

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2008

Location: Upton Fire and EMS Headquarter, 2nd Floor Training room.

Present: Chairman Marsha A. Paul, Selectman Robert J. Fleming (*arrived at 6:50pm*)
Selectman Kenneth E. Picard and Administrative Clerk Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

At 6:31pm Chairman Paul motioned to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, § 23B, exception # 3, to have a discussion with the Police Chief candidate, Police Sergeant Michael J. Bradley, Jr.

The Board will reconvene their regular meeting upon completion of the Executive Session. Poll taken: Marsha Paul "I", Ken Picard "I".

At 7:00pm the Board reconvened their regular meeting and again motioned to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, § 23B, exception # 3, Collective Bargaining with Local 3338A.

The Board will reconvene their regular meeting upon completion of the Executive Session. Poll taken: Marsha Paul "I", Robert Fleming "I", Ken Picard "I".

At 7:34pm the Board reconvened their regular meeting and Motioned to enter into a third Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, § 23B, exception # 3, to have a discussion with Pare Corporation for contract Engineering Services negotiations.

The Board will reconvene their regular meeting upon completion of the Executive Session. Poll taken: Marsha Paul "I", Robert Fleming "I", Ken Picard "I".

8:10pm the Board reconvened their regular meeting. This meeting was not videotaped.

Motion # 1

Chairman Paul motioned to approve the request of Sue Pelland to place signs for an upcoming quilt show at the following locations: corner of Mendon & Main St, High and School St, Williams and Main St, Westborough Rd and North St., and Mendon and Pleasant St. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Selectman Fleming.

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Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 37e in the amount of \$93,365.01 was signed.
Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 37P in the amount of \$62,361.18 was signed.

The Board of Selectmen signed the Pleasant Street Agreement Settlement.

Motion # 2

Selectman Picard motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2008, seconded by Chairman Paul, unanimous by Selectman Fleming.

Motion # 3

Selectman Picard motioned to approve the Executive Session (Main Street water main Project Presentation) meeting minutes of March 4, 2008 (with changes), seconded by Chairman Paul, unanimous by Selectman Fleming.

Motion # 4

Selectman Picard motioned to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes (Local 3338A) of March 4, 2008, seconded by Selectman Fleming, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

Motion # 5

Selectman Picard motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 10, 2008, seconded by Selectman Fleming unanimous by Chairman Paul.

Tata & Howard Invoice was approved for payment.

The Board reviewed a letter from Cover Technologies, Inc. regarding clarification of the process of soil removal (Town of Upton by-laws, Title 3, Land Use, Chapter 1, Earth Removal). The Board agrees no permit is required for the removal of soil, loam, sand or gravel from any parcel of land when incidental to and in connection with the construction of a building on the parcel. They have no issue with this process.

Project List reviewed:

- Main St Water Main: Pare Corp. will be submitting their proposal on Wednesday for the Boards review. Timeframe important. Suggestion for Article for possible June Special Town Meeting.
- Town Manager Forum: Process is moving forward.
- Employee Benefits Forum: Jim Bates to oversee and move forward with a scheduled date.
- Use of CPA funds: Selectman Picard attending a trade shows this weekend for additional information.
- Beautification Pratt Pond: moving forward.
- COA Insulation: Selectman Picard meeting with individual this week.

- 90 □ Cemetery Land: Jim Bates to continue research Re: an easement
- 91 for accessibility.
- 92 □ Town Building energy audits: Jim Bates working with Northern
- 93 Energy Services and will update the Board with their findings.
- 94 □ Town Manager position: Discussion on salary and Town Meeting
- 95 approval.
- 96 □ Fire Department Study: As soon as the Board is in receipt of the
- 97 recommendations, they will move forward as soon as possible for
- 98 the ATM.
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100 *Confidential:*

101 - The Board reviewed a letter dated March 5, 2008 from COA Director Heimrath.
102 The Board is not in favor of this request. Selectman Fleming will be meeting with the
103 Personnel Board and will inquire about the matter.

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105 Selectman Fleming noted that he will be meeting with DPW Director Steve Soma
106 tomorrow (Wednesday) morning for an update of the Department's on going business.

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108 Relative to Articles for the Annual Town Meeting, Selectman Picard added that
109 he would like to see an Article reducing the CPA percentage amount from 3% to 1%
110 thus allowing some financial relief for the taxpayer. Both Selectman Fleming and
111 Chairman Paul agree.

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113 **Motion # 6**

114 Selectman Fleming motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm, seconded by
115 Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

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118 Respectfully submitted,
119 Karen L. Varney,
120 Administrative Clerk

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