

1 Board of Selectmen

2 **Town of Upton**



3 **Massachusetts**

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7 Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2010

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9 *Location:* Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street – 2nd floor training room.

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11 *Present:* Selectman Michael E. Goodwin, Selectman Robert J. Fleming and Department
12 Coordinator Karen L. Varney. Chairman Kenneth E. Picard did not attend.

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14 The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

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16 At 6:31pm Selectman Fleming motioned to open an Executive Session under MGL
17 Chapter 39, section 23B, exception #3, Union Negotiations with Local 3338A. The Board will
18 reconvene their regular meeting at the completion of this Executive Sessions.

19 Robert Fleming “I”, Michael Goodwin ‘I’.

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21 The Board reconvened at 7:05pm.

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23 Appropriation Treasury Warrant in the amount of \$55,533.61 and Payroll Treasury
24 Warrant in the amount of \$60,784.97 approved as submitted.

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26 Motion # 1: Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the February 2, 2010 meeting
27 minutes. Majority: Selectman Goodwin.

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29 Resident Joanne Crowley of 13 North Main St came to the Board to address some issues
30 she has with the Board of Health. It seems that a Public Hearing has been scheduled in
31 connection with a complaint the Board of Health received regarding her neighbor at 14 North
32 Main Street who owns 2 goats. Ms. Crowley is with the understanding that two Complaints have
33 been filed however neither the Board of Health nor the Animal Inspector has visited the said
34 property. The owner of 14 North Main St was in the audience but did not come before the Board.

35 Ms. Crowley continued by saying as a neighbor she can attest to the fact there is no
36 source of filth, odor or health violation yet this neighbor at 14 Main St was told to remove their
37 pet goats within 30 days or be fined \$1,000. She feels this in direct violation of the owner’s
38 rights. She asked that a member of the Board attend the hearing on Thursday. Further
39 commenting, Ms. Crowley waited ten-days to receive copies of public documents that she feels
40 should have been posted on the Town’s web site. A \$20.50 fee was assessed to her.

41 Selectman Goodwin’s response was the Board of Health is an elected position and
42 therefore the Board has no authority. Agreeing, Selectman Fleming said he would contact the
43 Board of Health and inquire about the matter and in all fairness, the other party (complainant) is

44 not here and therefore no debate will take place. Ms. Crowley thanked the members for their
45 attention.

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47 Due to the absents of Chairman Picard, the Cell Tower Lease Agreement will
48 be put on the February 16th Agenda for the Boards review.

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50 James Bates, the AA will be scheduling the Departments for the annual budgetary review
51 process.

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53 Correspondence received and reviewed:

- 54 1. Summary of Services from Lorinc Consulting.
- 55 2. Update proposal from Seema Kenney, Technical Tutoring.
- 56 3. Letter from the 275th Anniversary Committee Re: Parade, June 13th.
- 57 4. CPA funding update from Kelly McElreath Re: Town Hall Window project.
- 58 5. Transmittal to Boston Mutual Re: increase in coverage.
- 59 6. MIIA Insurance Credit.
- 60 7. Proposal from COA Director James Gardner Re: Additional space.
- 61 8. Memorandum from Chief Bradford updating the Board

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63 Motion #2: Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the February 3, 2010 correspondence from
64 (Seema Kenney) Technical Tutoring for additional employee training services. Majority:
65 Selectman Goodwin.

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67 Statement # 81527 from Kopelman and Paige was signed off for payment by the Board.

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69 Motion # 3: Selectman Fleming motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Majority: Selectman
70 Goodwin.

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72 Respectfully submitted,

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74 Karen L. Varney, Department Coordinator

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