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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes December 6, 2010

Attendance: S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope

Also Present: Town Administrator F. Turkington

Chair S. Correia called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and reviewed the agenda for the public. F. Turkington reviewed the transfer station pilot program; he said the program has been extended to Saturday, December 11 and 18 for Sudbury residents to use the Wayland transfer station. He noted the Boy Scout Christmas tree and wreath sale and the Fire Association Santa's Ride on December 20, 21 and 22.

The Board recessed to attend the Finance Committee debt presentation, and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

A5. Public Comment There was no public comment.

A3. Meet with State Representative Tom Conroy and State Senator Richard Ross to Discuss Legislative Agenda T. Conroy reviewed the approved elements of the municipal partnership act and noted that the home-rule petition establishing an OPEB trust for the first time allows a town to invest in a similar state fund managed by the pension investment organization. He said he hopes to have state-wide legislation approved in this session. The Board reviewed its legislative priorities, including municipal health insurance plan design, flexibility with regard to CPA funds for recreation projects, increased Chapter 90 road funding, funding for the Sherman's Bridge replacement project, and further municipal reforms such as prevailing wage. T. Conroy noted the divide between urban and suburban legislators on "fairness" in redistributing taxes paid in grants to towns, commented on trail development grants, and transportation funding. J. Nolan asked about PWED grants and similar infrastructure grants and asked that the administration work with the town for enhancements to the areas around Town Center. S. Correia asked for help on increasing the share of state aid to Wayland. S. Pope asked about the status of the 2006 home rule petition requesting resident aliens to vote in local elections and town meeting. T. Conroy explained that the elections committee chair is not inclined to push the bill out of committee and has stated that a new home rule petition would be required for each session of the legislature. It was noted that Senator Ross had other commitments and would need to reschedule a meeting with the Board.

A4. Consider and Approve Consent Calendar T. Fay moved, seconded by S. Pope, to approve the consent calendar. YEA: S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSENT: J. Bladon.
Adopted 4-0.

A5. Review Correspondence S. Pope asked about the Comcast franchise fee. S. Correia reviewed a conference call with Comcast and special counsel. It was explained that the new fee was placed on the bills while the old fee remains, pending a reconciliation of accounts and charges that will result in a small credit to subscribers when the fees are "trued up." S. Pope recognized the leadership of Anne Harris and the work of the Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee.

A6. Report of the Town Administrator F. Turkington reviewed the debt presentation conclusions: (1) the ability to borrow for new projects increases as old debt is paid off; (2) there are a number of capital infrastructure projects competing for funding in the near term and must be vetted through the CIP process, and (3) that borrowing and construction costs are favorable at a time of economic uncertainty when citizens are less inclined to vote for debt exclusion overrides. He reviewed upcoming meeting agendas, including the review of Town operating and capital budgets, a joint session with the Wastewater Management District Commission on wastewater plant construction, land swap and governance, a meeting with the Town Moderator to review electronic voting logistics and dates for Annual Town Meeting, approval of licenses, and plans to appoint members to three temporary committees on the Public Safety Building, the 375th Anniversary of Wayland, and the Dudley Pond Advisory Committee.

A7. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns T. Fay noted the dedication of the pool on December 4 and the a capella concert. S. Correia noted the topping off ceremony at the high school, indicating completion of the steel skeleton of new buildings. T. Fay asked the Board to consider the following statement:

**STATEMENT CONCERNING RECENT VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
KANSAS-BASED WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH**

This past Friday, December 3rd, members of the Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church held a demonstration near the Islamic Center in Wayland, Massachusetts. The Wayland Board of Selectmen condemns what this group represents, the manner it expresses its views, and the hate it espouses.

We join religious leaders and their congregants in standing for the rights of all citizens to worship according to the dictates of their own consciences. We commend our high school students who expressed their stand for tolerance and diversity.

Hatred relies on dehumanizing "the other." We are proud to live in a community that rejects bigotry in all its forms.

The Board of Selectmen concurred with approving the statement.

T. Fay moved, seconded by S. Pope, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:05 p.m. YEA: S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSENT: J. Bladon. Adopted 4-0.