

Town of Uptc



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of April 22, 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,

At 7:07pm, the meeting was called to order. This meeting was not videotaped.

Selectman Fleming requested the Board caucus to review and discuss the ATM Warrant Articles. Both Chairman Paul and Selectmen Picard were in favor.

The Board came back into regular session at approximately 7:25pm. In review and discussion of the (DRAFT) Articles, the Board agreed with Articles 1 to 10. There was brief discussion relative to the verbiage in Article 10. John Robertson was to speak with Senator Augustus for clarification. The Administrative Clerk will follow up with Mr. Robertson. Error in numbers, renumber 11 to 17. Take out Article 19, 20 and 22. After consideration of Article 22 and preparing a summary sheet, Selectman Picard withdrew Article 22, reduction of the CPA surtax assessment. Article 21 ok. Articles 23 to 37 approved. The Selectmen would like to see the documentation for Article 31. The Board signed the Warrant for posting on Friday.

Chairman Paul asked that the office begin to advertise for members for the 275th anniversary celebration Committee of the Town.

7:45pm, the Board of Selectmen welcomed Historical Commission Chairperson Barbara E. Burke and Members, David Mackey, Cathy Taylor and Jonathan Meagher. Mr. Mackey introduced Arnold Arboretum Landscape Design Institute student Liz Morrison, who will be presenting her senior project to the Board. Ms. Morrison was very pleased to have the opportunity to work on a plan for this 18 Elm Street property. Over the past several months Ms. Morrison spoke with a number of neighbors and Town Committees and Commissioners, in researching/ the chamber and came up with three-conceptual plans. 1) Native species plan, 2) Early American, 3) An educational & recreational site plan. The one most desirable would be to combine the Native species plan with the educational and recreational site plan. She outlined plans as displayed on a large diagram of the map area for walking trails, picnic areas, observation areas near the pond, etc. Tours of the chamber site, which will be fenced in for safety reasons. The current structure on the property would need to be torn down. During her presentation

45 she displayed the project site analysis and views. A good portion of the park will be
46 handicapped accessible. Out of the eight parking spaces, two will be handicapped.
47 She noted if there were access to the property from Milford Street (Rt. 140) more
48 parking spaces would be available.

49 Ms. Morrison spoke of the financial part of creating this park saying it could come
50 in stages. The Commission has meet with Grant Writer John Zakian to research grant
51 funds. These drawings will be on display for view at the Town Election and Town
52 Meeting. The Selectmen thanked Ms. Morrison for the wonderful presentation.

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54 Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 43e in the amount of \$97,478.09 was signed.

55 Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 43P in the amount of \$70,913.69 was signed.

56 Refund Warrant no. 43r in the amount of \$19,006.36 was signed.

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58 Regarding the position of Town Accountant, the Board asked that this position be
59 posted externally and advertise in the Milford Daily news and the Worcester Telegram
60 and Gazette. If needed, the Board asked if the Administrative Assistant place calls to
61 area towns to ask if they could assist the Town until a Town Accountant is hired.

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63 Motion # 1

64 Selectman Picard motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 2008.
65 Seconded by Selectman Fleming, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

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67 Motion # 2

68 Selectman Picard motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 17, 2008.
69 Seconded by Selectman Fleming, unanimous by Chairman Paul.

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71 Regarding the Proposal and Agreement for Professional Services from Pare
72 Corporation (Infiltration and Inflow), the Board will review the document and asked that
73 the Administrative Assistant Jim Bates review this contract as well and report back to
74 the Board for their April 29th meeting. Chairman Paul did sign the Phase 1 Dam
75 Inspection proposal from Pare dated April 17, 2007.

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77 Motion # 3

78 Selectman Fleming motioned to approve a confidential request from Rev. Jan
79 Gregory-Charpentier dated April 17, 2008 for the amount of \$6,000 to be paid from Ella
80 Whitney Risteen Claus B. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman
81 Paul.

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83 In a confidential request the Board received in February, it was the consensus of
84 the Board that no action is warranted.

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86 It was the decision of the Board to pass on the project list this week.

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88 Reminder: Loyalty Day Parade this Sunday, April 27, 2008.

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90 The weekly business of the Board is complete and they will move into a general
91 budget work session and will adjourn the meeting upon completion of this session.

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94 Respectfully submitted,

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96 Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk

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