

July 18, 2005

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JULY 18, 2005**

Present: Arnold Wilson, Chairman
Hal White
Doris Sosik
David Schmida
William Emrich
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 July 5, 2005 as amended, by D. Sosik.

2nd: H. White

Vote: Four in favor; D. Schmida abstained.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of June 20, 2005, by H. White.

2nd: D. Schmida

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the executive session minutes of July 5, 2005, to remain confidential, by D. Sosik.

2nd: H. White

Vote: Four in favor; D. Schmida abstained.

Edward Plimpton – Earth Removal Permit

J. Malloy read the legal ad into the record (copy on file). Ed Plimpton submitted the green cards and certified list of abutters (copy on file). J. Malloy said that Greg Morse, DPW Director had reviewed it and recommended approval with the same conditions as contained in the original permit (copy on file). A. Wilson said that the earth removal is an ongoing project, and the permit is for a two-year period. He read into the record a letter of support for the project (copy on file).

MOTION: To approve the earth removal permit extension request under to same conditions as the original permit dated June 16, 2003, by D. Sosik.

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To close the public hearing, by H. White.

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

Interviews for the Burgess School Building Committee

Kate Alexander expressed an active interest in the quality of education for her children. She said that she has professional experience in project management, has been involved in the relocation of several sales teams, has experience in budget management, timeline monitoring, site selection and resource management. She said that she has good communication skills, and noted the importance of communicating regularly with the community.

MOTION: To include Kate Alexander to the Burgess School Building Committee as the representative from the Burgess School Committee, by D. Sosik.

2nd: H. White
Vote: All in favor.

Alicynn Wilson said that her children's education is her high priority, and commented on the state of Burgess Elementary School. She stressed the importance of making thoughtful, forward thinking, financially responsible decisions for the Town and the children. Regarding experience, she has negotiated with clients and conducted periodic meetings during which she encouraged feedback.

Stanley Ropiak said that he has lived in Sturbridge for 35 years, and his children went through the Sturbridge school system. He has a background in accounting, and has been employed as a business office manager for many years, and will retire in August. He has served on the Board of Selectmen, Parks & Recreation Committee, Finance Committee and Tantasqua Regional School Committee.

MOTION: To appoint Jeff Bonja to the Burgess Building Committee as the building trade representative, by W. Emrich.

2nd: D. Sosik
Vote: D. Sosik and W. Emrich in favor; A. Wilson, H. White and D. Schmida opposed.

The motion was defeated.

H. White said that the Operations Manager would be a good candidate, with a civil engineering background.

MOTION: To appoint Alicynn Wilson as the citizen at large representative on the Burgess Building Committee, by D. Sosik.

2nd: A. Wilson

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Vote: All in favor.

DPW Operations Manager Appointment

J. Malloy submitted to the Board David Travinski's resume (copy on file). Greg Morse, DPW Director and J. Malloy conducted interviews for this position, and David Travinski was selected. Mr. Travinski has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering Technology from Wentworth, and has worked as a resident engineer for Metcalf and Eddy for the past 25 years. His references were excellent.

MOTION: To confirm the Town Administrator's appointment of David Travinski as the Operations Manager at the Sturbridge Public Works Department at a starting rate of \$55,000 and a starting date of August 15, 2005, by H. White.

2nd: D. Schmida

Vote: All in favor.

David Travinski appeared before the Board and thanked J. Malloy, G. Morse and the Board. He expressed an interest in serving on the Burgess Building Committee.

Senior Municipal Service Program

MOTION: To approve Pauline Julien's participation in the Senior Municipal Service Program, working for the Dept. of Public Works, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

IOD Injury

MOTION: To approve the request of the Chief of Police dated 7/11/05 to classify injuries sustained by Officer David Fortier on 7/2/05 as an injury on duty as per MGL Ch. 41, §111F, by H. White.

2nd: D. Schmida

Vote: All in favor.

Cedar Street Intersection – Senior Garden Project

J. Malloy submitted to the Board copies of the budget for the Senior Garden project proposed at the intersection of Cedar Street and Route 20 that Barbara Search, Council on Aging Director, had prepared (copy on file).

Burgess School Building Committee

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MOTION: To appoint David Travinski, Operations Manager, to the Burgess Building Committee, by H. White.

2nd: D. Schmida

Vote: All in favor.

A.Wilson noted that there are now nine members on the Burgess Building Committee; still pending is one member from the Planning Board.

D. Sosik asked whether Holly O'Neil Turley would still serve on the Burgess Building Committee if she were to resign from the Finance Committee. A.Wilson said that she would continue to serve on the Burgess Building Committee, as long as she was still a resident of Sturbridge. D. Sosik commented that it would be best to keep as many of the same people as possible on the Committee, if they are willing to stay, to see the project through to its completion. It was the consensus of the Board to agree, except in the case of the Town Administrator.

A.Wilson said that relative to the \$375,000, Town Counsel had submitted an opinion, recommending that an article be placed on the next Special Town Meeting warrant, authorizing the Building Committee to have control over the funds. It was the consensus of the Board to agree with that.

Old Business

H. White asked how the state budget increase would affect reimbursement for the Building Committee for FY06/07. J. Malloy said that it will affect FY07, not FY06.

H. White asked whether there is a bond in place for the project on Kelly Road. J. Malloy said that it has expired; Town Counsel is reviewing all aspects of the project.

D. Sosik noted that the Council on Aging had a nice Senior Picnic on July 15th, which was well attended. She said that Barbara Search and Barbara Kalber had done a good job.

New Business

D. Schmida asked about the status of McGilpin Road. J. Malloy said that the Board had received a petition to keep some of the portions unpaved. They would like to see the road maintained at a higher level. There are some trees that the Tree Warden has determined are unsafe and need to be taken down. Drainage work needs to be done. It requires further review, and may require a meeting with the residents of the area with the Board of Selectmen and DPW Director. A.Wilson said that a public meeting with the residents would be a good idea.

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J. Malloy announced that the meeting regarding Woodside Circle is scheduled for July 19th at 7:00 p.m. Tighe and Bond will be present, and betterment assessments will be explained. J. Malloy will report back to the Board.

H. White suggested inviting the owners of Empire Village to meet with the Board regarding the status of their building. J. Malloy said that the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board have submitted memos regarding Empire Village. The foundation was built in the wrong place, and there are wetlands issues that they are working to correct with the Conservation Commission. The Planning Board required that they go back to Site Plan Review. A stop work order has been issued for the site. J. Malloy will ask the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Building Inspector for an update on the matter.

A. Wilson said the CMRPC requested that the Town appoint an alternate.

MOTION: To appoint David Schmida as the alternate delegate to the CMRPC, by A. Wilson.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: Four in favor; D. Schmida abstained.

Ask the Selectmen

H. White received two calls, both about the issue of whether or not the Board should appoint a non-resident to serve on the Burgess Building Committee. J. Malloy noted that the Board can appoint anyone from anywhere, since there is no residency requirement for that committee. He noted that only on an elected board is residency required.

MOTION: To convene in 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. Sosik.

2nd: H. White

Roll call vote: All were in favor.

MOTION: To invite members of the Community Preservation Committee to the executive session, by D. Sosik

2nd: H. White

Vote: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date