

**Board of Selectmen Minutes-Regular Session  
November 13, 2006**

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**

Chm. Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Cub Scout Pack attendance**

Bobby Lizotte, Jordan Cornell, Andrew Finn, Daniel Gniadek, Casey Dionne, and Den Leader Betty Dionne from local Cub Scout Pack 22 in Den 6 attended the Board meeting as part of their service to community learning. The scouts led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements**

Dispatcher Commendation presentation by the Police Chief and the Board of Selectmen to Kristen Vaidya; Blackstone Valley Education Foundation presents its Back-to-School Day on December 6, 2006; Sel. Stack attended a Veteran's Day program with School Committee Chairman Esposito; Chm. Woods thanked all those involved for a very successful Veteran's Day parade.

**Citizen's Forum**

Chm. Woods opened Citizen's Forum at 7:06 p.m.

- Charlie Brundage came before the Board to note the finalization of the transfer of the Happy Hollow Schoolhouse for the Town. Mr. Brundage presented the Board with the recorded deed to the property and commended local Attorney Joseph Cove on the hard work that he performed in completing the transfer. He suggested that Attorney Cove be compensated in part for the work his firm completed.

Chm. Woods closed Citizen's Forum at 7:10 p.m.

**Public Hearings/Appointments**

**Joint meeting with School Committee**

At 7:13 p.m. the Chair of the School Committee Ernie Esposito called a joint meeting of the School Committee with the Board of Selectmen to order for the business of appointing a School Committee member to replace Dr. Tim Smith who resigned his position. John Higgins is the sole candidate seeking the appointment to the Committee to replace Dr. Smith. The appointment will run until the Town elections in May 2007.

- **MSDV by Sel. Stack, seconded by School Committee Member Peter Baghdasarian to appoint John Higgins to the School Committee to fill the position vacated by Dr. Smith until the end of the term in May 2007. The motion passed unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee with all members in attendance.**

**Street Acceptances & Layout<sup>1</sup>**

Paul Donoughe, 11 Spinning Wheel Drive, addressed the Board regarding a concern with the acceptance of Spinning Wheel Drive by the Town at the Fall Annual Town Meeting. A detention basin near his

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<sup>1</sup> Note: Subsequent action by the BOS occurred on 11/21/06, prior to the Fall Annual Town Meeting the same night

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property is giving him a cause for concern and he is questioning the engineering of the basin. Mr. Donoughe went before the Planning Board with his concerns and was informed that any action to correct deficiencies in the basin would be his responsibility as the basin is located on his property. Chm. Woods indicated the Board would go forward with laying out the street acceptances in preparation for the Town Meeting and suggested that the Town Manager touch base with the DPW and the Planning Board for feedback on the issues raised by Mr. Donoughe.

- A. Move that Cotton Mill Way is to be accepted in its entirety referencing a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Cotton Mill Way, by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., dated October 4, 2001, stamped by Frank R. Pirrello, Jr. on 8/17/2006"; **Motion by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- B. Move that Crownshield Avenue is to be accepted from station 0+00 to station 29+98.64, referencing a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Crownshield Avenue' by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., dated October 4, 2001, stamped by Frank R. Pirrello, Jr. on 8/17/2006"; **Motion by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- C. Move that Spinning Wheel Drive is to be accepted in its entirety referencing a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Spinning Wheel Drive by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., dated December 8, 1998, stamped by Frank R. Pirrello, Jr. on 8/17/2006"; **Motion by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer. The motion passed [4-1-0], Sel. Stack-nay.**
  
- D. Move that Serenity Drive is to be accepted in its entirety referencing a plan entitled "Peaceful Hollow Road Acceptance Plan of Serenity Drive by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., dated June 01, 2005, stamped by John R. Andrews, III"; **Motion by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- E. Move that Church Street is to be accepted from station 0+00 to station 9+96.35, referencing a plan entitled "Canterbury Hills Road Acceptance Plan of Church Street & Lake Street, dated April 12, 2006, by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., stamped by John R. Andrews III on 11/1/06"; **Motion by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- F. Move that Lake Street is to be accepted from station 9+96.35 to station 21+98.76, referencing a plan entitled "Canterbury Hills Road Acceptance Plan of Church Street & Lake Street, dated April 12, 2006, by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., stamped by John R. Andrews III on 11/1/06"; **Motion by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- G. Move that Southwoods Drive is to be accepted in its entirety referencing a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plan for Southwoods Estates by Yerka Engineering LLC, dated May 3, 2006, stamped by David G. Greenhalgh on 9/11/06"; **Motion by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- H. Move that Arnold Way is to be accepted in its entirety referencing a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plan for Southwoods Estates by Yerka Engineering LLC, dated May 3, 2006, stamped by David G. Greenhalgh on 9/11/06"; **Motion by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.** and

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I. Big Rock Road - No motion [no motion - at the request of the applicant.]

One Day Alcohol License

Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is seeking approval for a One-day Alcohol License for a Game Supper on January 20, 2007. Public Safety has reviewed the request and has filed no objections.

- **MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Dwyer to approve the One-day Alcohol License request for the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Town Manager Report**

Ms. Myers reported that the Special Town Meeting that was scheduled within the Fall Annual Town Meeting is being cancelled due to a procedural flaw with Voter Registration. A new meeting date will be planned as soon as administratively feasible. The Town Manager's report is added to the minutes.

**Old Business**

Statement of Interest

John Higgins and Gene O'Rourke addressed the Board to review the SOI final draft. Chm. of the School Committee Esposito commended the members of the School Building Committee and the Town Manager's staff. He reported that the School Committee voted 5-1 in favor of submitting the SOI forward and Mr. Esposito asked for the Board's support.

- **MSDV by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. DuBois to approve the Statement of Interest dated 11/9/2006. The motion passed [4-0-1]. Sel. Dwyer abstained.**

Insurance Advisory Committee report

William Kessler addressed the Board on the proposed acceptance of M.G.L. Ch 32b, §18. The IAC met with benefits consultant Kevin Walsh, the Finance Director, and Town Manager recently to discuss their reservations regarding the Town Meeting Article 11 that addresses this proposal. The IAC is asking that the Board defer action on Article 11 until a comprehensive review of the health benefit offerings may be studied by the IAC and the Town Administration.

FATM Warrant review

The Board reviewed the warrant draft with the Town Manager and voted their support on several of the articles:

- **MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. DuBois, to pass over action on Article 11 (acceptance of M.G.L. Ch. 32b § 18.) and bring the matter forward to a future Town Meeting, special or annual. Discussion followed regarding the loss of potential savings to the Town. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **MS by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Stack to support Article 12 (Fees on Municipal Lien Certificates). Discussion followed regarding the current fee being charged and it was recommended that the new fee not be changed excessively. The motion passed [3-2-0]. Sel. Dwyer-nay, Sel. Kuros-nay.**

Sutton Street Entrance

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Mason Seagrave addressed the Board regarding the proposed movement of an existing stone wall on Sutton Street near the athletic fields. Ms. Myers noted commentary received from Senator Moore regarding the location in question.

- **MSDV by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. Stack to approve the widening of the Sutton Street Property under the direction of the DPW Superintendent and the Recreation Committee Chair. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjournment**

- **MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. DuBois to hold a special meeting on 11/20/06 to finish the regular session items that were not covered due to the late hour. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Session**

At 10:02 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session:

- **MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. DuBois to enter into Executive #3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, non-contractual employee negotiations, or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the governmental body; and #6-Consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body.**

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

Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:

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Chairman Julie A. Woods

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Sel. James F. Dwyer

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V. Chairman Arthur O. DuBois

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Sel. Kevin J. Kuros

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Clerk Daniel P. Stack

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