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FREDERIC E. TURKINGTON JR. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TEL. (508) 358-7755 www.wayland.ma.us BOARD OF SELECTMEN JOHN BLADON STEVEN J. CORREIA THOMAS J. FAY JOSEPH F. NOLAN SUSAN W. POPE

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 23, 2010

Attendance: J. Bladon, T. Fay, S. Pope Also Present: Town Administrator F. Turkington, Secretary M. DiNapoli

Vice Chair T. Fay called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and reviewed the agenda for the viewing audience. F. Turkington said the next meeting of the Board will be September 7. S. Pope noted the passing of Katherine Raskin, the wife of Housing Commissioner Charles Raskin.

**A3. Consider and Approve Consent Calendar** S. Pope moved, seconded by J. Bladon, to approve the consent calendar (Warrants SA082310, TA082310, and BA082310). F. Turkington reviewed the correct procedure for Board appointments to the Community Preservation Committee and the Housing Partnership, made at the recommendation of other boards. YEA: J. Bladon, T. Fay, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSENT: S. Correia, J. Nolan. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 3-0.

**A4. Review Correspondence** The Board discussed the week's correspondence. S. Pope noted the dismissal by the Attorney General of the alleged open meeting law violations filed by Linda Segal and George Harris, and the change of name from the Charitable Committee to the Community Fund. J. Bladon discussed the growing number of teen parties serving alcohol, and noted the importance of following up on this issue. T. Fay also cited the letters from the Attorney General dismissing the open meeting law complaints, and expressed concern about the problem of teens and alcohol. In regard to the "last drink" information from the state, F. Turkington said he and the police chief will review the report from the state every month, which provides information about the licensed establishments where defendants convicted of operating under the influence had their last drink. He noted that no Wayland establishments have appeared on the list to date.

A2. Public Comment There was no public comment.

**A5. Report of the Town Administrator** F. Turkington reviewed contract awards, including the capping of the landfill, the Tighe and Bond contract for the evaluation of town drainage, and the Graham/Meas contract for the senior/community center space needs study. In regard to drainage, he said the town has purchased a hose and requested more pumps in the event of a major storm before the flooding issue is addressed. He presented the Board with a draft Special Town Meeting schedule for a November 16, 2010 meeting. He said the schedule has been posted on the website, and articles will be posted as they are received. T. Fay emphasized the need to more effectively notify residents of the public meetings held to review town meeting articles in advance, so residents are better prepared for the town meeting. F. Turkington said potential articles for the fall town meeting include the acceptance of Hidden Springs Road and Alice Drive, the Municipal Use district, the recodification of the zoning bylaws, regulations for accessory apartments, the municipal housing trust, the amendment of the Public Ceremonies Committee charge to include the Veterans Memorial, the acquisition of Sudbury's interest in the septage facility, the

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adoption of the Stretch Building Code, Community Preservation Committee articles for historic records preservation and Lee's Farmstand, and a potential additional appropriation for capital projects. F. Turkington reviewed the agendas for upcoming meetings.

**A6. State of the Town Meeting – Discussion on Format and Topic** The Board discussed possible formats and topics for the State of the Town meeting scheduled for September 29. F. Turkington asked the Board to consider a philosophical discussion of the balance between commercial development to help lower the tax rate versus the semi-rural character of the town. He said it would be interesting to hear citizen's perceptions and would be helpful to the capital project decision process. S. Pope said defining community values could bring in a more diverse group of people. F. Turkington suggested that the Board choose two concepts, arrange for small focus groups, and invite the League of Women Voters to moderate. J. Bladon said focus groups can drift off topic, and he recommended a strong moderator be found to manage the discussion. T. Fay also supported the concept of a broader theme, and said that people's view of the town's future would help inform Board decisions. J. Bladon suggested the Board issue a press release so residents could understand the format and begin to consider the issues. F. Turkington said the details should be finalized at the next meeting.

**A7. Discussion Board of Selectmen Goals for October 2010 to September 2011** F. Turkington presented the Board with a list of potential goals for the coming year, and said he was open to any modifications or additional ideas. S. Pope said she felt economic development and collaboration are the most important items. J. Bladon said it would be interesting to consult with the police department for their views of the most pressing issues in town; for example, traffic control and underage drinking. T. Fay said he would like to consider linking the land use departments as recommended in the Maximus Report. F. Turkington said other topics might include Selectmen office hours and the athletic fields. He also noted that the Board may want to consider some of the goals set forth by the Economic Development Committee, the Town Meeting Study Committee, and the MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Commission).

**A8. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns** S. Pope suggested that the Board schedule office hours on the first Friday of every month, 7:15 am to 8:15 am, at the town building. She also requested that the Board meet with the Sudbury Board of Selectmen; F. Turkington said he would schedule a meeting in October. She thanked the Board of Public Works for replacing the Loblolly sign, and said that the Sedgemeadow sign has been stolen. She congratulated F. Turkington on his nomination to stand for election as second vice-president of the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association. J. Bladon said it is important that the Board work closely with the Finance Committee regarding the town's capital plans, as it will be a difficult year. F. Turkington said the Finance Committee is positioning its strategy around a no-override year. T. Fay asked for an update on the Frishman dog. F. Turkington said the court dismissed the appeal of the banishment order; the dog officer tried to kennel the dog until the appeal process plays out. T. Fay said it is welcome news for the neighborhood and the Happy Hollow School. F. Turkington said the town appreciates the patience of the neighborhood as the process worked its way through the court. The Board reviewed the vacancies on town boards and committees. S. Pope reminded residents that the Friends of the Council on Aging are holding an Iron Chef fundraiser on September 12.

S. Pope moved, seconded by J. Bladon, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 7:50 p.m. YEA: J. Bladon, T. Fay, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSENT: S. Correia, J. Nolan. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 3-0.