

Board of Selectmen

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2010

Location: Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7:00pm.

On the Agenda this evening is reorganization of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion # 1: Chairman Picard Motioned to appoint the Department Coordinator Karen L. Varney as temporary Chairman for the purpose of reorganization of the Board. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Selectman Fleming.

Temporary Chairman Varney opened the nominations for Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and asked if there are any nominations?

Motion # 2: Selectman Fleming makes a Motion to nominate Selectman Michael E. Goodwin as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Motion seconded: Chairman Picard.

Temporary Chairman Varney asked if there are any other nominations. Hearing none the Temporary Chairman then closed nominations and asked for a Motion to appoint Michael E. Goodwin as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion # 3: Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint, Michael E. Goodwin as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Majority: Selectman Picard

Motion # 4: Selectman Picard Motioned to rescind the former Motion appointing Department Coordinator Karen L. Varney, as Temporary Chairman for the purpose of reorganizing the Board. Second: Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

The Board congratulated Chairman Goodwin and wished him well.

Next on the Agenda, Public Safety appointments.

45 Motion: 5: Selectman Picard motioned to appoint in block the Upton Police and  
46 Communications as recommended by Police Chief Michael J. Bradley, Jr., dated April 22, 2010.  
47 Second: Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

48 Selectman Fleming made a statement saying that he does not have a son the Upton Police  
49 Department.

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51 Motion: 6: Selectman Picard motioned to approve the Board's April 27, 2010 meeting minutes.  
52 Second: Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

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54 The Board welcomed Finance Committee Chairman Joan Shanahan and members  
55 Jonathan Calianos and Paul Flaherty. Town Manager Blythe Robinson informed the Committee  
56 that Town Moderator David Loeper sent her an email requesting a Consent Calendar on Articles.  
57 After reviewing this Warrant, a discussion took place as to what Articles the Finance Committee  
58 is recommending to pass over. Member Jonathan Calianos said it makes sense to pass over any  
59 budget contingent Articles until the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

60 Regarding a recommendation from Committee Member Calianos to pass over Article # 3;  
61 Selectman Fleming had concerns about passing over this Article. Selectman Picard was in  
62 agreement with Mr. Calianos's recommendation as well as Chairman Goodwin. A June 15<sup>th</sup> date  
63 was agreed to for the AATM.

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65 Motion # 7: Selectman Fleming motioned to Adjourn to a time certain, for the Adjourned Annual  
66 Town Meeting to June 15, 2010 at 7:00pm at Nipmuc Regional Middle High School. Second:  
67 Selectman Picard, Unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

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69 Next on the Agenda, the Board welcomed Men's Club President Mike Oliver, to continue  
70 a discussion the members had with the Board last week about a beautification project on Route  
71 140 in front of the Upton Housing Authority (Coach Road apartments). Mr. Oliver presented an  
72 additional quote from Hartford Farms that came in about \$500 less than the Western Nursery's  
73 quote. In a memo to the Board regarding this project, Town Manager Blythe Robinson noted she  
74 has spoken with the Chief of Police Michael Bradley and Highway Superintendent John Johnson  
75 about this project. Both individuals support this beautification project but they did have a few  
76 concerns. Those concerns will be rectified by members of the Men Club. It was noted that during  
77 the planting process, an on duty Patrol Officer will be monitoring the traffic situation however  
78 this Officer may be called out if there is an emergency. Representing the members of the Men's  
79 Club, Mr. Oliver is asking the Board for \$5,000 from a Town trust fund to pay for the plantings  
80 and mulch. Selectman Fleming commended the Men's Club for working on this project. Both  
81 Chairman Goodwin and Selectman Picard also thanked the Men's Club for spearheading a plan  
82 to refurbish the area.

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84 Motion # 8: Selectman Picard motioned to Approve up to \$5,000 from the Risteen "D"  
85 (beautification) Trust Fund for planting and mulch for the beautification of the Route 140 area as  
86 stipulated in their request of April 15<sup>th</sup> : Selectman Picard, Unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

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89 Town Manager Blythe Robinson gave her weekly managers report updating the Board of  
90 her meetings with the elected and appointed Town officials, tasks completed and issues for  
91 follow up. (See her reported dated April 29<sup>th</sup> for specifics).  
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93 *Correspondence:*

- 94 1. Email from Director of Veterans Services not seeking re-appointment.
- 95 2. Appointment request received from resident Margaret Laneri.
- 96 3. ZBA Notice of Public Hearing May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 97 4. Copy of a correspondence from US Postal Service to Representative Richard Neal  
98 Re: change to the mode of mail delivery.
- 99 5. Abutter's Notice of Intent has been filed with the Upton Conservation Commission  
100 by the Aquatic Weed Control Committee.
- 101 6. WPA Emergency Certification Form from Conservation Commission 4/22/10.  
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103 Motion # 9: Selectman Fleming motioned to accept, with regret, the resignation of Robert Miller  
104 as Director of Veterans Services. Second: Selectman Picard, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.  
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106 The Board has received letters of interest for the Director of Veterans Service  
107 appointment witch they will review next week.  
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109 There was a discussion relative to banners vs. standard flags for the telephone poles to  
110 ready for the Town's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration parade route. The 275<sup>th</sup> Committee has been  
111 in discussion with the Town Manager about the best type to purchase. Funding may possibly  
112 come from the Risteen Beautification trust fund.  
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114 Motion # 10: Selectman Picard motioned to approve up to \$2,500.00 from the Risteen Claus D  
115 (Beatification fund) for banners / flags for the 275<sup>th</sup> parade route as the Town Manager feels  
116 appropriate. Second: Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.  
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118 Relative to the Town Meeting, the Board confirmed that Town Counsel will be present.  
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120 BOS goals and objectives will be added to their future agendas and noted certain  
121 deadlines that need to be met. A meeting with Tata & Howard will be set up by June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
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123 Motion # 11: Selectman Fleming motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Second: Selectman  
124 Picard, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin .  
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126 Respectfully submitted,  
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128 Karen L. Varney, Department Coordinator  
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