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Board of Selectmen

Town of Apton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2009

Location: Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Motion # 1: At 6:01pm Selectman Goodwin motioned to enter into an Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, section 23B, exception 3, Collective Bargaining, with Local 170. Second: Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman Picard

The Board will reconvene their regular meeting upon completion of this Executive Session.

Poll taken: Ken Picard "P", Michael Goodwin "P", Robert Fleming "P".

At 7:15pm, the Board reconvened their regular meeting and welcomed State Senator Michael Moore who gave an update on the State Budget. Senator Moore began by saying the Senate Ways and Means will be releasing the budget numbers for FY2010 tomorrow. He will have until Friday to file any amendments. Per Governor Patrick, for FY09, Senator Moore stated that there is a deficit of \$1 billion dollars. To deal with this deficit, the Governor put forth legislation that will ensure every district continues to receive the expected amount of FY09 Chapter 70 aid through State and Federal dollars. Dealing with the deficit is not about a tax increase but rather to reduce reimbursements. He cannot say what will happen during the budget debates. Process still revolving.

He said today the Special Committee on Municipal Relief partnership released the Municipal Relief bill. He gave a summary of this bill. Attending various School Committee meetings and Board's of Selectmen meetings to make everyone aware of the (financial) situations that the States faces. An Economist has said this is a three-to four year cycle. The projection is that revenues will drop to \$17 billion dollars.

Chairman Picard inquired about the two municipal projects that were submitted under the Stimulus program, the Main Street Water Main project and the upgrade of the Pumping Station. He had heard the Town was not on the first round to receive Stimulus funding. Chairman Picard noted his disappointment that the Town did not know of the SRF fund. The additional paper work will now been completed. The Board thanked Senator Moore for his update.

44 Under M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 11 Chairman Picard opened the Election to fill a
45 vacancy on the Planning Board for an Associate Member. Two letters of interest was received,
46 one from William Tessmer of 93 Elm St and the other from Stephen Martel of 20 Shore Dr for
47 the Associate Member position. Chairman Picard asked for nominations. Selectman Fleming
48 nominated William Tessmer for Planning Board Associate Member. Nominations closed. Roll
49 call vote for William Tessmer: Selectman Goodwin seconded and Chairman Picard. Unanimous
50 vote.

51 Election closed.

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53 FYI:

- 54 1. Copy of a Violation notice to Upton Development Group from the Code
55 Enforcement Dept.
- 56 2. RBC Account Statement
- 57 3. Correspondence from Realtor Re: Orchard St lots (*Take lots off market*).
- 58 4. Interoffice Memorandum from the Planning Board Re: St. Gabriel. (*Obtain*
59 *a fee schedule from M. Allen. As Engineer, requesting a letter from him signing*
60 *off on the site plan*).
- 61 5. Recommendation from Rufin Van Bossuyt Re: Planting and tree work at
62 Pratt Pond and the Town Cemetery. (*Selectman Goodwin is working with Mr.*
63 *VanBossuyt and the Cemetery Commissions on this beautification project*).
- 64 6. Upton Town Government Day May 20th & May 27th (Upton Town Hall)

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66 The Board is in receipt of a letter from Freitas Construction to Robert P. Sims,
67 of Pare Corporation confirming they will agree to hold their prices for the Water Main
68 replacement project for Rt. 140 as bid on September 17, 2008.

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70 Regarding the Compensation and Classification survey currently in process, the Board
71 has received the revised job descriptions from the Personnel Board that fall under their
72 jurisdiction. They will be reviewed by the Board members for clarity.

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74 In an update to the Citizens, Selectman Picard said the Administrative Assistant is
75 contacting the Engineer to move forward with the Main Street Water Main replacement project.

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77 The Liaison Assignments and the Annual scholarship awards will be processed at next
78 weeks meeting.

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80 Motion # 2 Selectman Goodwin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Seconded:
81 Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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83 Respectfully submitted,
84 Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk