

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2008

Location: Upton Town Hall, Main Hall.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

Chairman Fleming noted that the Board would be going into Executive Session at 4:30pm for the purpose of Collective Bargaining with Local Teamsters 170. The Board is also in Contract negotiations with the Police Union Local 162 and Fire and EMS Local 3338A. The Board would like to meet with Local 162 on July 14, 2008 at 6:00pm if the Union members are available.

At 7:00pm this evening, Senator Augustus and Representative Peterson will be conducting a Public meeting relative to the Upton & Grafton Railroad. This will give residents the opportunity to ask questions and be better informed. Federal Interstate Commerce law governs the Upton and Grafton railroad. State and Local officials have little authority over its operation.

On July 28th at 4:30pm, a Public Hearing will take place for adopting the Rules and Regulations of the Fire and EMS Advisory Board.

Chairman Fleming noted the new office schedules effective July 4, 2008 fy09. The Town Hall will be closed on Fridays, the Knowlton Risteen Building will be closed on Mondays, the Town Library and COA Center will have adjusted hours.

The Personnel Board has recently sent out a survey to all 133 Town Employees. The Board asked that employees participate in the process by filing out this survey and returning them as soon as possible.

FYI:

- Memorandums from Patrick Roche, Building Commissioner
 1. Re: Assistant Inspector Appointments. (No action. On the July 14th Agenda)
 2. Copies of Violation Notices.
 3. Building Permit fees (No action. On the July 14th Agenda).

- 45 • Enterprise Committee Meeting Minutes
- 46 • Memorandum from Chief Michael Bradley Re: Appointment. (Motion made to
- 47 appoint Retired Police Chief Thomas B. Stockwell to P/T Police Officer).
- 48 • Email from a resident of Glenview Street Re: Excessive Noise levels.
- 49 • Operational question: BOFE.
- 50 • Correspondence from DCR Re: Dam safety regulations.
- 51 • Copy of a letter to Housing Appeals Committee from Attorney Talerman Re:
- 52 Noble Vista, Motion for remand.
- 53 • Copy of a correspondence dated June 11, 2008 from DEP Re: Water Loss
- 54 Prevention Project. (Chairman Fleming will talk with Supervisor Johnson).
- 55 • Notice of availability of financing from the DEP Re: State Revolving Fund.
- 56 • Correspondence from the Dept of the Army Re: West Hill Dam project.
- 57 • Recommended DRAFT from L. White. (July 14th Agenda)

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60 The Board briefly spoke of concerns at 252 Milford St, relative to the storage of
61 asphalt. Both the Code Enforcement and the Conservation Commission are looking into
62 the matter.

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64 In reference to the Noble Vista project, the Board will hold and will revisit again at
65 their July 28th meeting.

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67 It was noted in an email from the AA Jim Bates, that the 330gallon oil tank
68 located in the lower level of the Town Hall had sprung a small leak. After calling
69 Superior Oil, it was determined that a new oil tank will be needed. The cost is around
70 \$3,000.00.

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72 Selectman Picard talked about the energy Audits and that he had a conversation
73 with Mike Gorman about replacement windows. Mr. Gorman will be calling the Historical
74 Commission relative to that matter.

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76 Selectman Goodwin attended the Planning Board meeting on June 24th where
77 there was continued discussion of the North Street athletic field. It is Pulte's opinion that
78 due to the incomplete plans, the site is an ill-advised location for a recreation field.
79 Questions as to other alternative plans for the field use and the cost to develop and how
80 much has the Town already spent. Other avenues discussed at the meeting would be
81 the repair of existing recreation fields or perhaps another location for a new field.
82 Recreation Commission Chair Dave Adams will meet with the Recreation Commission
83 to discuss alternatives. Selectman Picard noted he was a member of the Planning
84 Board when the North Street athletic field was first proposed and gave the Board an
85 overview. The Board is looking forward to hearing from both the Planning Board and the
86 Recreation Commission.

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88 **Motion # 1**

89 Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 16, 2008.
90 Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

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Motion # 2

Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of June 16, 2008, Teamsters Local 170, Supervisors. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Motion # 3

Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of June 16, 2008, Local Union 3338A negotiations. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Motion # 4

Selectman Picard motioned to approve the closing of the Town Hall on Fridays' effective July 4, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Goodwin, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Motion # 5

Selectman Picard motioned to approve the closing of the Knowlton Risteen Building on Mondays effective July 7, 2008. The Library and COA Senior Center will have adjusted hours. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

In response from the request to implement a bi-weekly payroll for all Town employees, the Board feels that Town Counsel should be consulted before the Board takes any action.

Motion # 6

Selectman Picard motioned to accept the Road Material Bids for FY 2009 as recommended by Highway Supervisor John Johnson in Memorandum dated June 25, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Goodwin, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

In a request from Building Commissioner Patrick Roche, the Board is holding on Assistant Inspector appointments until they receive fy09 budget information. Also the Board will review the request to increase the Building Permit Fee multiplier and the general fees for Electrical, Plumbing and Gas at their July 14th meeting.

Motion # 7

Selectman Goodwin motioned to appoint Retired Police Chief Thomas B. Stockwell to the position of part-time Police officer until May 2009. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Due to time constraints, the Project list will be reviewed at a later date.

137 Motion # 8

138 Chairman Fleming motioned to accept the Boston Mutual proposal to the Towns
139 Policy G-1968 to upgrade programs and increase the term coverage from \$10,000.00 to
140 \$15,000.00 for all active employees in the group at no cost to the Town or the
141 employees. This group policy improvement becomes effective July 1, 2008. Seconded
142 by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Selectman Goodwin.

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144 Selectman Picard has received the plans for the Pratt Pond fishing jetties from
145 Allen Engineering out of Mendon. This subject matter is scheduled for discussion on the
146 Board's July 14th agenda.

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148 The General Mail folder was reviewed.

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150 Motion was made by Chairman Fleming to enter into Executive Session under
151 M.G.L. Chapter 39, s.23B, Exception #3, Collective Bargaining with Teamsters Local
152 170, DPW Supervisors.

153 The Board will reconvene their regular meeting only to adjourn the regular meeting at
154 the completion of this Executive Session.

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

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157 At 6:31pm the Board reconvened.

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159 Motion # 9

160 Selectman Goodwin Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm, seconded by
161 Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

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163 Respectfully submitted,

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165 Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk

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