

September 13, 2010

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

Present: Thomas Creamer, Chairman  
Mary Dowling  
Mary Blanchard  
Scott Garieri  
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator

T. Goodwin was absent.

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

T. Creamer informed the Board that he would need to excuse himself from the meeting at some point due to another Town commitment.

**Board of Assessors – Tax Classification Hearing**

S. Suhoski read the legal ad into the record. William Mitchell, Principal Assessor, outlined his presentation to the Board.

**MOTION: To set a single tax rate of \$16.19/\$1,000 for FY 2011, by M. Blanchard.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

The Board engaged in substantial discussion with the Assessor and audience concerning the exemptions.

**MOTION: To not accept the residential exemption, by M. Blanchard.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To not accept the commercial exemption, by M. Blanchard.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To not accept the open space discount, by M. Blanchard.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To close the public hearing, by M. Blanchard.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

T. Creamer left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**Public Lands Advisory Committee**

Richard LaFranchise, Chairman of the PLAC, and Randy Redetzke, member of the PLAC, appeared before the Board. They reviewed the mission statement of the PLAC, and requested reestablishment of their membership as follows:

- One member from the Board of Selectmen – T. Creamer
- One member from the Conservation Commission – David Barnicle
- One member from the Trails Committee – Randy Redetzke
- One member from the Open Space Committee – Randy Ellithorpe
- Three residents at large: Dick LaFranchise, Chairman – Term to expire in July 2013; Dale Favreau, Vice Chairman – Term to expire in July 2014; Don Miller, Secretary – Term to expire in July 2015

**MOTION: To approve the reestablishment of the PLAC as requested, by M. Blanchard.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To accept the PLAC mission statement, by M. Blanchard.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri**  
**Vote: All in favor.**

**USDA Loan/Water Bond R-1 for Well #4**

S. Suhoski informed the Board that their vote was required to issue a bond in the amount of \$2,178,500 for a term of 30 years. The proceeds of the bond will be used to pay off or retire three existing Bond Anticipation Notes payable on November 8<sup>th</sup> with \$446,000 remaining in unissued proceeds. The documents were prepared by bond counsel and reviewed by Town Counsel. The USDA loan funds also leveraged \$1,039,000 in direct grants, which helped drive down the cost to water system users.

**MOTION: That all action taken in arranging for the sale of \$2,178,500 Water Bond No. R-1, authorized pursuant to Section 8 (20) of Chapter 44, of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and by a vote of the Town duly adopted under Article 56 of the Warrant at the Special Town Meeting held on September 11, 2001, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted:**

**That said \$2,178,500 loan shall be represented by a single registered bond, No. R-1, which shall be dated as of such date as it is actually delivered to its purchaser against payment to the Town, and shall be payable on the**

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anniversary of its date in annual installments of \$126,004.44 in the years 2011 through 2039 inclusive and in the amount of \$124,794.70 in the year 2040.

That the interest rate on the Bond, payable annually from the date of delivery, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of four percent (4%) per annum, with payments applied first to interest on the outstanding indebtedness evidenced thereby and next to principal, as further provided therein;

That the Town reserves the right to prepay all or part of the Bond on any payment date without penalty or premium, each such premium payment to be applied to the last principal due thereunder;

That the bid of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Rural Utilities Service, USDA, to purchase the Bond at par, bearing interest at the aforesaid rate, being the best bid received for the Bond, be and hereby is accepted, and the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to deliver the Bond to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment therefor;

That the proceeds of the Bond shall be used for improvements to the Town's water system and also to refund any bond anticipation notes originally issued for said purposes provided in said vote of the Town;

That the Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioners hereby covenant and agree on behalf of the Town with the purchaser or holder from time to time of the Bond that the Town shall maintain rates and charges for the use of the Town's water system in an amount which, together with other available funds, shall be sufficient to pay all costs of operating and maintaining such system and the entire principal of and interest on the Bond and all other indebtedness of the Town issued for municipal sewer purposes, as the same becomes due. The Bond shall nevertheless be a general obligation of the Town, payable from any of its revenues, including revenues derived from ad valorem taxes levied in accordance with the law upon all the property within the Town which is lawfully subject to such taxes; and that the Board authorize execution of any related documents to facilitate the loan closing effective September 22, 2010, by M. Blanchard.

2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri  
Vote: All in favor.

**MOTION:** To adjourn by M. Blanchard.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Garieri  
Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy Knowles

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BOS Clerk

Date