

Board of Selectmen

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2009

*Location:* Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street

*Present:* Chairman Robert J. Fleming, Selectman Kenneth E. Picard, Selectman Michael E. Goodwin and Administrative Clerk Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 32e in the amount of \$100,525.65 was approved.

Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 32P in the amount of \$70,436.58 was approved.

Approval of the Executive Session meeting minutes are on hold until the Board can review them.

*Motion # 1:* Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the January 20, 2009 meeting minutes. Second by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Chairman Fleming commented on the Debt Exclusion override presented to the voters last week was shy by 24 votes and therefore did not pass. The Town is still confronted with capital upgrades of both the Main St water mains and the Station Street Wastewater Pump Station. He spoke of the "Shovel Ready" Federal Stimulus package and through the Administrative Assistant U.S. Congressman Richard E. Neal was contacted and said he would personally call the Governor and the Lt. Governor supporting the Town's projects.

Notification was received from the Department of Revenue which outlined the budgetary and financial implications of the reductions in FY09 local aid made by the Governor and the options available to address them. Local aide was cut by \$132,662.00 with deficiencies amounted to \$67,732.00 against fy2010. Additional information can be obtained by going to their website at: mass/gov. Next week the Board of Selectmen has requested all Elected Officials, Supervisors and Managers to attend a round table general conversation about the financial situation for FY10.

*FYI material reviewed:*

- ⇒ Email Re: Shovel-Ready Federal Stimulus Package Projects.
- ⇒ Fiscal Year 2009 Local Aid cuts from DOR.

- 44 ⇒ FY2010 Governor's Budget Proposal from Representative Peterson.
- 45 ⇒ Request from resident Donna Desjardins to serve on the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.
- 46 **(Appointed)**
- 47 ⇒ Letters (5) from residents Re: Town Hall renovations / Library's Feasibility Committee
- 48 taking part.
- 49 ⇒ ZBA Variance / Special Permit Re: 2 Grove St.
- 50 ⇒ Letter from EMS Director Brian Kemp Re: OEMS renewal process for Upton EMS. For 8
- 51 years Upton has been in the top tier of ambulance services statewide.
- 52 ⇒ Copy of a letter from T&H to Water/Wastewater Superintendent Ron SanSouci Re:
- 53 Proposal for assistance with modifications to the existing chemical treatment for pH
- 54 adjustment. **(A letter will be sent to the Mass DEP requesting an amendment to the**
- 55 **existing permit).**
- 56 ⇒ Trench Regulations received from Fire Chief Michael J. Bradford. **(This new regulation**
- 57 **will be copied to the Code Enforcement and DPW Departments).**
- 58 ⇒ 2008 Annual Report reminder.
- 59 ⇒ Copy of a letter from Highway Supervisor John Johnson to Contracted Plow Operators
- 60 Re: Public Contact.
- 61 ⇒ Request from Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. **(Approved)**

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63 **Motion # 2:** Selectman Picard motioned to appoint Donna Desjardins to the 275<sup>th</sup>  
64 Anniversary Committee. Seconded by Selectmen Goodwin, unanimous by Chairman  
65 Fleming.

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67 Selectman Picard addressed letters from residents relative to the Town Hall  
68 renovation project and the request for members of the Library's feasibility Committee to  
69 be included with said renovation discussions. Selectman Picard noted that he will be  
70 going before the CPA to start the first step of a process that is a long road ahead.

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72 EMS Director Brian Kemp sent a letter to the Board that the Town of Upton's  
73 EMS Department operates under a license granted by the Mass Department of Public  
74 Health Office of Emergency Medical Services which must be renewed every two years.  
75 This is a three-month process. Chairman Fleming was pleased to announce that Upton  
76 is in the top 2% of basic life support ambulance services in the Commonwealth. Well  
77 done.

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79 Relative to the Enterprise Fund, Selectman Picard has spoken to Town  
80 Accountant Fred Aponte and will follow up for a preliminary budget.

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82 The Board spoke of the 3<sup>rd</sup> water source well fields on West River St which are to  
83 be certified and will generate 300,000 gallons of water per day. The final step is to  
84 complete the response to the Department of Environmental Protection a \$5,000  
85 payment needs to be made. Funding is an issue. Further discussion will take place at  
86 the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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88 Reminder: FY2010 budget Round Table discussion next week February 10<sup>th</sup> to  
89 exchange ideas and get input relative to the concerning financial situation.

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91 Chairman Fleming complimented the employees of the DPW for the level of quality  
92 they provided with the amount of funds they have had to work with.

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94 Motion # 3: Chairman Fleming motioned a declaration of Emergency Funding for snow  
95 and ice removal based upon the account being depleted for fy2009. Seconded by  
96 Selectmen Picard unanimous by Selectman Goodwin.

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98 Selectman Picard noted that the DPW Advisory Board is working towards  
99 creative financing for the Department vehicles' and review of contracts. The members  
100 will be coming before the Board with a presentation in the near future.

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102 Chairman Fleming, who was appointed as a Temporary interim member of the  
103 Personnel Board until mid-March has been reviewing employee's job descriptions and  
104 noting the work load involved. He stated how lucky the Town is to have residents that  
105 step up and volunteer their time to serve on the Town's Committees.

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107 On behalf of the Town of Upton, Chairman Fleming sent out a thank you to  
108 resident Travis Weiner who recently came home after two-tours of duty in Iraq.  
109 Selectman Picard noted the Board will draft a personal letter to Travis.

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111 Motion # 4: Selectman Picard Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Seconded by  
112 Selectman Goodwin, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

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114 Respectfully submitted,

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116 *Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk*  
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