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Board of Selectmen

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2010

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

Present: Chairman Kenneth E. Picard, Selectman Michael E. Goodwin, Selectman Robert J. Fleming, Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson, and Department Coordinator Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant in the amount of \$25,391.04 and Payroll Treasury Warrant in the amount of \$64,237.90 approved as submitted.

The Board welcomed resident Julius Walent of 5 Railroad Ave who last week came before the Board asking for monetary consideration if he decides to connect his property to the Town's Sewer system as he believes this would benefit the Town through additional revenue. The Board had tabled their decision last week until they could gather additional information. In a memorandum to the Board, Town Manager Blythe Robinson, after speaking with the Water/Wastewater Superintendent Ron Sansouci, gave her recommendation that no financial consideration should be made. In addition to other reasoning's, Ms. Robinson noted that no additional homes would be able to reap the benefit to connect and there would be a concern about setting a precedent.

Chairman Picard asked that the Board hold off on their decision until Selectman Fleming arrives at the meeting.

The ATM Warrant Articles were reviewed by the Board and approved its form for posting. At approximately 7:13pm, Selectman Fleming arrived at the meeting and apologized for being late.

Chairman Picard updated Selectman Fleming saying that before he arrived the Board and Mr. Walent had a brief discussion about the sewer connection fee. In Mr. Walent's opinion, he feels this fee should be waived or discounted. As a courtesy the Board waited until Selectman Fleming arrived so he can have input.

Mr. Walent is putting in a 2" line which is not large enough for additional connections. If an 8" line is installed, Chairman Picard said he would be in favor of some consideration and explained the process to Mr. Walent. Selectman Fleming and Selectman Goodwin both said they were not in favor of any consideration based on the information they have received.

45 Town Manager Blythe Robinson gave her first weekly Manager's report saying she
46 focused last week on meeting as many Town employees as possible, Elected and appointed
47 officials as possible. She also outlined a few matters that were brought to her attention that she
48 will be working on, one being the hydrant flushing. She informed the Board that Jon Delli
49 Priscoli, President and owner of the Grafton & Upton Railroad stopped by on Friday to introduce
50 himself.

51 Ms. Robinson has scheduled the first staff meeting for tomorrow at 1:00pm. She has
52 recommended that a copy of the Board's weekly packet be copied for the media, excluding the
53 correspondence material. As a courtesy the Board should review the material content before the
54 public's review. The Board approved her request.

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56 Possible dates for the Special Election were discussed by the Board. Going on the
57 recommendation of the Town Clerk, the Board agreed on June 8th.

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59 Motion # 1: Selectman Fleming motioned to set the Special Election Prop 2 ½ override ballot
60 date as June 8, 2010. Second: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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62 Chairman Picard said he would like to meet with Blythe and the Finance Committee
63 before the Special Election override so they can have a clear understanding of what is going to
64 be funded in the override.

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66 *Correspondence reviewed by the Board:*

- 67 ■ Notice from National Grid Re: Replacement or removal of outdoor mercury vapor
68 lighting
- 69 ■ Notice of Public Hearing. Petition of NSTAR.
- 70 ■ Invitation from Friends of Upton State Forest to attend CCC day, May 15th.
- 71 ■ Letter from DEP Re: Sustainable Materials recovery program providing grants &
72 technical assistance to municipalities. (Cc: BOH)
- 73 ■ ZBA Variance / Special Permit Decision. (BOS needs more information).
- 74 ■ Notice from the Planning Board. Re: Public Hearing, April 27th for a Special Permit and
75 Site Plan Approval for Industrial Tower & Wireless, LLC, off Warren St.
- 76 ■ Public Notice announcement of meeting for Public Comments to the Master Plan, West
77 Hill Dam on Meeting April 27th. (Cc: ConCom, Town Clerk)
- 78 ■ Mass Department of Transportation Yearly Operational Plan filed.
- 79 ■ Memo from PERAC Re: Limits on Mass Public Employment for Mass retirees and a
80 Post-Retirement earnings worksheet.

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82 Motion # 2: Selectman Fleming motioned to accept the resignation of Conservation Commission
83 Agent John Savello with regret, Second: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

84 The Board thanked John for his service to the Town. Through the Conservation
85 Commission, the Personnel Board will post the position.

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87 In other business, Selectman Goodwin said he would check the status of the Cemetery
88 Monument to insure it will be in place for the Memorial Day Ceremony and report back to the
89 Board next week.

91 In closing Chairman Picard noted that notification for re-appointments will be sent out in
92 the next week or two. Senator Moore will be attending the Board's April 27th meeting to talk
93 about Local aid.

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95 Also Chairman Picard suggested there should be future discussions drafting a schedule of
96 goals and objectives to the Town Manager, as well as the Board that is seated after the Town
97 Election.

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99 Motion # 3: Selectman Goodwin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Second: Selectman
100 Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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102 Respectfully submitted,

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104 Karen L. Varney, Department Coordinator

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