

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of August 25, 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 4:00pm.

Motion # 1: Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the meeting minutes of August 11, 2008, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Motion # 2: Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes (Noble Vista) of August 11, 2008, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Motion # 3: Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes (Local 3338A) of August 11, 2008, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Motion # 4: Selectman Goodwin motioned to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes (3<sup>rd</sup> water source) of August 11, 2008, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

Motion # 5: Selectman Picard motioned to decline the purchase of land located on Grove St under M.G.L. c. 61A, shown on assessor's map 25, parcel 15 consisting of 1.15+ - acres of land. Seconded by Selectman Goodwin unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

*Correspondence reviewed by the Board:*

- M.G.L. c. 61A: Grove Street Lot 1 & 2. (Motion to decline).
- Notice to Town employees from Treasurer / Collector Re: change over to bi-weekly payroll in November.
- Town Accountant Ad for the Beacon
- Copy of a letter from the Board of Assessors to Grove St resident Re: 61A roll-back tax.
- Coy of a correspondence from DEP Re: WMA Permit amendment.
- Letter of interest from resident John Sicurella to serve on the Personnel Board. **(appointed)**

- 45 • Letter of interest from resident Leslie Rabs, to serve on the Cultural Council.
- 46 **(appointed)**
- 47 • Copy of a letter to Bureau of Waste Prevention from DPW Supervisor John Johnson Re:
- 48 Compliance with non-compliance issues.
- 49 • Legal Notice Re: WRTA fares.
- 50 • Code Enforcement mileage.
- 51 • Copy of a letter Re: Special Permit: 75 High St. null and void.
- 52 • Letter from Inspector of Buildings Patrick Roche Re: 18 Elm St rehab. **(The BOS needs**
- 53 **to have further discussion regarding this structure rehab).**
- 54 • Copy of a letter to Borgatti Harrison Re: annual audit.
- 55 • RBC Account Statement.
- 56 • Pending BOS Issues

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58 After reviewing letters of interest from citizens' request to volunteer their time, the  
59 Board made the following appointments. They have held on appointments to the DPW  
60 Advisory Board at this time.

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62 Motion # 6: Selectman Picard motioned to appoint John Sicurella to serve on the  
63 Personnel Board until the annual appointments in May 2009. Seconded by Selectman  
64 Goodwin, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

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66 Motion # 7: Selectman Picard motioned to appoint Leslie Rabs, to serve on the Cultural  
67 Council for a five-year term, until May 2013. Seconded by Selectman Picard,  
68 unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

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70 The Selectmen reviewed their "Pending Issues List". One of the items discussed  
71 was the energy audit for the Town Hall. Selectman Picard noted that if the Board does  
72 not receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> audit request by next week, they will move forward with the first  
73 request and schedule accordingly. Also relative to the proposed cemetery land on the  
74 Northbridge line, the Administrative Assistant will draft a letter for the Boards review to  
75 be forwarded to the State.

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77 Confidential material reviewed:

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- 79 1. Letter dated Aug 14, 2008 Re: Appraisal.
- 80 2. Copy of a letter Re: Personnel matter
- 81 3. Memorandum dated 8/20/08 from Water & Sewer Supervisor (Personnel)

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83 The Board of Selectmen spoke of the Railroad site on Maple Ave that will come  
84 to fruition and impact every Board and Commission in Upton.

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86 Due to the resignation of Board of Health members Matthew Selby, Americo  
87 Binaco and Anthony Moncton, and receiving clearance from Town Counsel, the Board of  
88 Selectman made the following appointments.

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90 Motion # 8: Under M.G.L. Chapter 41, s. 11, Selectman Picard motioned to appoint the  
91 three candidates to the Board of Health, Marsha A. Paul, Alfred Holman and Stedman

92 Briggs until the annual appointments in May 2009. Seconded by Selectman Godwin  
93 unanimous by Chairman Fleming.  
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95 The Board of Health is posted for a meeting on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
96 at the Memorial School. Members are encouraged to get sworn in by the Town Clerk so  
97 they can participate in this meeting. Chairman Fleming thanked all three residents for  
98 coming forward to serve.  
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100 James Bates, Jr., Assistant Cub Master for the Upton Cub Scout Pack 132 came  
101 before the Board to ask permission to place signs in specific areas of Town to notify  
102 residents about the Cub Scout registration.  
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104 Motion # 9: Selectman Picard motioned to approve the request of James Bates, Jr.,  
105 Assistant Cub Master of Pack 132 dated August 25<sup>th</sup> to place four A frame style signs in  
106 the intersection of Rt. 140 & Hartford Ave, Mendon St and Rt. 140, High, School, and N.  
107 Main Streets and Elm St and Rt 140 announcing the 2009 Scout registration. These  
108 signs can be put up the weekend of August 30<sup>th</sup> and to be removed September 5<sup>th</sup>.  
109 Seconded by Selectman Goodwin, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.  
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111 Mr. Bates asked the Board about space for the annual Pinewood Derby in  
112 January. The Board made no commitment. No decision has been made at this time  
113 relative to keeping the main hall open for outside groups during the fall and winter  
114 months. The Board will revisit this once the energy audit is complete.  
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116 At 4:45pm a Motion was made by Chairman Fleming to enter into Executive  
117 Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, s.23B, Exception #3, to discuss strategy with respect  
118 to collective bargaining with Police Union Local 162.  
119 The Board will motion to adjourn their regular meeting at the completion of this  
120 Executive Session.

121 Poll taken: Robert Fleming "I" Ken Picard "I" Michael Goodwin "I"  
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123 Respectfully submitted,  
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125 Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk  
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