

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2008

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

Present: Chairman Marsha A. Paul, Selectman Robert J. Fleming Selectman Kenneth E. Picard and Administrative Clerk Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

At 6:33pm 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", Robert Fleming "I" Ken Picard "I".

At 7:05pm 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 8:05pm the Board reconvened their regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Videotaping provided by Jonathan Miguel, Cable TV Access Provider.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 38e in the amount of \$59,609.02 was signed.

Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 38P in the amount of \$62,304.24 was signed.

Motion # 1

Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2008, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

Motion # 2

Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the Executive Session (Water main replacement) meeting minutes of March 11, 2008, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

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Motion # 3

Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the Executive Session (Local 3338A) meeting minutes of March 11, 2008, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

Motion # 4

Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the Executive Session (Police Chief Candidate) meeting minutes of March 11, 2008, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

Chairman Paul read aloud the Proclamation adopted by the Uxbridge Board of Selectmen relative to the ten-alarm fire at Bernat Mill complex at 19 Depot Street on July 21, 2007.

Motion # 5

Selectman Fleming motioned to accept, with regret, the retirement of Town Accountant Robert Perkins effective June 30, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

Motion # 6

Selectman Fleming motioned to accept, with regret, the resignation of the Clerk to the Town Accountant Ann Perkins effective June 27, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

Selectman Fleming suggested posting an Executive Session to discuss the process of posting for these two positions.

Project list reviewed:

- ❑ Main St water main: Still in negotiations with Pare.
- ❑ Town Manager forum: Committee meeting this evening to discuss Town Counsel changes and a possible forum date of April 1st.
- ❑ Employee benefit forum: Jim Bates to set date and inform the Board next week.
- ❑ Potential use of CPA funds: Selectman Picard attended a trade show this past weekend obtaining good information. Individual coming out to the Town Hall to look at windows etc.
- ❑ Pratt Pond beautification: Selectman Picard will have concept plan next Wednesday.
- ❑ Beautification Town clean up: Selectman Fleming to follow up with Women's Club, scouts etc., to assist.
- ❑ COA Insulation: Proposal being drafted.
- ❑ Cemetery Land: Jim Bates researching and will speak with R. Vanbossuyt for input.
- ❑ Town Building energy audit: Northern Energy Services coming on 3/21/08.
- ❑ Fire Dept Management Study: Selectman Fleming will contact the committee for a final report.

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92 Selectman Picard recently meet with Michael Gorman of Gorman Richardson
93 Architects from Hopkinton relative to ADA Compliance for the Town Hall. Mr.
94 Gorman generated two conceptual proposals for the Town Hall renovations. Mr.
95 Gorman would be pleased to come before the Board and answer any questions.
96 This proposal is available to the public for view at the Selectman's office and the
97 Town Clerk's office.

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99 John Zakian, Grant Writer for the Town, is scheduled to meet with the
100 Department Managers on March 27th and 28th in assisting them with obtaining
101 grants.

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103 The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Statement of Support for the National Guard
104 and Reserve as submitted by the Program Support Specialist of the Mass Employer
105 Support of the Guard and Reserve.

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107 **Motion # 7**

108 Chairman Paul motioned to approve the Statement of Support for the National
109 Guard and Reserve for the Town of Upton. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous
110 by Selectman Fleming.

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112 The Board discussed the need to implement Storm Water Management. Selectman
113 Fleming noted that he would contact the DPW Director and set up a meeting.

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115 Selectman Fleming has not had an opportunity to speak with EMS Director Brian
116 Kemp relative to his request for rate increases for emergency services. The Board will
117 revisit his request later this month.

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119 **Motion # 8**

120 Selectman Fleming motioned to grant a Department Manager time off on Friday,
121 March 21, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

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123 Chairman Paul welcomed resident Dan Pessin of Dairy Drive along with other
124 residents who came to the Board's meeting after hearing about some activity at the
125 Grafton / Upton railroad and seeking the guidance of the Selectmen. Going on a rumor,
126 it is believed that the Upton Development Group signed a lease agreement with the
127 owners of the Railroad for a rail stockyard, which could be a hazard situation. Chairman
128 Paul noted that because she had heard about this today she was unable to have dialog
129 with her colleagues.

130 She continued by saying she called Town Counsel for direction and had a
131 discussion with CMRP in which they told her the railroad has been in disrepair and they
132 were unaware of any activity. Selectman Picard added that it is an active railroad and
133 also hearing the rumor, was told today no lease had been signed. Selectman Fleming
134 noted that the taxes have been paid to the Federal Government.

135 Chairman Paul said she would do her best to gather all the facts. The residents
136 will check back with the Board for more information in two weeks.

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Resident Dan McGee, owner of a six-unit apartment building at 143 Main Street, came before the Board to discuss a problem with a water bill that dates back to October 2007. Mr. McGee is seeking a water abatement as he stated that when the new water meter was installed, there was an error in the reading. The Board reviewed his bills. Selectmen Fleming will arrange to have a meeting with him and Director Soma in hopes of a resolution. Mr. McGee will be contacted when a date is set up.

Before closing, Selectman Picard informed the Board that he plans on having a discussion with the Cemetery Commissioners this week relative to their salaries. He also commented that the Board received the Open Space report from member Rick Holmes.

Chairman Paul attended the School Committee meeting last evening and noted that there will be a proposed \$2.6 million reduction of the budget for fy09.

Motion # 9

At 9:10pm, Chairman Paul motioned to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, § 23B, exception # 3.

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

At 9:30pm the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Varney,
Administrative Clerk