J. Malloy commended L. Adams for his efforts.

Barbara Search presented her report to the Board (copy on file), including senior attendance, staff, Snell Building and grounds, funding, initiatives, special programs for seniors, and a list of meetings and activities that she has attended. The Are You OK program became operational in December 2001, with 10 people signed up for the service so far, and more expected to participate as word of the service is circulated. Barbara Kalber, Community Resources Coordinator, has been visiting housebound seniors to bring them information about available services.

B. Search made a presentation to the Board regarding the Community Resources Coordinator position, and outlined how seniors benefit from services provided by the Council on Aging and Senior Center. She stressed the importance of home visits, phone calls to seniors and follow up. The Community Resources Coordinator targets seniors who do not come to the Senior Center, some of whom are isolated due to health problems. There are many elderly people who do not have people to take care of them on a daily basis. She said that the Council on Aging gift account could cover the position through September. She requested that the Board support the CRC position. D. Sosik spoke in support of the position.

Police Appointment

MOTION: To confirm the Town Administrator's appointment of Sean Lewis as a full-time police officer in the Town of Sturbridge Police Department at a starting rate of \$15.72 per hour, effective 7/2/02, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Senior Municipal Service Program

MOTION: To approve the application for the Senior Municipal Service Program from John Peterkin to continue working with the Veterans Agent/Tree Warden, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Appointments

MOTION: To confirm the Town Administrator's appointment of Carmen MacGillivray as the part-time clerk at the Council on Aging, effective July 8, 2002 at the starting rate of \$10.19 per hour, by D. Sosik.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To confirm the Town Administrator's appointment of Lisa Keay as the part-time secretary for the Fire Chief effective July 2, 2002 at a starting rate of \$10.19 per hour, by D. Sosik

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Design Review Committee Appointment

MOTION: To confirm the Town Administrator's appointment of Tom Chamberland to fill the vacancy on the Design Review Committee through 2003, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Consumer Confidence Report

Over the past few years, the Consumer Confidence Report from the Water Department has been published in the local paper at a substantial cost. The Water Department has developed a four-page pamphlet that will be mailed as a stuffer in the next water bill. The Board expressed appreciation for Paul Donahue's efforts. D. Sosik pointed out a typo on page 4.

Big Alum Sewer Project Archeological Review

MOTION: To authorize the Town Administrator to execute the contract between the Town of Sturbridge and the University of Massachusetts for archeological services dated June 19, 2002 for an amount not to exceed \$9,991, by D. Sosik.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Sturbridge Isle Restaurant – Transfer of Liquor License & Change of Manager

Attorney Arthur Bergeron appeared before the Board, representing Sturbridge Isle Restaurant. All of their paperwork was in order.

MOTION: To approve the Transfer of License and Change of Manager to Barbara Jodoin for Sturbridge Isle Restaurant, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Sprint – Antenna Lease

Attorney Jeff Poindexter appeared before the Board, representing Sprint. Sprint approached the Town about a year ago, expressing interest in negotiating an antenna lease on a water tank. A concern was raised about a DEP policy about antennas on water tanks. Atty. Poindexter assured the Board that Sprint has met all of the safety concerns, and pointed out that Sprint has constructed antennas on water tanks all over the country, without any problems. Michael Richards of Edwards and Kelsey was also present to answer any questions or concerns.

A. Wilson asked about the method of attachment. M. Richards said that they would use stud welding as the means of attachment, which would cause less damage to the tank, if any damage at all. J. Malloy said that they may need to go before the Planning Board for site plan review. C. Blanchard asked if there was any data available about the success of mounting antennas on water tanks. M. Richards said that he did not know of any such data, but assured the Board that if they determine that there is any chance of damage to the tank, they would discuss the matter with the Town. J. Malloy suggested they use DEP's application guidelines for

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mounting antennas on tanks, meet with the DPW Director and provide the Board with the information that would be included in the application.

Chapter 81 Certification

MOTION: To submit the report on Chapter 81 Certification to the state, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Special Town Meeting

MOTION: To place Article #27 on the warrant and recommend approval, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: Three in favor; A.Wilson abstained.

MOTION: To place Article #28 on the warrant and recommend approval, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: Three in favor; A.Wilson abstained.

MOTION: To place Article #29 on the warrant and recommend approval, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To recommend approval of Article #30, by D. Sosik.

2nd: A. Wilson

Vote: A.Wilson and D. Sosik in favor; C. Blanchard and H. White opposed.

The motion was defeated.

MOTION: To place Article #31 on the warrant and recommend approval, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To place Article #32 on the warrant and recommend approval, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To place Article #33 on the warrant and recommend approval, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To place Article #34 on the warrant and recommend approval, by H. White.

2nd: A. Wilson

Vote: A.Wilson and H. White in favor; C. Blanchard opposed; D. Sosik abstained.

MOTION: To place Article #35 on the warrant and recommend approval, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To place Article #36 on the warrant and recommend approval, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To place Article #37 on the warrant, with \$7,000 to the Council on Aging Salaries and Wages Account #15411-51130 and \$500 to the COA Purchase of Service Account #15412-52000 for mileage costs, recommendation to be provided at the Special Town Meeting, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To add an Article to the warrant for \$2,200 to the Board of Assessors Purchase of Services Account #11412-52000 for the purpose of posting the Assessors' Valuation Database online, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: Three in favor; A.Wilson opposed.

MOTION: To add an Article to the warrant for \$2,870 to the Board of Assessors Salaries and Wages Account #11411-51130 to increase the Assessors Clerk's hours to 15 hours per week, and to wait for the recommendation from the Personnel Committee before voting to support it, by C. Blanchard.

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2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: Three in favor; A.Wilson opposed.

Old Business

C. Blanchard suggested coordinating something regarding the Police Dept. accreditation. J. Malloy said that some arrangements would be made.

New Business

D. Sosik announced the July 5th Patriotic Celebration in Southbridge, with activities beginning at noon, with shuttle bus services from Town Hall to the airport.

Ask the Selectmen

Penny Dumas said that the 6/28 letter from Phil Truesdell to the Town indicates that the state is willing to fund a minimum of \$125,000 to purchase the Dumas property, and an appraisal is necessary. She volunteered to contact appraisal companies. A.Wilson said that the state will contract for their own appraisals, so the Town does not need to take any action.

Chip Silvestri of Beaudry Road offered to pay for the appraisal so that the residents would be well informed of the facts before the Special Town Meeting. J. Malloy suggested he contact Phil Truesdell.

H. White received a call from Stan Borko, who asked whether the Sprint antenna on the water tower would increase the liability to the Town for installing and maintaining it, and if there would be a provision about a lightning strike. J. Malloy said that the agreement does not mention lightning strikes.

H. White received a call from Barbara Search, who said that Barbara Kalber has worked 24 hours/week in 2002.

Mary Blanchard called to inform the Board that they did not vote to close the warrant.

MOTION: To close the Special Town Meeting warrant, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

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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.

D. Sosik recused herself from executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date