

**Town of Uxbridge Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes-Regular Session
September 11, 2006**

Roll call

The following persons were present: Chairman Julie Woods, Vice Chair Arthur DuBois, Clerk Dan Stack, Sel. Jim Dwyer, Sel. Kevin Kuros, Town Manager Jill Myers, and BOS Assistant Joseph Smith.

Call to order

Chairman Woods called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

• **Announcements**

- o Chm. Woods noted the later start time of the meeting was due to the Board's participation in the 9/11 memorial service at Town Common. A moment of silence followed the start of the meeting.
- o Chm. Woods read from a statement prepared by the Board of Health regarding Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). The statement is attached to these minutes.

ACTION ITEM: Add statement to the website

- o Mike Potaski, Chairman of the Board of Registrars, announced his resignation from the Chairmanship in an e-mail to Holly Gallerani, Town Clerk.
- o A new survey has been posted by the Website Committee to the Town Website. The survey is to help the committee better design the site with features that the citizens and site users are looking for.
- **Citizens Forum**
 - o No citizen's were present to address the Board this evening.
 - o **MSDV by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Stack, recess Selectmen meeting and open hearing of Water & Sewer Commission. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - o **MSDV by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Stack, to come out of recess of the Board of Selectmen.**

New Business Items:

- **Gravel Permit Reissue:** Rachel Landry, Conservation Administrator, addressed the Board regarding the reissue of Gravel Permit #71. Per the attached documentation reflecting Bylaw X, Rachel is recommending approval of the gravel permit without public hearing.
 - o **MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Dwyer to renew Gravel Permit #71. Sel. Kuros reiterated his previous concerns regarding the reissue of permits without a Public Hearing even though the Bylaw provides for this option. [4-1-0] the motion passed with Sel. Kuros voting in opposition for consistency purposes.**
- **M.G.L. c. 32:** Kevin Walsh addressed the Board regarding the conversion to Medicare Health Benefits for Town retirees. The staff is conducting a review of the health insurance plans for fiscal year 2008 and the savings with this conversion could be over \$100,000 annually according to the data provided by Mr. Walsh. Mr. Walsh's presentation is made a part of these minutes. Sel. Kuros commented that if the Board should choose to bring this plan to the Town for a vote,

every effort should be made to inform those affected by the change. Mr. Genereux reminded the Board of the problems faced in balancing the annual budget and that health benefit expenses are one of the hardest expenses to balance out. If this program could realize a substantial savings to the Town then it should be fully explored in his opinion. Sel. Dwyer asked if there would be sufficient time to present this on the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Myers responded that there would be sufficient time to educate those affected and bring the plan to the Town for a vote.

Town Manager Report

- The Town Manager presented a written report to the Board of Selectmen. A copy of this report is added to these minutes.

Old Business

- Primary Election warrant: The Board reviewed the revised warrant from the Town Clerk's office.
 - **MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Dwyer to sign the Election warrant. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed the draft of the FATM warrant dated 9/18/06 provided by the Town Manager and discussed the process of who would sponsor the various articles.
 - **MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. DuBois to sponsor Articles N and O and invite the Planning Board to act as a Co-sponsor. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - **MSDV by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer to split Article P into two separate Articles. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - **MSDV by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer to authorize the Town Manager to have the Board of Selectmen sponsor any street acceptances. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - **MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Dwyer, in order to ensure Charter compliance, to allow the Town Manager to monitor any further Article additions and call for a Special meeting if necessary. The motion passed unanimously.**

New Business-continued

- Permit Streamlining: Ms. Myers reviewed section 11 of the act relative to Permit Streamlining & Expedited Permitting in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- CMMPO Designate: The Board discussed the memorandum issued by the CMMPO requesting a designate be selected to sit on the committee.
 - **MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. Kuros to appoint Chairman Julie Woods to the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO). The motion passed unanimously.**

Consent Items

- Meeting Minutes from 8/25/06 and 8/28/06: Given the late hour, the Board tabled approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

Correspondence/Other Business

Executive Session

- With no other business before them, at 11:15 p.m., the Board moved to go into Executive Session for the purposes noted.
 - **MSDV by Sel. Stack, seconded by Sel. DuBois, to go into Executive Session. RCV: Stack-aye, DuBois-aye, Woods-aye, Kuros-aye, Dwyer-aye. The motion passed unanimously.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joseph Smith, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen
Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:

Chairman Julie A. Woods

Selectmen James F. Dwyer

V. Chairman Arthur O. DuBois

Selectmen Kevin J. Kuros

Clerk Daniel P. Stack

MSDV: Moved, Seconded, Discussed & Voted
RCV: Roll Call Vote