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Board of Selectmen

Town of Apton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2009

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 45e in the amount of \$35,320.20 was approved.  
Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 45P in the amount of \$67,187.39 was approved.

Chairman Fleming was pleased to announce the signing of the Purchase and Sale agreement for the seventeen-plus acres of land for the West River Street property (Richard property) for a third water well source. The DEP process has been approved and permitting has been completed. Chairman Fleming thanked the Richard family for being patient throughout this process.

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

*Motion # 1:* Chairman Fleming Motioned to appoint the Administrative Assistant, James R. Bates as temporary Chairman for the purpose of reorganization of the Board. Seconded: Selectman Picard, unanimous: Selectman Goodwin.

Temporary Chairman James R. Bates opened the nominations for Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and asked if there are any nominations?

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

Temporary Chairman Bates asked if there are any other nominations. Hearing none, Temporary Chairman then closed nominations and asked for a Motion to appoint Kenneth E. Picard, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

*Motion # 3:* Selectman Goodwin motioned to appoint Kenneth E. Picard, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seconded: Selectman Fleming.

44 Motion #4: Selectman Fleming Motioned to rescind the former Motion appointing  
45 Administrative Assistant James R. Bates, as Temporary Chairman for the purpose of  
46 reorganizing the Board. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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48 The Board congratulated Chairman Picard and wished him well.

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50 Motion #5: Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the meeting minutes of 4/28/09. Seconded:  
51 Selectman Goodwin (a change on line 105 to read: April). Unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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53 Motion #6: Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the Executive Session (BVRTHS) meeting  
54 minutes of 4/28/09 (*adding State Building Commissioner on line 48*) Seconded: Selectman  
55 Goodwin, Unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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57 Motion #7: Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the Executive Session (Local 170) meeting  
58 minutes of 4/28/09. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, Unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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60 Motion #8: Under Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2006 (M.G.L. 44, section 33B) Selectman Fleming  
61 motioned to approve the transfer of funds as requested by Chief Michael J. Bradford, Sr., the sum  
62 of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Fire Department Wages and Salaries Account (01-  
63 220-5100-5100) to the Fire Department Utility Expense Account (01-220-5200-5210).  
64 Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, Unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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66 FYI's reviewed:

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68 a) Request for transfer of funds from Fire Chief Michael Bradford.  
69 b) Copy of a correspondence Re: Noble Vista from the Planning Board  
70 c) Request for update from Local Union 162 Re: Voluntary Insurances (*The Board is*  
71 *waiting to hear back from the Union*).  
72 d) Thank you from Admiral Mullen for honoring the wounded and ill Soldiers.  
73 e) Town Clerk Kelly McElreath recently qualified for the Mass Town Clerks'  
74 Association's prestigious CMMC designation.

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76 The Board began the annual appointment process by appointing the Public Safety  
77 personnel first.

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79 Motion #8: Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Fred Aponte, Town Accountant  
80 for FY2010. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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82 Motion #9: Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Police Sergeant Lisa C. Vass for a three year  
83 term expiring May 2012. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard

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85 Motion #10: Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Mathew R. Rankins, F/T Police Officer to  
86 a three year term expiring May 2012. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman  
87 Picard.

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89 Motion # 11 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Paula Deiana, F/T Clerk to the Police  
90 Department for a term to expire May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous:  
91 Chairman Picard.

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93 Motion # 12 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint the following Reserve Patrol Officers,  
94 Douglas Tripp and Shanna Glassman, for a term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman  
95 Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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97 Motion # 13 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Part-time Police Officers Lt. Rodney B.  
98 Marchand, Thomas B. Stockwell and Robert J. Miller to a one year term expiring May 2010.  
99 Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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101 Motion # 14 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint the following Special Police Officers: Aldo  
102 B. Consigli, Sr, James R. Bates, Kenneth Pederson, Jr., John Johnson, Jeffrey White and Deborah  
103 LaRose to a one year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous:  
104 Chairman Picard.

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106 Motion # 15 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint the following Honorary Special Police  
107 Officers: Donald R. Keniston, John LeBrun, Henry J. Poirier, Jr., Joanne Kinney, Bruno Regaini,  
108 Robert Coffin to a one-year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin,  
109 unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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111 Motion # 16 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Police Chief Michael J. Bradley, Jr., as  
112 Communication Officer to a three-year term expiring May 2012. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin,  
113 unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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115 Motion # 17 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Roberta L. Lamothe as Full Time  
116 Communication Officer to a two year term expiring May 2011. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin,  
117 unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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119 Motion # 18 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Paula Deiana, Karen Terry, Linda Jones,  
120 Shanna J. Glassman, Heidi Schultz and Laura Wooding as Part-Time Communication Officers to  
121 a one-year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman  
122 Picard.

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124 Motion # 19 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Michael J. Bradford, Sr, Richard J.  
125 Henderson, Sr., and Michael J. Marchand to the Board of Fire Engineers for a one-year term  
126 expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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128 Motion # 20 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Brian F. Kemp, Director, Emergency  
129 Medical Service to a one-year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin,  
130 unanimous: Chairman Picard.

131 Motion # 21 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Barbara Harris, Assistant Director,  
132 Emergency Medical Services to a one-year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman  
133 Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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135 Motion # 22 Selectman Fleming motioned to appoint Brian F. Kemp, Director of Emergency  
136 Management to a one-year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous:  
137 Chairman Picard.

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139 Motion # 23 Selectman Goodwin motioned to appoint Administrative Assistant James R. Bates,  
140 to a one-year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman  
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143 Motion # 24 Selectman Goodwin motioned to appoint Administrative Clerk, Karen L. Varney, to  
144 a one-year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman  
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147 Motion # 25 Selectman Goodwin motioned to appoint Kopelman and Paige, P.C. as Town  
148 Counsel to a one-year term expiring May 2010. Seconded: Selectman Fleming, unanimous:  
149 Chairman Picard.

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151 Regarding the FY2010 Liaison Assignments, the Board requires additional time for the  
152 transition and will be reviewed next week.

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154 Regarding the vapors coming from the former transfer station on Maple Ave, Chairman  
155 Picard said he has spoken with Board of Health Chairman Al Holman who is investigating if  
156 these odors are coming from the capping process of the transfer station or from the treatment of  
157 the stored poles. The Administrative Clerk will contact the Board of Health for any additional  
158 information they may have.

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160 Chairman Picard informed the Board that he will be attending the Finance Committee  
161 meeting tomorrow evening and will report back to the Board on Thursday.

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163 In addressing residents from the audience, Town Moderator David C. Loeper was  
164 recognized by the Board. Mr. Loeper had some concerns he wanted to clear up about the override  
165 before Town Meeting convenes on Thursday.

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167 Next on the Agenda, the Board welcomed Aquatic Weed Control Committee: Jim Bates  
168 and Charlie Pedersen as a follow up to their meeting of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Picard was pleased  
169 to inform the members that based on the opinion of Town Counsel it would be acceptable to  
170 utilize funds from the Ella Whitney Risteen (Beautification Claus D) Trust Fund for the Aquatic  
171 weed control at Pratt Pond. Process of the weed control will begin as soon as possible. The pond  
172 will be shut down only for one-day. Chairman Picard asked the Committee members to submit a  
173 complete maintenance plan for the additional two ponds (Mill Pond and Lake Wildwood) as  
174 there may be sufficient funding in the Trust fund for treatment as well. Chairman Picard  
175 recommended that a line item under the Parks / Recreation Department for the 2011 operation  
176 budget list Aquatic Weed. The Board stressed the need to spend the funds once appropriated.  
177 The Board thanked the gentleman for their time and assistance.

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179 Selectman Goodwin noted that he participated in the Loyalty Day parade on Sunday and  
180 enjoyed meeting Senator Moore.

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Selectman Goodwin commented about the recent article on whdh.com stating that the Bay State was awarded \$986 million in loans for drinking water and waste-water projects. The Town of Westborough received \$186,000.00 (from M.G.L. Chapter 29 Sewer Rate relief fund) for upgrades to get in compliance with DEP requirements with their Waste/Water Treatment plant. Selectmen Goodwin wished to clarify that these upgrades are not part of the Federal Stimulus package and the Town of Upton has not lost out.

Invoices from Kopelman and Paige were approved for payment by the Board.

The Board approved a summer meeting schedule. Beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> the members will meet every other Tuesday at 5:00PM until September 8<sup>th</sup> when they resume their 7:00pm weekly meeting. They will meet at the Fire & EMS Headquarters.

Motion # 26: Selectman Fleming Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM. Seconded: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk