

June 16, 2003

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
JUNE 16, 2003**

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.

A. Wilson presented a plaque to Josef Rokus in appreciation of his many years of service to the town of Sturbridge and the community.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**   To approve the minutes of June 2, 2003 as submitted, by  
                  C. Blanchard.

2<sup>nd</sup>:   D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

**MOTION:**   To approve the executive session minutes of June 2, 2003  
                  as submitted, by C. Blanchard.

2<sup>nd</sup>:   D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

**Police Chief Thomas Button – Monthly Report**

Chief Button read his report to the Board (copy on file). Recently a daytime home invasion has been solved.

**MOTION:**   To confirm the Town Administrator's appointment of  
                  Scott Lynch as a full-time Police Officer in the Sturbridge  
                  Police Department effective June 17, 2003 at \$18.75 per  
                  hour, by H. White.

2<sup>nd</sup>:   D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

A. Wilson noted that a lot of illegal dumping is being done on Route 15 and McGilpin Road. Chief Button said that he and his officers are aware of the problem and will continue to patrol the area.

### **Fire Chief Leonard Senecal – Monthly Report**

Chief Senecal read his report to the Board (copy on file). He said that fire codes and building codes are now working together, due to new state legislation that has recently been passed regarding standardization of the codes. There is a new code dealing with the concern of flammable hanging paper decorations, and the Superintendent of Schools has been notified of it. There are also new codes regarding public buildings and assembly buildings. Chapter 148, §59 regarding visible and readable numbering on homes and other buildings will be enforced.

Chief Senecal informed the Board that the house fire training at 70 Holland Road went very well, with fire suppression and search and rescue practice with the use of their thermo imaging camera.

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

J. Malloy read Mark Lev's monthly report to the Board (copy on file).

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

G. Morse read his report to the Board (copy on file). They have started work on the handicapped ramp on the lower level of the Public Safety Complex. The Big Alum sewer project is going well, with about 70% of the main line work completed.

C. Blanchard noted the poor condition of Rt. 131 in front of the Public Safety Complex and suggested asking Mass. Highway to fix it. J. Malloy indicated that he will meet with Mass. Highway on Wednesday.

P. Donahue read his report to the Board (copy on file). He informed the Board that final work will be done on the new pump station next week. There was a UPA surprise inspection at the wastewater treatment plant, and he is awaiting the final report. The hydrant has been replaced on Fox Run. The I and I problem has been fixed at the Farquhar Road pump station.

H. White suggested inviting the Board of Health to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the permitting process regarding restaurant grease traps. P. Donahue said that every restaurant must submit a check list once a month regarding the function of its grease trap.

**Old Sturbridge Village – Change of Manager**

**MOTION:** To approve the Change of Manager to Jadranko Visnjic, as per the application submitted by Old Sturbridge, Inc., by D. Sosik.

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

**Vote:** All in favor.

Beverly Shepard, President of Old Sturbridge Village, invited Sturbridge residents to the Village free of charge, and indicated that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be a special day filled with activities.

**Hobbs Brook Pump Station Modifications Project**

**MOTION:** To award the bid for the Hobbs Brook Pump Station to Interstate Engineering Corp. as per their bid dated May 22, 2003 for \$135,964, by C. Blanchard.

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

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Town Administrator's Matching Grant Account**

**MOTION:** To approve the use of \$2,500 from the Town Administrator's Matching Grant Account #11232-58000 for the local match for a Homeland Security Act Grant, by D. Sosik.

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

**Vote:** All in favor.

**E.F. Plimpton Earth Removal Permit Application**

J. Malloy provided the Board with a formal Notice of Decision (copy on file) for the earth removal permit application, which must be filed with the Registry of Deeds prior to any earth removal operations. He also submitted to the Board Greg Morse's recommendations dated June 16, 2003 (copy on file). Wayne Morse and Edward Plimpton appeared before the Board, and submitted the green cards and list of abutters.

Donna Grehl of South Shore Drive asked about the possible impact on the nearby stream. She was informed that the application has been reviewed by the Conservation Commission, and everything was in order.

**MOTION: To close the public hearing, by C. Blanchard.**

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

**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To approve the earth removal permit with conditions agreed upon by the Board this evening, to be summarized by J. Malloy, by C. Blanchard.**

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

**Vote: All in favor.**

### **Old Business**

C. Blanchard asked about the status of the filing by Perennials Restaurant to include outside alcohol service. Judy Knowles informed the Board that they have been given the necessary forms and will file shortly.

C. Blanchard asked about the status of the Title 5 review and update by the Board of Health on properties that have not yet tied into the sewer system. J. Malloy said that he had spoken to George Berry and Bernie Lorkiewicz about it, and they indicated that they have started on the lists for Phase 2 and Cedar Lake.

A. Wilson asked the members of the Board if they were agreeable to the new liaison assignments; it was acceptable to everyone.

Donna Grehl of the Quaboag/Quacumquasit Lake Association and Dr. Howard Ser, head of the Water Safety Committee for the Lake Association came before the Board to discuss safety concerns on South Pond. J. Malloy said that there is a town bylaw indicating a no wake zone on South Pond. Dr. Ser said that they have been proactive in letting transients know about the rules and of the hazards of the varying water depths. D. Grehl said that there is a sign at the boat ramp listing the rules and regulations, but for the most part people don't pay attention. Dr. Ser said that they would like to install a state approved buoy to remind people about the no wake area. C. Blanchard requested a sketch of where the buoy will be placed, since the Board must review it before granting approval.

### **New Business**

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C. Blanchard said that regarding the proposed nursing home on Hall Road, the sewer service area bylaw differentiates between lots that existed when the sewer was installed, and new lots. Existing lots have the right to tie into the sewer system; new lots require the recommendation of DPW and approval by the Board of Selectmen.

**Ask the Selectmen**

D. Schmida received a call from a person who wished to remain anonymous, who informed him that the Board had not reviewed the correspondence list.

C. Blanchard noted that the letter from Mary Cottrell of the DTE stated that they were going to establish a surcharge to recover costs associated with the provision of wireline enhanced 911 services, relay services for TDD/TTY users, communications equipment distribution for people with disabilities and amplified handsets at pay telephones. It was the consensus of the Board to oppose the surcharges. J. Malloy said that he would look into it.

**MOTION: To adjourn, by H. White**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Schmida**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

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BOS Clerk

Date