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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 2003**

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

J. Malloy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance. New Selectman David Schmida was introduced.

**Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen**

**MOTION:**   To nominate Arnold Wilson as Chairman, by H. White.  
              2<sup>nd</sup>:   D. Sosik  
              **Vote:** All in favor.

**MOTION:**   To nominate Charles Blanchard as Vice-Chairman, by D. Sosik.  
              2<sup>nd</sup>:   H. White  
              **Vote:** All in favor.

**MOTION:**   To nominate David Schmida as Clerk, by H. White.  
              2<sup>nd</sup>:   C. Blanchard  
              **Vote:** All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**   To approve the minutes of April 7, 2003 as amended, by C. Blanchard.  
              2<sup>nd</sup>:   D. Sosik  
              **Vote:** All in favor.

**Fire Chief Leonard Senecal – Monthly Report**

Chief Senecal read his report to the Board (copy on file). They have applied for a \$76,000 Federal Fire Assistance Grant for communications equipment. They applied for the Forest Fire State Grant in the amount of \$3,900 for 17 suits of forest fire fighting gear.

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Chief Senecal purchased a high ban and low ban radio for his vehicle from the \$21,000 State Fire Equipment Grant, 30 hazmat suits, four air packs, four spare bottles and two respirators.

The live burn at David Peterkin's house will be done on May 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, and will be advertised on the cable channel, so that the residents in the area will not be alarmed.

### **Building Inspector's Monthly Report**

J. Malloy read Mark Lev's report to the Board (copy on file). After the tragic fire at a nightclub in Rhode Island, M. Lev has begun going over every place of public assembly to inspect the load level capacity for each facility, to find out if it is in compliance with the state building code.

### **Greg Morse, DPW Director, Paul Donahue & Roy Wood, U.S. Filter/EOS – Monthly Reports**

G. Morse read his report to the Board (copy on file). They have been cleaning roads with the street sweeper, opening catch basins and drop inlets, replacing street signs, and patching roads. Equipment maintenance has been done. They will start drilling for the new well at the Kaitbenski property on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

A. Wilson commended the DPW for their snow removal work.

P. Donahue read his report to the Board (copy on file). They have prepared the second quarter extensive DEP water sampling at the wells and the wastewater treatment plant. They are scheduled to meet with Greg Morse and DEP on April 24<sup>th</sup> for a cross connection control audit for the state. Flow has increased due to the heavy rains and melting snow. They have begun the semi-annual water hydrant flushing and exercising. Spring cleanup is being done at plant facilities.

### **Arbor Day Proclamation**

**MOTION: To authorize the Chairman to sign the proclamation declaring April 25<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day, by H. White.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

Tom Chamberland, Tree Warden, noted that this is the 14<sup>th</sup> year that Sturbridge has been named as Tree City USA. Northern Tree Service and

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DPW members will assist in planting trees during the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>. A Liberty Elm will be planted on the Town Common, and a Maple Shrub will be planted on the school grounds.

### **Hearthstone Inn Liquor License**

J. Malloy submitted to the Board the Liquor License Action Summary for the Transfer of License and Change of Manager application for this property. The applicant has come before the Board on this application before, but the application was denied by the State because it only included a "Change of Manager," and based on what they were actually seeking to do, it also required a "Transfer of the License."

Attorney Robert George and Arthur Pappas, the new manager of Hearthstone, appeared before the Board.

**MOTION: To approve the transfer of license and change of manager for the Hearthstone Inn, and to correct the 5-page application (not a "new license"), by H. White.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

### **Mike Loin, Spaho Corp. – Water & Sewer Connections**

C. Blanchard recused himself from the Board at 7:07 p.m. Mike Loin and Attorney Robert George appeared before the Board. Atty. George submitted a letter to the Board, which he read, requesting reconsideration of the application of Spaho Corp. for a water/sewer permit (copy on file). C. Blanchard also submitted a memo to the Board indicating his concerns (copy on file). There was no motion to reconsider by the Board. A. Wilson stated that since there was no motion to reconsider, the denial that had been made previously by the Board would stand. A. Wilson said that capacity issues have been raised relative to the effective capacity of the treatment plant at much less than the current flow. He added that some of the issues may be addressed at Town Meeting. D. Sosik noted that there was enough disagreement at the time this first came up regarding the capacity issue, and until that is clarified to the Board's satisfaction, she would not vote for extension of sewer for any future development. J. Malloy said that the pump station capacity would have to be evaluated. There are no other pending applications before the Board at the present time. Atty. George said that they would submit a new application for the Board to hold, then act upon once that issue has been cleared up.

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C. Blanchard rejoined the Board at 7:25 p.m.

**Lillian Palmer Trust – Ch. 61B**

There was a request from Attorney Diane Desautels for the Board to waive the Town's right of first refusal on the sale of Ch. 61B property. As the documents stated, the purpose of selling a portion of this property (5588 sq. ft.) is to provide an abutting property owner with a legal lot.

**MOTION: To waive the Town's right of first refusal on 5,588 square feet of land situated on Westwood Drive, being part of the property located at 66 Westwood Drive and laid out on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land Owned by Lillian H. Palmer, Trustee, 66 Westwood Drive, Sturbridge, MA" dated 10/02/02 and authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the Notice of Non-Exercise of Option as presented by Atty. Desautels, by D. Sosik.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Blanchard**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**Annual Appointments**

**Appointed Staff**

Town Accountant - Jean Joel for a three-year term to expire in 2006

Director of Inspections - Mark Lev for a three-year term to expire in 2006

Electric Inspector – Gary Tremblay for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Assistant Electric Inspector - Clyde Gagnon for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Tree Warden - Thomas Chamberland for a three-year term to expire in 2006

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Mark Saloio for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Members of the Police Department

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*Full-Time Officers*

Kevin Mercier, Sergeant for a two-year term to expire in 2005  
Mark Saloio for a two-year term to expire in 2005  
Robert Campbell for a two-year term to expire in 2005  
Joseph Lombardi for a two-year term to expire in 2005

*Reserve Officer*

John Hart for a one-year term to expire in 2004

*Part-Time Dispatchers*

Becky Hulyk for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Lisa Keay for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Melissa Palmer for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Fire Chief - Leonard Senecal for a three-year term to expire in 2006

Town Planner – Lawrence Adams for a three-year term to expire in 2006

Moth Inspector - Thomas Chamberland for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Animal Control Officer – James Johnson for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Tom Button for a three-year term to expire in 2006

Veteran's Agent - Thomas Chamberland for a three-year term to expire in 2006

Town Counsel - Kopelman & Paige for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Fence Viewer - Gregory Morse for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Hazardous Waste Coordinator - Leonard Senecal for a one-year term to expire in 2004

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Handicapped and ADA Coordinator - Leonard Senecal for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Parking Clerk - Barbara Barry for a one-year term to expire in 2004

U.S. Government Surplus Food Programs – Barbara Search for a term to expire in 2004

Conservation Agent – starting July 1, 2003 – Nancy Ryder for a one-year term to expire in 2004

C. Blanchard suggested putting the Sealer of Weights and Measures appointment on hold.

**MOTION: To confirm all of the Town Administrator's appointments that are not on hold, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

C. Blanchard said that he thought the state was performing the duties of Sealer of Weights and Measures. J. Malloy explained that Officer Mark Saloio had been serving as Sealer of Weights and Measures, but weighing trucks only; the state has done the rest.

**MOTION: To approve Mark Saloio as the Sealer of Weights and Measures as outlined, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

### **Boards and Committees**

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Sandra Gibson-Quigley for a five-year term to expire in 2008

Thomas Kenney for a five-year term to expire in 2008

#### **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Thomas Button for a one-year term to expire in 2004

James Malloy for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Carol Hooker for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Deborah Boyd for a one-year term to expire in 2004

Leonard Senecal for a one-year term to expire in 2004

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Arnold Wilson for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Gregory Morse for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Frances O'Connell for a three-year term to expire in 2006

#### STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

Donald Mapplebeck for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Thomas Button for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Gregory Morse for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### COUNCIL ON AGING

Barbara Curtis Palmer for a three-year term to expire in 2006  
Vacant for a three-year term to expire in 2006

#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Marie Belisle for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Barbara Search for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Joseph Ouellette for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Vacant for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Vacant for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

Gregory Morse for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Leonard Senecal for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Thomas Button for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Jean Joel for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
James Malloy for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edward Goodwin for a three-year term to expire in 2006  
John Michalek for a three-year term to expire in 2006  
David Mitchell for a three-year term to expire in 2006

#### INSURANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

Barbara Barry for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Barbara Boiteau for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Vacant for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Ellie Chesebrough for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Mary Gregory for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
John Snelgrove for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION & POLICY COMMITTEE

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William Bailey for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Roy Baum for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Charles Blanchard for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Michael Serio for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Vacant for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deborah McKinstry for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Larry Adams for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Alan Jones for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Nancy Ryder for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
James Malloy for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### STURBRIDGE CULTURAL COUNCIL

Deb Tracy for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Nancy Gardner for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Carol Mitchell for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Virginia Stallone for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Mary Lou Volpe for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

Brian Amedy for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Thomas Button for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
James Malloy for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Vacant (Selectmen Representative) for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Vacant (Planning Board Representative) for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

James Malloy for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Lawrence Adams for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Gregory Morse for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Leonard Senecal for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Kevin Smith for a one-year term to expire in 2004

#### TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Gregory Morse for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Leonard Senecal for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Thomas Button for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Anthony Celuzza for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Carol Hanson for a one-year term to expire in 2004



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**OPEN SPACE PLAN COMMITTEE**

Mary Blanchard for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Elissa Gelfand for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Carol Goodwin for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
P. Edward Norris for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Anthony Silvestri for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Lynne DiGregorio Sarty for a one-year term to expire in 2004

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Penny Dumas for a three-year term to expire in 2006  
Steven Halterman for a three-year term to expire in 2006

**FISKDALE PARK STUDY COMMITTEE**

Charles Blanchard for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Robert Briere for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Wayne Morse for a one-year term to expire in 2004  
Frances O'Connell for a one-year term to expire in 2004

J. Malloy explained that there are still several openings that will continue to be advertised, and of these, one person has voiced interest in serving on the Council on Aging. Mr. Malloy requested that Barbara Search interview her before he considers making an appointment. Additionally, there are two people that have expressed interest in representing the teachers on the Insurance Study Committee, so Mr. Malloy will need to wait to hear from the teachers union to find out whom they wish to represent them. Also, there are two representatives on the Betterment Committee which are designees of the Selectmen and Planning Board. The remaining vacancies will be advertised until filled.

**MOTION: To confirm the Town Administrator's appointments as listed, by D. Sosik.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**Summer Rec. Program Appointments**

The following is a listing of Summer Recreation Program appointments for the 2003 Summer that I intend on appointing, subject to the Selectmen's confirmation:

Recreation Director – Erica Schmidt  
Lifeguards –  
Timothy Robinson

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Karli Gliesman  
Tara Gliesman  
Play Leaders –  
Jeff Lindgren  
Tara Gliesman  
Maureen Mooney  
Tennis Instructors –  
Nate Lacasse  
Megan Connors  
Arts and Crafts  
Hilary Stoll  
Substitutes –  
Adam Kosakowski  
Jaimie Macari  
Andrew Guerra  
Michael Jarvis  
Jessica Volpe  
Jacquelyn Marinelli  
Carrie Wieland  
Chrissy Wieland  
Gloria Quatrocelli  
Beatrice Leveille

**MOTION: To confirm the Town Administrator's appointments of seasonal Summer Recreation Employees as listed above, by H. White.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

### **Town Meeting Motions**

The following are motions that J. Malloy recommended, based on the votes of the Planning Board on Zoning Articles, additional votes that need to be taken on borrowing articles (as provided by Bond Counsel), the Community Preservation Articles and the substitute motion for Article 58 of the Special Town Meeting as per the Board's discussion at the last meeting.

**Article 7 – Non-Conforming Uses** – That the Town vote:

(1) To add the following section:

20.05.1 ALTERATION OF NON-CONFORMING RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change (collectively “alteration”) of a pre-existing, non-conforming single-family or two-family residential structure will be deemed not to increase the nonconforming nature of such a structure, and shall be permitted as of right, if:

- (a) the structure is located on a conforming lot, and the proposed alteration will comply in all respects with the Bylaws; or
- (b) the structure is located on a legally non-conforming lot, and the proposed alteration will retain the structure’s existing footprint, and will not increase the structure’s existing envelope. “Envelope”, as used herein, shall mean the outer surfaces of the existing structure.

Alteration of a pre-existing, non-conforming single-family or two-family residential structure, where such alteration cannot be made as of right, may be made without the necessity of obtaining a special permit pursuant to Section 20.05, if the Zoning Board of Appeals determines that such alteration will not increase the non-conforming nature of the structure. If the Zoning Board of Appeals does not make this determination, the applicant may seek a special permit pursuant to Section 20.05.

(2) In Section 20.05 of the Zoning Bylaws, first sentence, delete the words, “under certain conditions”.

(3) In Section 20.05 of the Zoning Bylaws, second sentence, insert the word “substantially” after the words, “shall not be”, and before the words “more detrimental”, so that the phrase will state, “shall not be substantially more detrimental”.

(4) In Section 20.05(B)(2) of the Zoning Bylaws, change the number 20.33 to 20.23.

(5) In Section 20.02 & 20.05 of the Zoning Bylaws, add the words, “and structures” after the existing title.

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**MOTION: To endorse the substitute motion, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: Four in favor; D. Schmida abstained.**

C. Blanchard suggested striking the reference to “envelope,” removing the wording following “footprint.”

**Article 8 – Suburban Residential to Commercial**

That the Town take no action on the article.

**MOTION: To recommend that no action be taken on the article, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**Article 9 – Whistling Swan/Boardwalk Rezoning**

That the Town vote to approve the article as written.

**MOTION: That the Town vote to approve the article as written, by D. Sosik.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Blanchard**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**Article 10 – Big Alum Sewer Project**

That the Town hereby appropriates the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of engineering and construction of the Big Alum Sewer project of the Sturbridge Sewer System; including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and that to the extent permitted by law, the Town shall assess sewer user fees and/or betterments to cover the costs of the subject sewer construction project upon its completion.

**MOTION: To support the substitute motion on Article #10, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**Article 12 – Community Preservation Report**

That the Town vote to approve the article as written and further to appropriate from the community preservation funds TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND 29/100 DOLLARS (\$266,295.29) from the following sources:

FY02 Reserved for Open Space	\$ 16,664.65
FY02 Unreserved	\$116,818.64
FY02 State Match	<u>\$132,812.00</u>
Total:	\$266,295.29

for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of the acquisition of the parcels of property included in the report.

**Article 13 – Acquisition of Open Space**

That the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$800,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring for community preservation purposes the following properties:

52 Stallion Hill Road in the Town of Sturbridge, MA shown as Assessors Map 24, Lot 52, containing 50 acres more or less and more fully described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 20155, Page 132;

51 Holland Road in the Town of Sturbridge, MA shown as Assessors Map 27, Lot 51, containing 28.63 acres more or less and more fully described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 23974, Page 9;

55 Holland Road in the Town of Sturbridge, MA shown as Assessors Map 27, Lot 55, containing 40.83 acres more or less and more fully described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 23974, Page 9;

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including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44B (the Community Preservation Act) and Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, provided, however that the amount to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or gifts from whatever source that may be received by the Town prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes for this project.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold Articles #12 and #13 to see who will offer the substitute motions.

**Article 58 – Submission for Special Legislation (Substitute Motion)**

That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request special legislation that would permit the Board of Selectmen to consider an abatement on a sewer betterment assessment after the six-month appeal period provide for in MGL Ch. 80, §5 for property located at 32 Beach Avenue; and further to provide an additional six-month appeal period in addition to the six-month appeal period provided for in MGL Ch. 80, §5 for any other sewer project undertaken by the Town.

**MOTION: To recommend that the Board approve Article #58 with the wording of the current proposed article, stopping after the words “32 Beach Avenue,” by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**

**Vote: Four in favor; A. Wilson opposed.**

**Community Resource Coordinator Position**

Barbara Search addressed the Board to discuss the validity of the Community Resource Coordinator position. Barbara Kalber was also present. C. Blanchard said that the Board had asked the Finance Committee for an explanation of their reason for denying the position. B. Search said that the Finance Committee had not given her a reason in writing, but indicated that there was a procedural issue. J. Malloy said that he had spoken to Kevin Smith about it, who indicated that the expectation of the Finance Committee was that B. Search would look for grant funds to

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continue funding the position. When they met with B. Search, they were not satisfied that an adequate attempt had been made to obtain grant funds.

A. Wilson recommended that a member of the Council on Aging offer a different number at the Town Meeting, then try to justify it.

B. Search said that she had spoken to their contact at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, who informed her that the funding usually falls on the Town or on the formula grant, but she would have to sacrifice the money used for postage for the newsletter to accomplish that. There are 230 residents of Sturbridge who are 82 years old and older, and 103 require follow up activities.

**Miscellaneous** – The following are updates to miscellaneous issues:

- Town website stats – For the month of March, 2003 there was the highest use of the Town's website since it was established with 1,494 unique visitors and total hits for the month of 5,433 (the additional are repeat visitors during the month).
- Quinn Bill Line Items – As per the previous Selectmen's discussion, J. Malloy will be placing holds on the Police Department salary line items, but it will be based on the likelihood of errors more than the additional work. He has reviewed the Police recordkeeping and discussed the additional line items that the FinCom are recommending with Chief Button and Barbara Barry, Finance Director and have concluded that (a) the PD is already keeping track of the time in the manner the FinCom is seeking and (b) that the additional workload for the Clerks in the Finance Department will not create that much more work. The problem of not being able to accurately estimate the overtime Quinn figure is still a problem. It was the consensus of the Board to support having J. Malloy put a hold on it.
- Mustang Day – The Chamber of Commerce has asked whether the Selectmen would consider declaring 7/19/03 as Mustang Day in Sturbridge. There is a Mustang Car Show at the Sturbridge Host and the Mustang Club that has organized it donates the profits to the American Cancer Society. It was the consensus of the Board not to have "Mustang Day."

- OFS Fitel – J. Malloy met with Jonathan Speros, the Accounting Consultant (Price-Waterhouse-Coopers) for OFS Fitel recently, and they have requested that the Board of Selectmen consider extending their TIF through 2012. They have provided some information on their projected employment levels, payments to area vendors, etc. and discussed some of the issues they have faced. While they are committed to remaining in Sturbridge, as they replace equipment and expand in the future, they will be looking where they can do it most advantageously. As this is a major employer and taxpayer, Mr. Malloy felt that this was worth considering. They understand that it is too late for the Annual Town Meeting, and that if the Board agreed, this could not come up before the next Town Meeting. They have asked that the TIF be extended at the final 1% level for the remaining period, which will not present any financial burden to the Town. It was the consensus of the Board to support it.

### **Old Business**

D. Sosik accompanied Bob and Joyce MacWilliams for two hours on their Meals on Wheels visits, and noted that it is an extremely valuable service to the people who receive the meals, and the volunteers who participate in the program should be congratulated.

C. Blanchard asked about the status of enforcement issues on handicapped parking. J. Malloy said that the Town needs to adopt traffic regulations. Mass. Highway responded regarding weight restrictions on roads, where they referenced the Town of Sturbridge's traffic regulations which were adopted by the Town in 1930 and revised in 1950. These regulations need to be reviewed and updated, once a copy can be located.

C. Blanchard suggested taking a close look at the Burgess fire alarm system. Some of the old wiring needs to be replaced, and \$55,000 - \$60,000 should be the highest number.

A. Wilson announced that the Board had been invited to a meeting at the Town of Wales regarding the Tantasqua budget on April 22<sup>nd</sup>; the Board is waiting to hear from them regarding a date for the next meeting.

H. White noted that a curb cut had been granted to Spaho Corp. by the state. The Board had addressed the issue with the state regarding the Boardwalk. He suggested following up on this issue with Senator Brewer



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and Rep. Reed Hillman. J. Malloy suggested inviting Thomas Waruzila or Paul Steadman of Mass. Highway to meet with the Board to discuss their curb cut procedure, and to increase their level of cooperation with the Town.

### **New Business**

H. White asked whether a road could be closed and a detour sign set up without getting permission from the Town. J. Malloy said that he would check with Chief Senecal.

A.Wilson requested that a member of the Board of Selectmen serve on a study committee with the Burgess Elementary School Committee. C. Blanchard agreed to serve.

A.Wilson asked the Board members to review the liaison list, to reorganize in a few weeks.

A.Wilson announced that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Tantasqua High School Auditorium. The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

**MOTION: To hold a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Tantasqua, before the Annual Town Meeting, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**

**Vote: All in favor.**

### **Speed Limit Sign on Wallace Road**

Kevin Mongeon appeared before the Board. A.Wilson noted that the Traffic Safety Committee had voted unanimously not to change their recommendation, and to review it in six months, if necessary. K. Mongeon suggested that the yellow sign be changed to white with black letters so that the police could enforce the speed limit, since the yellow sign is not enforceable by the courts. He felt that during the meeting with the Traffic Safety Committee, the Chairman had been hostile toward him, and he submitted a tape of the intersection for the Board's review. Kevin Mongeon requested that additional street lights be installed on Wallace Road. J. Malloy suggested he take the matter to the Street Light Committee.

### **Blue Star Service Banners**

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Tom Chamberland, Veterans Agent and Commander of the American Legion Post, announced that at the Annual Town Meeting the Town will be presented with a blue star service flag. Frank Leo is currently on active duty. He suggested that the flag be draped between the columns at Town Hall.

**Ask the Selectmen**

H. White received a call from a resident who did not wish to be identified publicly, who suggested that the Board meet with Mass. Highway Dept at their office, rather than having them come to Sturbridge. The caller asked whether it would be considered a conflict of interest to have C. Blanchard serve on the Burgess School Study Committee. It was the consensus of the Board that it would not be a conflict.

**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 D. Schmida.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**

**Roll call vote: All were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

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BOS Clerk

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Date