

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2007

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

Location: Upton Town Hall, main floor, 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 7:35pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Selectman Paul noted to the community that the Board is on their summer meeting schedule and therefore will not be meeting next week. The next scheduled meeting is posted for July 10, 2007.

The Board held on approving the Meeting minutes of May 29th and June 19th until Selectman Fleming has had a chance to review them.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 52e in the amount of \$35,962.73 was signed.
Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 52P in the amount of \$73,163.65 was signed.
Refund Warrant No. 52r in the amount of \$2,858.94 was signed.

Mr. Dick Desjardins was scheduled to give a summary of the Mass Electric pole status to the Board this evening, however this will be rescheduled to another date.

Confidential Material reviewed:

- ⇒ Correspondence from K&P Re: Governor's Landing
- ⇒ Copy of a letter to EMS Director Brian Kemp dated June 7th (the Board would like to review the previous letter sent to Director Kemp).
- ⇒ Petition: B. Perry (see also letter from Town Counsel dated June 12, 2007)

FYI's Reviewed:

- ⇒ Noble Vista, LLC Motion to reconsider ruling.
- ⇒ RBC Dain Rauscher account statement (May 1-31).
- ⇒ RBC Confirmation notices Re: Transactions (additional transactions on file in the BOS office)

- 45 ⇒ Memorandum from Town Clerk Kelly McElreath Re: Local Community Housing
46 Partnership Committee (LCHPC) (Selectman Picard will serve on this Committee until
47 someone steps forward).
- 48 ⇒ Email from Steve Wallace Re: Grants (*Meeting was set up with Mr. Wallace for July 10th*
49 *Grant writer applicants will be called for interviews*).
- 50 ⇒ Request from Comcast Cable who is sponsoring a charity Motorcycle Ride
51 through Upton into Shrewsbury. (Approved by the BOS. Copied to Chief Stockwell for his
52 input).
- 53 ⇒ Correspondence from Tata & Howard dated June 12th Re: Water Conservation
54 Grant Program.
- 55 ⇒ Memorandum from Director Soma (*A meeting will be set up with Director Soma*)
- 56 1. Dated June 11th Re: Amendment No 3, Mechanic & North St water main &
57 Booster Pump Station.
 - 58 2. Bond Reduction (*Per BOS, hold in place for 1 year*).
 - 59 3. Pearl Street Water Tank (*ok to release funds if approved by Director Soma*).
- 60 ⇒ Town Manager Assessment Committee's 1st meeting, Thursday, June 28th
- 61 ⇒ Code Enforcement Dept. Inspectors: May Mileage Sheets.
- 62 ⇒ Copy of a memorandum from Planning Board to the Town Clerk Re: Proposed
63 Open Space Residential Development Zoning Bylaw.
- 64 ⇒ Appointment by the Planning Board to the LCHPC Anthony Cervassi.
- 65 ⇒ Copy of an Email from Fred Ruland to the DEP Re: Shining Rock. (*Chris Scott*
66 *overseeing the matter*).

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68 In the discussion relative to grants etc, Chairman Paul informed the Board that she
69 is volunteering to serve on the Enterprise Fund Committee and has collected the names
70 of three individuals who also expressed an interest in volunteering. This Committee will
71 be formed at the Board's meeting on July 10th.

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73 Chairman Paul noted the correspondence from Tata & Howard in reference to
74 the Water Conservation Grant Program and asked that the office follow up with Director
75 Soma and Mr. SanSouci in submitting this application by July 18th. The Board will
76 provide the necessary help if needed.

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78 Jim Bates, Jr., Aquatic Weed Control Committee member, came before the
79 Board to give them an update of the status of the Pratt Pond, water weeds control and
80 shore line overgrowth. Mr. Bates stated his Committee has no funding for this purpose
81 and has stressed to the Board the importance of treating at least the targeted areas of
82 the Pond. A proposal of just over \$3,500.00 was submitted and Mr. Bates inquired
83 about financial consideration. Selectman Picard asked if the Committee has a long-term
84 plan? Mr. Bates answered no, but mentioned a process of a "draw down". Chairman
85 Paul said she stated earlier in the year that she would find funding for this purpose and
86 therefore asked for a motion.

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88 **Motion # 1**

89 Selectman Picard motioned to approve funding for the purpose of weed control at
90 Pratt Pond from the appropriate Risteen fund in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
91 Majority vote of the Board by Chairman Paul.

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93 Selectman Picard suggested adding a line item perhaps within the DPW / Parks
94 budget. He continued by saying he had a conversation with Chief Stockwell relative to
95 the shoreline vegetation that is taking over. It was discussed that possibly the Parks
96 Department, Conservation Commission and Mr. Bates, meet to discuss ways to remove
97 this vegetation.

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99 Chairman Paul commented on the Playground Dedication Ceremony that took
100 place for Moe Capistran Sunday, and the great picture featured in the Tuesday addition
101 of the Milford Daily news.

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103 Mail packet reviewed.

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105 The Board spoke of scheduling the Town Meetings in advance (every quarter) for
106 better planning thus working around each Departments schedule. This will make the
107 submittal of Articles more efficient. Selectman Picard suggested perhaps a theme for
108 the (Articles) Town Meetings. The Administrative Clerk will work on a proposal
109 contacting the necessary parties, i.e., Town Clerk, Moderator and Finance Committee.

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111 Reminders:

112 ⇒ *No Selectmen's meeting next week. Next scheduled meeting: July 10th.*

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115 **Motion # 2**

116 Selectman Picard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Majority vote by
117 Chairman Paul.

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119 Respectfully submitted,

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121 Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk

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