

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2007

Location: Upton Town Hall, main floor, 1 Main Street
Present: Chairman Marsha A. Paul, Selectman Robert J. Fleming, Selectman Kenneth E. Picard and Administrative Clerk Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

At 6:31pm, Chairman Paul motioned to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, section 23B exception #2. Seconded by Selectman Fleming, unanimous by Selectman Picard.

Poll taken: Marsha Paul "I", Robert Fleming "I", Ken Picard "I".

After completion of the Executive Session, the Board will reconvene their regular meeting.

At 7:15m the Board reconvened their regular meeting.

At 7:16pm Chairman Paul gavelled to enter into another Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, s. 23B, exception #3

Poll taken: Marsha Paul "I", Robert Fleming "I", Ken Picard "I".

7:32pm, the Board reconvened their regular meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Videotaping provided by Jonathan Miguel, Cable TV Access Provider.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 22e in the amount of \$874,613.11 was signed.

Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 22P in the amount of \$122,444.15 was signed.

Refund Warrant No. 22r in the amount of \$1,921.15 was signed.

At 7:40pm Chairman Paul opened the Class II Transfer Hearing for Arnaud Goulette, Upton Truck & Auto, 90 Main Street. Mr. Goulette was asked to come to the table and voice his request for a transfer. He noted improvements he has already made to the structure and noted is intention of having 40 to 60 cars for sale with 25 of those vehicles out in the front parking lot.

Selectman Fleming voiced is concern with 40 to 60 cars on the property at one time for sale. The current license states no more than 18 vehicles to be parked out front

45 and storage of no more than 50 vehicles total. Property abutters attended the hearing
46 specifically owners of 87 Main St, 89 Main St and 100 Main St who voiced their
47 concerns about lighting, banners, flags, the number of vehicles and disturbance on the
48 property. Also a concern is a trailer and a van that is being stored on the property, which
49 creates an eyesore. Selectman Fleming said the Board could incorporate language into
50 the license specifically stating no storage of unlicensed vehicles and no lights after 9pm,
51 no free standing signs. Also the Board had a discussion relative to fencing on the
52 property. The Board agreed to take the request for this transfer under advisement.

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54 **Motion # 1**

55 Chairman Paul motioned to continue the Class II License Hearing to December
56 11, 2007 at 7:40pm, seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Selectman Fleming.

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58 The Board asked for a copy of the owner's hazardous waste contract for the next
59 meeting.

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61 The Board of Selectmen was pleased to welcome the original founders of the
62 Upton's Men's Club, Alan Rosenfield, Rick Binaco and Bill McCormick. Current
63 President of the Men's Club Scott Oglesby was happy to announce the Club's tenth-
64 year anniversary. A representative from Senator Edward Augustus's office, Ed
65 Washburn presented a Citation to the Club Members for their many community
66 contributions, also Representative George Peterson, who was unable to attend, sent
67 congratulations and a certificate to the Members. The Members stressed the need for
68 community projects. Anyone interested in joining the Men's Club can do so by attending
69 one of their meetings. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at the Rose
70 Garden, 2nd floor function room.

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72 The Board discussed the Holiday lighting at the Town Common that will take
73 place next weekend and the need for funds to purchase additional decorations.

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75 **Motion # 2**

76 Chairman Paul motioned to approve up to \$2,000 for the annual holiday lighting
77 expense, coming from the Ella Whitney Risteen Claus D (Beautification) fund.
78 Seconded by Selectman Fleming, unanimous by Selectman Picard.

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80 Discussion relative to the continued dog complains at 57 South St. Selectman
81 Picard stated that the conditions that were set forth to Mr. Perry have not been met and
82 the need to follow through and take action. Selectman Fleming agrees noting the Board
83 needs to speak with the Dog Officer, Kate Hawkins relative to a plan. The Administrative
84 Clerk will contact Ms. Hawkins and scheduled a time she can come to a Selectmen's
85 meeting.

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87 Relative to fee structures set by Departments the Board again asked that the
88 DPW Department forward a comparative list of fees from surrounding Towns for water
89 rates for their review.

91 **Motion # 3**

92 Selectman Fleming Motioned, as recommended by Chief Stockwell, the
93 appointment of Carl E. Hartwick to the position of full-time Communication Officer
94 effective immediately at a contractual annual salary of \$35,245.00 and Roberta L.
95 Lamothe to the position of part-time Communication Officer effective immediately at a
96 non contractual hourly rate of \$16.15 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Picard,
97 unanimous by Chairman Paul.

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99 *FYI:*

- 100 Incident Report (Dog Barking complaint: 57 South St)
- 101 Memorandum from Administrative Clerk Re: Annual Fees.
- 102 Motion to appoint the following as recommended by Chief Stockwell:
 - 103 1. *Carl E. Hartwick* to the position of F/T Communication Officer effective
 - 104 immediately at a contractual annual salary of \$35,245.00.
 - 105 2. *Roberta L. Lamothe* to the position of P/T Communication Officer effective
 - 106 immediately at a no contractual hourly rate of \$16.15.

107 *Mail:*

- 108 1. Request permission to place display signs for M-U Lacrosse registration.
109 (Approved)
- 110 2. Email from Associate Director of Student Services, Conway School of Landscape
111 Design Re: Town Projects for the students. (Forwarded to Open Space Committee)
- 112 3. Memorandum to Municipal Clients Re: CPA funds.

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114 **Motion # 4**

115 Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the request of the M-U Lacrosse
116 Association to display signs from December 2nd - 14th at five locations throughout Upton
117 to advertise lacrosse registration. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by
118 Chairman Paul.

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120 Relative to the Town Manager Assessment Committee, Selectman Fleming said
121 he would investigate the possibility of the Committee coming in for a public
122 presentation.

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124 The Board reviewed the appropriation Summary report. Selectman Fleming will
125 speak with DPW Director Soma relative to the DPW appropriations. The Warrant
126 Articles for the Special Town Meeting on December 4th were reviewed and the one
127 Article Warrant for the STM December 20th was signed.

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129 Discussion on an internal reposting for the Position of Police Chief was
130 discussed. Selectman Fleming will be meeting with the Personnel Board on Thursday.
131 Chairman Paul feels that a Search Committee is set up. Selectman Fleming asked if
132 anyone was interested to send a letter of intent to the Board.

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134 Reminder: The Upton Development Group will conduct a public forum tomorrow,
135 Wednesday, November 28th at the Town Hall to answer any questions or concerns the
136 public may have with the Maple Ave development.

138 **Motion # 5**

139 Selectman Picard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Seconded by
140 Chairman Paul, unanimous by Selectman Fleming.

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142 Respectfully submitted,

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144 Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk

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