

May 9, 2011

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 9, 2011**

Present: Thomas Creamer, Chairman
Mary Dowling
Mary Blanchard
Priscilla Gimas
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator

Angeline Ellison was absent.

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

Cable Advisory Committee Request

Mary Afable of the Cable Advisory Committee appeared before the Board to request that the Board sign the letters to Senator Brewer and Representative Smola opposing Senate Bill SO #1687. The reasons for the opposition were:

- (1) The existing local cable licensing works
- (2) Verizon fails to establish "A Predicate for Action" : Current law has served them well
- (3) Legislative proposal jeopardizes statutorily mandated cable provider obligations
- (4) Legislation proposes a shot clock timetable that is not realistic
- (5) Verizon seeks to reduce traditional license obligations to their benefit and at the expense of PEG operations.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen sign the letters to Senator Brewer and Representative Smola opposing Senate Bill SO #1687, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

Well #4 Water Bonds

MOTION: That the Board approve and sign the bonds and closing documents relating to the \$734,500 loan and the \$856,000 loan from USDA, Rural Development for Well #4, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

Committee Handbook

MOTION: That the Board approve the following amended language to the Committee Handbook:

Page 4 – Substitute the word “guidance” for “advice”

Page 5 -- §1.2 Yes

Page 6 – Remove word

Page 7 – Add §2.5 log

Page 8 – Add reference to ethics and C.O.L.; §2.7 “objective” , by M. Blanchard.

2nd: M. Dowling

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

Page 9 -- §2.9 Delete “rare”, change “agency” to “authority” and add: “The appointing authority will consider all mitigating facts in making the above determination”, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

Page 9 – Revised language to §3.2 and §3.3, and delete “competent and” by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

§4.3 – Revised language by Town Counsel, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

§4.4 – New paragraph 13 to mirror paragraph 12 to apply to general public; add “Treat all members of the public before them” and shift numbers down, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

Page 13 – After paragraph 16, see lettered language; A – Revised spelling for Board, Committee; B – Revised, deleting “Civil Discourse” (first paragraph only) by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

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Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

Page 20 -- §5.8 – Revised Town Counsel language, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

Page 5 – Under “Purpose” the terms “boards, committees and commissions” are used interchangeably, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

§6.1 and §6.2 – Add language, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

§6.6 (4) – Revised language; add new last sentence: “which have been certified by the Town Clerk”; two sentences minor “at least”, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

§8.3 – Add credits;

Harassment App. D – Keep paragraphs 1 and 2; delete 3, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

It was the consensus of the Board to submit pages 25-36 to Town Counsel for review.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following changes to the Committee Handbook:

Chairman – Change “agency” to “authority”; and delete H.R., by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Four in favor; A. Ellison absent.

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Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 22, 2011 as amended, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: M. Dowling

Vote: Three in favor; P. Gimas abstained; A. Ellison absent.

MOTION: That the Board convene in executive session under MGL Chapter 30A, §21, Paragraph 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation; and Paragraph #6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate; not to reconvene in open session, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimas

Roll call vote: M. Dowling in favor; T. Creamer in favor; P. Gimas in favor; M. Blanchard in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date