

June 18, 2012

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2012**

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Discussion regarding Town Meeting

S. Suhoski offered a letter from Jalbert Engineering regarding Regep Lane which stated that all Conservation Commission issues had been addressed. He questioned whether the Board wanted to take a position on Article 30 Time/Date of Town Meeting.

T. Creamer expressed concern about Articles 30 and 31 being determined by a small portion of voters. He questioned whether the articles should be moved forward, or whether the meeting should adjourn again at or about 10:00 p.m.

P. Gimas arrived at 6:25 p.m.

M. Redetzke said that regarding the parking area design at Cedar Lake, if it were funded now, what if there are future expansion plans that conflict. T. Creamer suggested that the Board query the Recreation Committee. M. Dowling said that she would support it as written, and noted that the whole point is to gain additional parking to include handicapped accessible parking. S. Suhoski said that the Betterment article would provide at least six additional spaces, including handicapped.

T. Creamer said that he heard that a resident may seek to amend Article 31 and to move the free cash to Article 19.

T. Creamer referenced an email to the Town Administrator regarding attending a Mass. Gaming Commission seminar. He questioned the Town Administrator's judgment, stating he believed that S. Suhoski had demonstrated poor judgment, and that it was an "odd" priority to be focused on, just coming off of a three-day suspension. S. Suhoski said that he believes that the casino issue is a priority issue. T. Creamer said that the Western Massachusetts Casino Task Force could be of assistance.

T. Creamer brought up the motion at 1:00 a.m. at the last meeting of the Board of Selectmen regarding the 8:00 a.m. start time for the Town Administrator. He said that he was not going to reconsider, but will "reaffirm" the Town Administrator's start time no

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later than 8:00 a.m. without proper prior notification in future (does not mean to impede flexibility of time under the employment contract).

MOTION: To reaffirm June 11, 2012 vote to arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. without prior notification, by T. Creamer.

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: Three in favor; P. Gimás and M. Dowling opposed.

M. Dowling said that she would have specific questions for Town Counsel to be presented to the Board of Selectmen re. the Town Administrator's contract.

M. Redetzke said that she wishes to discuss Town Hall office hours at the next meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowle

BOS Clerk

Date