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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
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Present: Thomas Creamer, Chairman
Priscilla Gimas
Mary Redetzke
Mary Blanchard
Mary Dowling
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: To convene in executive session under MGL Chapter 30A, §18-25, Paragraph #2: To conduct strategy or contract negotiations with non-union personnel; to reconvene in open session, by M. Redetzke.

2nd: P. Gimas

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:35 p.m.

Public Service Announcements

M. Redetzke announced the next Meet the Selectmen has been scheduled for May 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the Sturbridge Senior Center, with M. Redetzke and T. Creamer in attendance.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

S. Suhoski informed the Board that the final warrant has been officially posted. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 3rd at Tantasqua Regional High School auditorium. The auditorium has been reserved for potential continuation to June 10th.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

S. Suhoski informed the Board that the final warrant has been officially posted. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 3rd at Tantasqua Regional High School auditorium. The auditorium has been reserved for potential continuation to June 10th.

Reappointments

S. Suhoski provided the following list of proposed reappointments to various boards and committees. Each has offered to continue their volunteer service to the Town. S. Suhoski requested the Board's ratification of the following:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Term Exp. June 30</u>
David Barnicle	Conservation Commission	2016
Joseph Kowalski	Conservation Commission	2016
Carol Childress	STA (citizen-at-large)	2016
Charlie Blanchard	Housing Partnership	2016
Brandon Goodwin	Trails	2018*
Chris Wilson	Design Review	2016
Elaine Cook	Design Review	2016
Betty Jo Sigler	Council on Aging	2016
Alex Menafo	Council on Aging	2016
Ann White	Council on Aging	2016
Margaret Cooney	Zoning Board of Appeals	2016
Jennifer Morrisson	Master Plan Implementation	2016
Dorann Kruczek	Cultural Council	2016

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen ratify the following reappointments by the Town Administrator:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Term Exp. June 30</u>
David Barnicle	Conservation Commission	2016
Joseph Kowalski	Conservation Commission	2016
Carol Childress	STA (citizen-at-large)	2016
Charlie Blanchard	Housing Partnership	2016
Brandon Goodwin	Trails	2018*
Chris Wilson	Design Review	2016
Elaine Cook	Design Review	2016
Betty Jo Sigler	Council on Aging	2016
Alex Menafo	Council on Aging	2016
Ann White	Council on Aging	2016
Margaret Cooney	Zoning Board of Appeals	2016
Jennifer Morrisson	Master Plan Implementation	2016
Dorann Kruczek	Cultural Council	2016

By M. Dowling.

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: Three in favor; T. Creamer opposed; P. Gimás abstained.

*denotes five-year term

Other Matters

Following are brief updates on other pending matters.

- **Riverlands Environmental (updated 5/10):** S. Suhoski said that the next phase of work is proposed for funding in the amount of \$28,060 at the June 3rd Special Town Meeting. The proposal is for additional testing and reporting needed to eventually

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clear the Riverlands parcels (140+ acres) from MassDEP environmental oversight through an Activity Use Limitation (AUL).

- **Municipal Buildings:**

- ***Library Roof (updated 5/6)*** – The Capital Planning Committee has recommended that design and engineering costs for replacing the skylight system be approved by Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen has endorsed this level of work on the ATM Warrant. Separately, an area of broken slates was identified by Paul Davis Restoration for repair.
- ***Center Office Building (updated 5/10)*** – A notice-to-proceed has been issued to Joseph's Lock and Safe (a vendor that has worked on the public safety complex). S. Suhoski is awaiting the installation date. The elevator was re-inspected and issued a certification through January 31, 2014. HVAC switch-over to cooling mode is scheduled for this coming week.
- ***Town Hall (updated 5/6)*** – The elevator was re-inspected and issued a certification through January 31, 2014. The "sticking" at the main entry doors on the rear of the building was due to improper length hardware in the lock mechanism according to Joseph's Lock and Safe. These were repaired last week. All alarm systems are functioning and tested routinely. S. Suhoski is pursuing quotes for remote "panic alarms" that would be operated through the existing alarm panels at Town Hall and the Center Office Building from Alarm Works, which was the initial vendor. HVAC switch-over for cooling mode is scheduled for this coming week.
- ***8 Brookfield Road (no change)*** – Neither ATC/Cardno or American Environmental, Inc., both of which visually inspected the boiler room, offered a price proposal for the presence of asbestos materials. There was no visual evidence of same and S. Suhoski intends to close this matter.

- **Other Meetings / Miscellaneous:** Other items include: S. Suhoski attended award ceremony for Sturbridge Water Dept. / Veolia for investments in water quality (Well #4); attended Finance Committee meeting with representatives from Blue Wave Capital and Principal Assessor; chaired CMRPC Legislative Affairs Cmte. meeting to prepare for June legislative program; met with SEIU/DPW union re: contract negotiations; attended Burgess School Building Committee meeting; listened to summary of work groups for Commercial Tourist District public forum; met with consultant re: EOP update; invited and participated in meeting with OSV management, Sen. Brewer, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Mass. Cultural Council memberships regarding community partnerships.

Minutes

MOTION: That meeting minutes appear on the agenda after Public Service Announcements, and be voted on at that time, by M. Dowling.

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2nd: M. Redetzke

Vote: Four in favor; T. Creamer abstained.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 4, 2013 as amended, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 as amended, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 25, 2013 as amended to include the statement read by P. Gimás, by T. Creamer.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: Three in favor; M. Blanchard and M. Redetzke abstained.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 13, 2013 as amended, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimás

Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 25, 2013 as amended, by M. Redetzke.

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Correspondence

M. Redetzke read the correspondence list into the record.

Old Business

M. Dowling said that the Town Administrator's vehicle benefit should be a separate agenda item. T. Creamer pointed out that consistent with Parliamentary Procedure, as the Board had already taken the item up, and as M. Dowling had not been present, nor a member of the prevailing side with respect to the vote, the issue would not be discussed unless so requested by a member of the prevailing side.

M. Dowling noted that in her opinion the removal of the Ambulance Stabilization Fund Article was not appropriate. T. Creamer reminded Ms. Dowling that the Board had already taken action with respect to this item, and so done in a manner consistent with what it believed to be consistent with the best interests of the community. As such, the Board's determination is final, unless a member of the prevailing side wished to raise the issue.

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M. Dowling said that the former Selectman's questions regarding the Government Services Study Committee and the nature of emails have had a chilling effect on volunteers. T. Creamer pointed out that the so-called "chilling effect" referenced by M. Dowling were the inaccuracies and baseless claims within said former Selectmen's correspondence, and the fact that said former Selectman inappropriately involved the entire Board in a discussion that should have remained private between said former Selectman and the individual at the heart of the correspondence.

M. Redetzke commented on the email regarding Riverlands being restricted and posted so that residents could not access property. She also commented that residents would like to know when the restriction would be lifted or removed.

T. Creamer noted for the record in response to inquiries he had received that the Board had not recommended the acquisition of 310 Main Street, but was merely placing it for consideration by the voters. He further stated that in fact the majority of the Board, including himself, was opposed to said purchase, but felt it appropriate to reserve a recommendation.

New Business

M. Dowling commented on the hose failure report, and the percentage of hose that had failed/passed inspection.

P. Gimás noted that the roof is leaking at the Sturbridge Nursery School.

MOTION: To adjourn open session and convene in executive session under MGL Chapter 30A, §18-25, Paragraph #3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation; not to reconvene in open session, by M. Redetzke.

2nd: P. Gimás

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

The Board adjourned open session and convened in executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date