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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
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Present: Arnold Wilson, Chairman
 Charles Blanchard
 David Schmida
 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 April 22, 2003 as amended, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the executive session minutes of April 22, 2003 as amended, and allow their release, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

C. Blanchard requested that the minutes be reviewed to find the Board's policy regarding the identification of callers during Ask the Selectmen. A. Wilson requested that a list be compiled of executive session minutes that could be released. It was the consensus of the Board that the Tighe and Bond reports regarding the Holland Road and Stallion Hill Road parcels be released.

Police Chief Thomas Button – Monthly Report and Sgt. Thomas Ford – Presentation re. FBI Academy

Chief Button read his report to the Board (copy on file). Regarding the Mashapaug Road detour issue, he said that the contractor had requested a police detail, and when Officer John Hart arrived he was informed by the contractor that the road was going to be closed as a large piece of ledge was going to be dropped in the road by the blasting operation. Officer Hart inquired if the road closure had been approved by the Town and was told

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that everything was all set, that the Highway Dept. and the Building Inspector had been informed.

The Student Police Academy at Tantasqua High School has been successful. The prom was held on Friday, May 2nd, and there was a pre-prom assembly regarding alcohol awareness, with the director of MADD as a guest speaker. Students who signed the Prom Pledge, agreeing that they would not drink alcohol during or after the prom, were given free Burger King meal tickets. The after prom party was well attended, with 130 students participating. There were no alcohol-related issues that evening.

Sgt. Curboy and Sgt. Lavallee will attend a conference in Maryland for Community Emergency Response Teams on May 18-21.

Chief Button said that the National Institute of Justice conducted a radio frequency coverage analysis for the Town, and he should have the report in a few days. J. Malloy said that the Town has applied for a grant for a portable communication system.

Sgt. Tom Ford thanked the Board and J. Malloy for permitting him to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He said that the program gave him the opportunity to interact and share ideas with 254 other law enforcement people, and be involved in different aspects such as forensic science, effective writing, physical training and socialization. Sgt. Ford felt that he was especially fortunate in having been chosen to attend the Academy, considering that the average waiting period to be able to attend is nine years. He is now a member of a network of graduates who will maintain contact with one another regarding questions and issues, and he will also be able to call upon his instructors for advice and assistance. Chief Button added that he had also attended the Academy in 1985, and that it was the most worthwhile experience in his 30-year career in law enforcement.

A. Wilson said that the Board had received a letter from a citizen, thanking the police and EMTs for rescuing her after her car accident.

Givi, Inc. dba Enrico's Brick Oven Pizza

J. Malloy submitted to the Board the Liquor License Action and recommendation on the application for Enrico's Pizza to be located at 500 Main Street (The Boardwalk). There is also a Common Victualler's License

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that is included for the sale of prepared foods. Attorney Michael Caplette and Enrico Giovanello appeared before the Board.

MOTION: To approve the Wine and Malt Liquor License for Givi, Inc. dba Enrico's Brick Oven Pizzeria at 500 Main Street, for the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. as submitted, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik.

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the Common Victualler's License for Givi, Inc. dba Enrico's Brick Oven Pizzeria at 500 Main Street as submitted, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

Library Vacancy – Joint Interviews with the Library Board of Trustees

J. Malloy submitted to the Board three letters of interest to be appointed to the Library Board of Trustees. Six members of the Joshua Hyde Library Board of Trustees were present for the interviews. Carol Hanson and Jacqueline Belisle appeared before the Board, and each candidate gave her reasons for wishing to be appointed. Douglas Quigley, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, thanked the candidates for coming in to be interviewed and for their interest in the position. The third candidate, Richard Callaghan, will be coming in on 5/19/03 for a joint interview between the Selectmen and Library Board.

Arnold Road Widening

J. Malloy submitted to the Board a "decision" that Robert Moss provided for the Board's consideration. This decision requires the applicant (Moss) to deposit with the Town \$12,000 until the Board decides whether to require that he widen Arnold Road (at which time the \$12,000 would be returned in exchange for widening the road). This is so that he is in compliance with the Planning Board subdivision conditions and can obtain building permits until such time that the Selectmen decide on this issue.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold their vote on the widening of Arnold Road until the May 19th meeting.

MOTION: To accept a deposit from Bob Moss in the sum of \$12,000 to be held based on the Board's decision to either widen

Arnold Road or to spend the money on sidewalks elsewhere, by A. Wilson.

2nd: H. White

Vote: Four in favor; C. Blanchard opposed.

Group Health Insurance Rules and Regulations

J. Malloy submitted to the Board a memorandum from Finance Director Barbara Barry regarding the Town's Health Insurance Rules and Regulations. Barbara is recommending several changes be made to reflect a court decision and the change in percentages paid by the Town and employees. Barbara and J. Malloy have discussed these changes and Mr. Malloy concurred with her recommendations.

MOTION: To adopt the amended Town of Sturbridge Group Health Insurance Plan Rules and Regulations dated April 2003, by C. Blanchard.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

IOD Claims – Fire Department

Alan Brackett and Ron Woolhouse both received injuries while on duty. In summary, Ron Woolhouse was injured on 4/20/03 at the McDonald's on the Mass. Turnpike while lifting a patient onto a stretcher and was treated for a possible rotator cuff injury. Lt. Woolhouse has returned to partial work as the Fire Inspector, but there are medical bills from the injury that need to be paid. Alan Brackett was injured on 4/22/03 at Burgess Elementary School when responding to a smoke alarm. While raising a ladder to the roof at Burgess, he had chest pains and had to be taken to Harrington Hospital. Subsequently, Private Brackett had angioplasty surgery and is undergoing rehabilitation.

MOTION: To approve the IOD Claim of Lt. Woolhouse under MGL Ch. 41, § 111F for injuries sustained on 4/20/03, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the IOD Claim of Private Brackett under MGL Ch. 41, § 111F for injuries sustained on 4/22/03, by H. White.

2nd: C. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Appointments/Resignation

There were several additional appointments to make:

- Elise LaMonte to the Council on Aging for a 3-year term to expire in 2006.
- Ann Mongeon to the Insurance Study Committee for a 1-year term to expire in 2004.
- Muriel Canterbury to the Insurance Study Committee for a 1-year term to expire in 2004.
- Tom Chamberland to the Design Review Committee for a 3-year term to expire in 2006.

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

2nd: D. Schmida

Vote: All in favor.

J. Malloy received a resignation from Theresa Stach, full-time dispatcher in the Police Department.

MOTION: To accept the resignation of Theresa Stach, by D. Sosik.

2nd: C. BLancharad

Vote: All in favor.

Miscellaneous

• J. Malloy was contacted by Karl Kildahl from the Mass. Office of Business Development regarding Brookfield and East Brookfield joining the 10-town Economic Target Area (South Central ETA), as they currently do not belong to an ETA. As there is no negative impact to Sturbridge, Mr. Malloy indicated to Mr. Kildahl that he would place this before the Board of Selectmen. The Board agreed to support adding Brookfield and East Brookfield to the South Central ETA.

• Sylivo Proulx request – J. Malloy submitted to the Board a request from Mr. Proulx regarding his sewer connection permit (copy on file). He has spoken with Greg Morse regarding this, who indicated to Mr. Proulx that he was required to pay the full amount due as the permit had expired (it was

dated 1-2-02 and is good for one year). Mr. Proulx asked for the Board to consider his request. He had applied for two sewer permits, one for 109 Main St. and the other for 81 Main Street. It was the consensus of the Board to find out if it is possible to do the connections together. H. White suggested getting the Board of Health's opinion on the matter. C. Blanchard said that the Board of Health requires a Title 5 inspection, then re-inspection after five years; he suggested asking the Board of Health if this will be affected by that requirement.

- J. Malloy contacted Paul Stedman at MHD to arrange a meeting regarding the curb-cut concerns of the Selectmen and to discuss Route 131 repaving. Mr. Stedman is out on vacation through May 12, 2003.
- J. Malloy spoke with Mark Lev, Building Inspector, about his taking time off during the day and attending Selectmen's meetings. Mark reported back that his cardiologists concern is that his blood pressure elevates during the day and in the evenings is higher, this is the reason his cardiologist has recommended that Mark not attend evening meetings.

Old Business

C. Blanchard asked about the status of the list of scenic roads from the Planning Board. J. Malloy said that they were requested to review scenic roads and make recommendations; he will send a follow-up memo.

New Business

H. White received an email from J. Malloy regarding the subject for executive session, and asked whether it could be considered public information. J. Malloy said that he had heard that Tyrone Jones may have signed a Purchase and Sale agreement with Gerry Paquin for the three parcels for an unknown sum. This information has not been verified.

A. Wilson reminded everyone that the next Dialogue for the Future will be held on Monday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m.

A. Wilson announced that the students at Tantasqua Regional High School have invited veterans to a special luncheon as part of the Memorial Day activities.

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H. White received a call from a resident who expressed interest in getting more details about the luncheon for Veterans. A. Wilson said that it will be held on May 21st at 11:30 a.m. at Tantasqua High School. RSVP: 508-867-9744

H. White received a call from David Barnicle, who said that there was a problem with audio.

Penny Dumas appeared before the Board, and asked for approval for a second appraisal on Tyrone Jones's property for the purpose of getting a Self-Help Grant. The deadline is June 1, 2003. She recommended using Lucent funds to cover the cost of the appraisal.

MOTION: To enter into executive session under MGL Chapter 39, §23B, Paragraph #3: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and Paragraph #6: To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property, not to reconvene in open session, by D. Schmida.

2nd: D. Sosik

Roll call vote: All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date