

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 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 BOS Assistant Tracy Leavitt.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Citizens Police Academy, Uxbridge Firefighter recognition, State Local Aide Seminar with Senator Moore.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

No one wished to address the Board.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

Uxbridge P.T.O. 1-Day Alcohol License

**MSDV by Sel. Dwyer, seconded by Sel. Stack, to approve the license application. The motion passed unanimously.**

Annual Town Election Ballot and Recruitment of Poll Workers: Town Clerk Joseph Kaplan spoke concerning the upcoming Town election on May 22, 2007. He informed the Board that he is seeking to recruit 6-12 more poll workers. Mr. Kaplan also asked the Board to formally notify him as to whether or not the School Committee and Housing Authority vacancies should be placed on the ballot. Mr. Kaplan also spoke concerning a question on the ballot that would ask the voters to amend Article 3, Section 6 of the Home Rule Charter as follows: Board of Library Trustees (a) Composition, Term of Office: change "five" to "six", remove "as nearly" and remove "as possible".

**MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Stack, that the vacancies that are reflected in items 1-4 on the memo from the Town Clerk dated February 26th be articulated in a letter by the Chairman asking that the Town Clerk include these on the ballot for the May election. The motion passed unanimously.**

***ACTION ITEM: A letter will be sent to the Town Clerk requesting that the vacancies be added to the ballot.***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 7:13 p.m., motion by Chm. Woods to enter into Executive Session with Regular Session to follow, to 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. RCV: Woods – aye, DuBois – aye, Stack – aye, Dwyer – aye, Kuros – aye.**

**At 7:25 p.m., motion by Chm. Woods to end Executive Session and enter back into Regular Session. RCV: Woods – aye, DuBois – aye, Stack – aye, Dwyer – aye, Kuros – aye.**

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Ms. Myers reviewed sections of her written report. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

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***ACTION ITEM: An agenda item will be added to the next BOS meeting to discuss an RFP for Town Counsel services.***

**OLD BUSINESS**

Inspectional Fee Adjustments - Electrical and Plumbing: Electrical Inspector Romeo Ethier addressed the Board and asked them to adjust the rates to include a \$25 fee for each additional sub panel, \$25 for each additional meter and finally a \$10 increase per inspection of a new home; \$140 to \$150. Mr. Ethier spoke regarding commercial inspections and how a thorough job requires many extra hours. He noticed that in FY05, the Town of Uxbridge collected \$139,746 for electrical permit fees. He requested consideration of a salary increase as he currently earns 16k/year with no set number of hours. Plumbing and Gas Inspector Peter Harper asked the Board to adjust his rates to 3% of cost or \$100 which ever is greater.

**MSDV by Sel. Stack, seconded by Sel. DuBois that we actually go along with fees as prescribed by the Plumbing Inspector and Electrical Inspector. The motion passed (3-2-0). Sel. Kuros and Sel. Dwyer opposed.**

Selectman Dwyer stated it is not just to create new fees because we need money. We cannot change fees that are not comparable to the cost of providing the service.

Douglas Street RFP – Discussion and Award: Ms. Myers reviewed a letter written by Attorney Gerald Moody concerning the process the Town engaged in to advertise and award the Douglas Street RFP. She encouraged the Board to accept the proposal of \$1,210,000.00 from Uxbridge Crossing LLC and then initiate the negotiation of a Purchase and Sales Agreement.

**MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Stack, to accept the proposal as submitted and initiate negotiations for a Purchase and Sales Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.**

Gravel Operations - Taxation, Occupancy Permits: The Board decided to postpone this agenda item to have more time to review an email received from Town Counsel concerning this topic.

***ACTION ITEM: This item will be continued at the BOS meeting on March 26, 2007.***

FY08 Town Manager Budget Submittal: Ms. Myers reviewed sections of the budget. A copy of the budget will be attached to these minutes. Sel. DuBois asked for clarification on the new growth rate. The Board agreed by consensus that Ms. Myers would attend Fin Com's meeting, report back to the Board and that there was sufficient time for the Board to deliberate and then decide on their future plan of action relative to the budget and the process.

***ACTION ITEM: This item will be continued to the next BOS meeting on March 26, 2007.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

Signing of the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed a final copy of the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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**MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Dwyer, to sign the Warrant for the 5/8/07 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Update on the FY06 Annual Town Report: Town Manager Assistant Jennifer Cederberg reviewed the timeline for publication of the FY06 Annual Town Report.

Insurance Advisory Committee – Recommendation on FY08 Health Benefits: Chairman of the IAC William Kessler reviewed the IAC recommendations for changes to health benefits for FY08. The IAC is recommending the following:

- A. Increase the co-pay for office visits to \$10.00 in FY08 and \$15.00 in FY09
- B. Increase the co-pay for emergency room visits to \$50.00 in FY08 and \$75.00 in FY09
- C. Add a co-pay for in-patient stays of \$100.00 per stay, subject to the maximum of each plan (Fallon and Blue Cross/Blue Shield)

Mr. Kessler informed the Board that the IAC is waiting on information to continue their discussions and the adoption of Chapter 32B Section 18, which would require retirees move to a Medicare coverage. Once the information is available the IAC will discuss it and make a recommendation to the Board.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2007

**MSDV by Sel. DuBois, seconded by Sel. Kuros, to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed (4-0-1). Sel. Stack abstained.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:40 p.m., with no other business before them,

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

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Tracy Leavitt, 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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Vice 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*

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