

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2008

Location: Upton Town Hall, Main Hall.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

At 5:01pm Chairman Fleming gavelled the Executive Session open under M.G.L. Chapter 39, section 23B, Exception #3, to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining. The Board will reconvene their regular meeting at the completion of the Executive Session.

Poll taken: Robert Fleming "1", Ken Picard "1" Michael Goodwin "1".

At 7:37pm the Board reconvened their regular session.

The Board received correspondence from the Conservation Commission relative to the Warren Brook Conservation Area. They are conducting a site walk, this Thursday June 5th at 6:30pm. Selectman Picard will attend.

Chairman Fleming noted he has received notification from Richard Henderson that the Chapter 90 funds have been approved. In a conversation with Mr. Henderson, Chairman Fleming stated that Mr. Henderson would look into the TIP Program with Mass Highway if the Board members so agreed. It was a unanimous decision to ask Mr. Henderson to move forward with the inquiry.

Under Confidential material the Board reviewed an injury report copied to them by the Insurance Coordinator.

Insurance Coordinator Jim Bates, submitted a proposal for Insurance disability to the Board to assess.

In regards to the Towns Grant Writer, John Zakian, the Board would like the Administrative Assistant to contact Mr. Zakian to find out his availability to service Upton in grant requests.

44 Attorney Jay Talerman will be coming before the Board on June 10th to review the
45 Noble Vista project.

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47 Due to the appointment of John Johnson as Highway Supervisor, the Board
48 discussed the need to adjust the salary level for Mr. Johnson. Both Mr. Johnson and
49 Water Superintendent Ron SanSouci are both card members of Local Union #170 but
50 the Board has not negotiated their Contract terms as yet. Chairman Fleming had asked
51 the AA Mr. Bates to contact the Union Representative Ed Peloquin and take the existing
52 contact and modify the language and salary level but keeping the same benefits.

53 As Highway Supervisor, Mr. Johnson needs to move up to a different salary level.
54 Chairman Fleming has provided Mr. Johnson with a new job description.

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56 Motion # 1

57 Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the salary adjustment to \$61,665.45
58 per year (FY08) grade 7 to Highway Supervisor John Johnson retroactive to May 20,
59 2008. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

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61 The Board agreed on meeting in Executive Session on Monday, June 16th at
62 4:30pm and asked the Administrative Clerk to call Union Representative Ed Peloquin,
63 John Johnson and Ron SanSouci to attend this session for bargaining negotiations.

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65 Selectman Picard noted he has left a message for Building Commissioner Patrick
66 Roche as he wanted to have a discussion with him regarding appointments to the
67 CODE Enforcement Department. As of today, he has not heard from Mr. Roche.

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69 In regards to the Pleasant Street agreement, the Board has reviewed the final
70 document from Town Counsel who has stressed to the Board to include #6. The Board
71 does not wish to go against Attorney Connolly's recommendation. After discussion, it
72 was agreed that Chairman Fleming would contact one of the Pleasant Street owners,
73 and inform them that the Board will not move forward unless the residents agree to this
74 statement of release of future liabilities. This matter will be discussed on Tuesday, June
75 10th in hopes of coming to closure.

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77 On May 29th the Board met with representatives of Milford Water Company and
78 Whitinsville Water Company discussing the possibility of a mutual agreement. Chairman
79 Fleming asked the Administrative Clerk to contact Leonard White and Henry Papuga of
80 Milford Water Company asking them to forward a sample letter of mutual agreement to
81 start this process.

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83 Relative to the funding for Aquatic weed control, and due to the fact there are no
84 funds available, it was recommended to fund half of the \$24,000.00 requested to
85 \$12,000.00 coming from the William Knowlton Trust Fund. This would be used to spot
86 treat the areas of the Town beach at Pratt Pond.

90 Motion # 2

91 Selectman Picard motioned to approve the amount of \$12,000.00 from the
92 William Knowlton Trust Fund for spot weed control treatment for the Town beach at Pratt
93 Pond. Seconded by Selectman Goodwin, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

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95 Selectman Picard has recommended putting the Aquatic weed control funding in
96 the DPW line item budget within the Parks Department in the future.

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98 Motion # 3

99 Selectman Goodwin Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Seconded by
100 Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

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102 Respectfully submitted,

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104 Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk

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