

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chm. Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Chair Julie Woods, Vice Chair Arthur DuBois, Clerk Dan Stack, Sel. Jim Dwyer, Sel. Kevin Kuros, Town Manager Jill Myers, and Finance Director David Genereux.

Lavalle Property Acquisition: Purchase and Sale Agreement - review and execution of the

P&S: Ms. Myers briefed the Board on the information presented and mentioned that one of the last outstanding items is the endangered habitat of the dragonfly. Ms. Myers referred to a memo from Mr. Anderson of Heritage Design Group, stating that the dragonfly habitat will have little to no impact on the parcel as it is conceptually designed at this point. Mr. Anderson addressed the Board and made them aware that the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's standard protocol would be to maintain 400 ft. of the wetlands. Mr. Anderson believes that if they were to maintain the full 400 ft., the only adverse impact it would have on the proposed school facility would be the tennis courts needing to be relocated and ultimately slide the track and field over just a little. He also noted that the access road clips just a corner of the 400 ft. as well. Mr. Anderson believes after further study the 400 ft. could be reduced.

MSDV by Sel. Kuros, seconded by Sel. DuBois, to sign the Purchase and Sales agreement dated March 5th between the Town of Uxbridge and David A. Lavallee, Robin G. Lavallee, Albert Lavallee and Claire Lavalle. The motion passed 4-0-1. Sel. Dwyer abstained. An official copy of Mr. Dwyer's comments is attached to the minutes.

FY2008 Budget – Town Manager's Discussion/Consultation (submittal due 3/9/07):

Ms. Myers stated that per the Charter, the Town Manager has to submit a budget recommendation 60 days prior to Town Meeting. Ms. Myers must provide this by March 9, 2007. She informed the Board that both she and Mr. Genereux worked hard to put together a responsible budget strategy. At first pass with department requests, the deficit was \$3 million but after fine tuning the budget, the deficit has been reduced to \$1.898 million. Ms. Myers and Mr. Genereux provided a power point presentation to show a glimpse of where we are as well as a history of how we got there. A copy of the presentation is attached. Sel. DuBois asked for an analysis of everything that contributes to free cash. Sel. Kuros said that if we can expect a \$400,000 turn back, then we should take it out of the budget and show a \$1.4 million deficit rather than a \$1.8 million. The Selectmen also mentioned having shared services with our neighboring towns to reduce our costs and ultimately reduce the deficit. Mr. Genereux stated that we will meet Charter requirements but this will not be the last version of the budget. The Board, Ms. Myers and Mr. Genereux agreed another discussion is needed when more information is available. No action was taken.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles (warrant closes on 3/9/07):

Ms. Myers stated that two articles are being proposed for the BOS to sponsor. She informed the Board that she forwarded articles that the Board already approved to Town Counsel for final review and hopefully they will have a warrant to sign at the BOS meeting 3/12/07. The first article being

proposed is about the capital improvement program and projects; To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds, including funds previously appropriated to other uses, a sum or sums of money to accounts for capital projects to be specified at the Spring Annual Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto or thereon. SPONSOR: Town Manager. The second article is from the Council on Aging to pave the parking lot; To raise and appropriate (a sum of money) to pave the Senior Center parking lot. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Kuros, that #6 and #19 be added as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:15 p.m., with no other business before them, the Board adjourned

MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Stack, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Tracy Leavitt, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen*

Minutes approved by Board of Selectmen:

Chairman Julie A. Woods

Sel. James F. Dwyer

V. Chairman Arthur O. DuBois

Sel. Kevin J. Kuros

Clerk Daniel P. Stack

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