

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2007

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

Location: Upton Fire and EMS Headquarters, 20 Church St.

The meeting was audio taped by the Board and Jonathan Miguel, Cable TV Access Provider videotaped the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 43e in the amount of \$659,855.64 was signed.

Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 43P in the amount of \$62,553.60 was signed.
Refund Warrant No. 43r in the amount of \$7,867.56 was signed.

Motion # 1

Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 17, 2007 with minor revisions. Seconded by Selectman Paul, unanimous by Chairman Shanahan.

Selectman Fleming was proud to announce that the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women selected Chairman Joan E. Shanahan to represent Upton as the Community Unsung Heroine for 2007. She will be honored, along with 267 other women at the Massachusetts State House on May 16th. Chairman Shanahan is a wonderful asset to our Community stated Selectman Paul and noted her involvement in numerous volunteer programs. Congratulations to Joan.

Chairman Shanahan thanked State Senator Edward Augustus, Jr., for nominating her for this honor.

FYI:

⇒ RBC Dain Rauscher: Confirmation Notices.

Mail items reviewed:

1. CMMPO Meeting Notice, April 25th.
2. Thank you to Patrick Gorman for his generosity to the COA. *(The Board sent kudos to Patrick for his generosity).*
3. Upcoming events: Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

- 45 4. Copy of an Enforcement Order issued to the property owner of 19 Plumbley Rd.
46 *(Cc: DPW Director).*
- 47 5. Copy of a correspondence from Kopelman & Paige, P.C. Re: Sylvan Springs
48 Covenant.
- 49 6. Memorandum from the Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee Re: Insurance
50 premiums, Mechanic / North Street residents.
- 51 7. MMA Action *(BOS office to send a letter of response, supporting this Municipal
52 Partnership Act).*
- 53 8. Relay for Life invitation for May 18th.
- 54 9. Public Hearing May 8th Re: site plan approval: Rockwood Meadows at 7:30pm,
55 Nipmuc Regional High School.
- 56 10. Letter of concern from resident of 58A Fiske Mill Rd. *(ConCom to address the issue
57 at their meeting on April 25th).*
- 58 11. Personnel Board meeting minutes of March 26th.

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60 Selectman Fleming noted that the fifty-one Article Warrant for the Annual Town
61 Meeting on May 7, 2007 would be an insert this week in the local Town Crier
62 newspaper. The Board stressed the important issues on the Warrant, including a Town
63 Manager position By-Law changes and financial matters.

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65 The Board inquired as to the status of the Grant Writer position that is to be
66 advertised in the Beacon. This ad is to be placed as soon as possible. Chairman
67 Shanahan will follow up with the Administrative Assistant, Jim Bates.

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69 The Selectmen has requested that a letter be sent out this week to all Elected
70 Departments, asking for members to volunteer and serve on the Long Term Funding
71 Committee.

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73 The fifty-one Article Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2007 was read
74 aloud by the Board.

75 In reference to the Special Town Meeting May 7th at 6:30pm, the Board reviewed,
76 signed and read aloud the eight-Article Warrant that is to be presented to the citizens.

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78 For the purpose of reviewing the amendments to the proposed Zoning By-Laws, the
79 Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing for this evening, April 24th.

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81 Chairman Shanahan reminded the Citizens that this Sunday, April 29th is the
82 Loyalty Day parade. The procession is scheduled to begin at 12:45pm from the
83 Memorial school.

84 Also the Council on Aging is hosting this year's Candidates night on Thursday,
85 May 3rd at Nipmuc Middle/High School from 7:00-9:00pm.

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87 The Board recognized Real Estate agent Jeanne Leombruno of WestHill
88 Properties. She has received offers on the Orchard Street lots, which she will present
89 this evening to the Board.

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Motion # 2

At 8:07pm Selectmen Fleming motioned to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, S. 23B, exception #6. To consider the purchase or value of real property if such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Governmental body. Seconded by Selectman Paul, unanimous by Chairman Shanahan.

The Board will reconvene their regular meeting after the Executive Session.
Poll taken: Joan Shanahan "I", Marsha Paul "I", Robert Fleming "I".

At 8:35pm the Board of Selectmen reconvened their regular meeting.

Motion # 3

After having a discussion with Realtor Jeanne Leombruno of West Hill properties Selectman Fleming motioned to accept the \$180,000.00 Offer to Purchase of lot 4 Orchard Street. Seconded by Selectman Paul, unanimous by Chairman Shanahan.

The Board thanked Ms. Leombruno for her hard work in marketing these lots on Orchard St.

Selectman Fleming commented that the proceeds would be applied to pay down the Town's debt.

Motion # 4

Selectman Fleming motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Seconded by Selectman Paul, unanimous by Chairman Shanahan.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk