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Board of Selectmen

**Town of Upton**



**Massachusetts**

Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2011

*Location:* 1 Main St (opened meeting) reconvened Nipmuc Regional 90 Pleasant St

*Present:* Chairman Robert J. Fleming, Selectman Kenneth E. Picard, Selectman James A. Brochu, Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson, and Department Coordinator Karen L. Varney. (Chairman Fleming was not present during the 5:00pm meeting).

At 5:05pm Selectman Picard opened the meeting. The Board reviewed the 20 remaining Warrant articles that will be brought to the voters this evening along with the Finance Committee's recommendations. Focusing on priorities and the Town budget, of the 20 articles remaining, the Board will ask residents to pass over 7 articles.

Town Manager Blythe Robinson gave the Board an overview of Article #44, a replacement 5 ton dump truck that would replace a twenty-three year old truck that has many problems. She noted split frame rails, rusted body with an engine that is in deplorable condition were only a few points that were discussed. Selectman Brochu stated that it has served the Town well for 23 years and it's time for new equipment. Selectman Picard agreed, adding that the new truck will be customized to meet the towns need. The Capital Budget Committee recommends favorable action however the Finance Committee recommends unfavorable action by majority vote. The Selectmen were disappointed to hear their last minute recommendation.

A brief discussion ensued about the uncertainty of what the MURSD will do in the fall about their budget. The School Committee may attempt to certify another budget.

In regards to the CR (Conservation Restriction) for Sweetwilliam Farm, the Board is planning to meet after the conclusion of Town Meeting to review and sign the CR along with other pertinent documents in preparation for the closing on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

At 5:30pm the Board recessed.

At 7:00pm the Board reconvened at the Town Meeting, 90 Pleasant St. Chairman Fleming arrived within minutes after 7:00pm. At the conclusion of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, (7:55pm) the Board conducted their meeting. Lauren Goldberg, Esq., with the firm of Kopelman and Paige, informed the Board that she has reviewed all pertinent documents regarding the Sweetwilliam Farm purchase and finds them to be in order. After final review, the Board motioned and signed off on the Conservation Restriction, easement and the Quick Claim Deed. Department Coordinator Karen Varney notarized the documents.

45 Motion # 1: Selectman Picard motioned to accept the Sweetwilliam Farm Conservation  
46 Restriction dated June 16, 2011 as submitted. Second: Selectman Brochu, unanimous: Chairman  
47 Fleming.

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49 Motion # 2: Selectman Picard motioned to accept the Sweetwilliam Farm Easements dated June  
50 16, 2011 as submitted. Second: Selectman Brochu, unanimous: Chairman Fleming.

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52 Motion # 3: Selectman Picard motioned to accept the Sweetwilliam Farm Quick Claim Deed for  
53 28 acres dated June 16, 2011 as submitted. Second: Selectman Brochu, unanimous: Chairman  
54 Fleming.

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56 The Board had a brief conversation regarding some of the Agenda items for Tuesday's  
57 meeting. In reference to the West River Street Athletic Field dedication, one option would be to  
58 have the dedication on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> or option 2 would be to meet at 5:00pm on Tuesday  
59 July 12th at the field. Chairman Fleming will talk with the Henderson family.

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61 With no other business, the Board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.

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65 Karen L. Varney, Department Coordinator  
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