

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2007

**Present:** Chairman Marsha A. Paul, Selectman Kenneth E. Picard and Administrative Clerk Karen L. Varney, (Selectman Robert J. Fleming was not present).

**Location:** Upton Town Hall, 1 Main Street

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

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

Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 50e in the amount of \$43,756.03 was signed. Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 50P in the amount of \$58,850.82 was signed.

**Motion # 1**

Selectman Picard motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 5, 2007 as corrected, majority vote by Chairman Paul.

The Fire & EMS Management Study & Implementation Committee Mission Statement was reviewed and approved by the Board for distribution. At the Selectmen's meeting last week, the Committee was formed by appointing six members to this seven-member Committee leaving one vacancy. It is the desire of the Board to have more membership from the community at large, versus the Department members. Letters of interest were received and reviewed and as a result, the following appointment was made.

**Motion # 2**

Selectman Picard motioned to appoint Don Arthur to the Fire & EMS Management Study & Implementation Committee. Majority vote: Chairman Paul.

**Motion # 3**

Selectman Picard motioned to accept the Mission Statement as submitted by Selectman Fleming for the Fire/EMS Management Study & Implementation Committee. Majority vote: Chairman Paul.

Historical Commission Chairperson Barbara Burke came before the Board to update them on 18 Elm Street (Town owned property). Ms. Burke was unable to attend the meeting yesterday, but told the Board that seven people attended the site walk and

45 could see the vision for the park. Noting disappointment with the failed State grant  
46 however the Commission hopes to apply for the grant again with modifications.

47 In regards to the removal of the structure on the property, Ms. Burke stated that  
48 State Senator Ed Augustus has offered his help. At the Commission's meeting on May  
49 24<sup>th</sup> a Sub-Committee of the Historical Commission was set-up.

50 Ms. Burke received a copy of a letter from the Massachusetts Historical  
51 Commission in reference to the Stone Chamber that is located on this property and  
52 included in the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth.  
53 The Mass Historical Commission has asked that no further archaeological investigation  
54 be continued and to provide the Commission with records of the Towns investigation  
55 including any samples recovered. Ms. Burke sends frequent emails to her Liaison  
56 Chairman Paul to keep her updated. Chairman Paul stressed the need for volunteers to  
57 help with this proposed park and thanked Ms. Burke for her time and effort.

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59 The Board will continue with the remainder of the annual appointments at their  
60 June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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62 As the Liaison, Selectman Paul will be attending the Water/Wastewater advisory  
63 Committee meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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65 Chairman Paul confirmed that last week the Board has come to an agreement  
66 with Fred Ruland, Noble Vista LLC. A letter was drafted and will be sent to Mr. Ruland.  
67 The next process will be the approval from Mass Housing or DHCD. Then a public  
68 hearing will be held by the ZBA for the final decision.

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70 *Confidential material reviewed:*

- 71 ⇒ Letter dated June 7, 2007 from DPW employee. (Chairman Paul to address).
- 72 ⇒ Time off request from a Department Manager. (signed off by the Department's Liaison  
73 Selectman Picard).
- 74 ⇒ Email from Attorney Jay Talerman Re: Procedural steps: Settlement Agreement,  
75 (Noble Vista, LLC). (See Director Soma's email dated 6/5/07).
- 76 ⇒ Memorandum from Director Soma Re: Vacation time carryover. (this request was  
77 denied by the Board noting the Town's By-laws).

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79 *Motion # 4*

80 Chairman Paul motioned to lift the probationary period of DPW employee Steve  
81 Bosma as recommended by DPW Director Soma to a full-time regular employee status  
82 (at the Union Contract rate) effective today, (June 12<sup>th</sup>) Majority vote by Selectman  
83 Picard. It was noted that no retroactive pay be made.

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85 *FYI reviewed:*

- 86 ⇒ Memorandum from Chief Stockwell Re: Transfer of funds. (BOS approved)
- 87 ⇒ Re: Grant Writer: Four responses to date.
- 88 ⇒ Email from John Robertson Re: Construction Workshop.
- 89 ⇒ Email re: traffic light issue at the intersection of Pleasant & Maple Ave.

- 90 ⇒ Letter from Cable Advisory Committee and Chairperson Glenn Fowler Re:
- 91 Charter Communications. (*Copied to J. Miguel*)
- 92 ⇒ National Bridge Inspection Reports (copied to Director Soma).
- 93 ⇒ Water / Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting notice for June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 94 ⇒ The Beacon (see Grant Writer ad pg 19)

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96 The Grant writer ad was published in the June issue of the Beacon. Once all  
97 applications come in, the Board will make a decision. Selectman Picard noted he  
98 received an email from Steve Wallace of the CMRP noting his interest to serve the  
99 Town in this capacity.

100 The Board reviewed an email from Library Trustee John Robertson in reference  
101 to a Construction Workshop he and Library Director Matthew Bachtold recently  
102 attended. This workshop updated the attendees on the area Towns status of State  
103 Grants. He noted that the amount of the grants to the towns increased by 15%. Upton  
104 would receive \$2,755,392.00 and is number 13 on the waiting list.

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106 At last weeks meeting, Chairman Paul read the list of scholarship recipients and  
107 apologized for not naming two students who received the Ella Whiteny Risteen  
108 Scholarship, Perry S. Rosenfield and Whitney C. Loeper.

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110 The Board reviewed the general mail folder and had a brief discussion relative to  
111 40B and LIP projects.

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113 The Administrative Assistant James Bates completed the final letter to Mr.  
114 Ruland, Noble Vista LLC and presented it to the Board for their signatures.

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116 Chairman Paul thanked Chief Bradford for his exceptional back-up report he  
117 submitted to the Board regarding the sprinkler issue at the Noble Vista project.

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119 Selectman Picard spoke of the Open Space and Recreation Plan that needs to  
120 be submitted to the State for approval. Chairman Paul will contact Mike Penko to  
121 discuss. The Liaison; Selectman Fleming is not available this week.

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123 ***Motion # 5***

124 Selectman Picard motioned to approve payment of statement no. 70034 in the  
125 amount of \$3,139.15. Majority vote: by Chairman Paul.

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127 Before reading the 7 Article Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>,  
128 Chairman Paul urged all residents to attend to insure that a quorum is met, and  
129 stressed the importance of this clean up meeting. The Articles were read aloud.

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131 ***Motion # 6***

132 Selectman Picard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm Majority vote by  
133 Chairman Paul.

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135 Respectfully submitted, Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk

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