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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes March 1, 2010

Attendance: S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan (arrived 7:55 p.m.), S. Pope, M. Tichnor
Also Present: Town Administrator F. Turkington, Secretary M. DiNapoli

Vice Chair S. Correia called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and reviewed the agenda for the viewing audience. F. Turkington advised residents that River Road and Pelham Island Road are temporarily closed due to the high water level after heavy rains and flooding.

A2. Public Comment There was no public comment.

A3. Meeting with Charena Farms Neighborhood Regarding On-Street Parking Concerns During High School Construction Police Chief Robert Irving joined the Board to discuss the effects of the new high school construction on the parking situation in the Charena Farms neighborhood. Spokesmen for the neighborhood included Sam DiSavino (15 Kelsey Road), Shawn Fennelly (9 Clarence Road), Bob Meindl (3 Nolan Farm Road), and Harvey Montague (10 Charena Road). S. DiSavino outlined the reasons that the residents are making the request for a ban on non-resident parking, which included public safety, privacy issues, the possible obstruction of access to their property, noise, trespassing, and interference with delivery of services. S. Fennelly said the ban should extend beyond school hours to include weekend sporting events. F. Turkington asked how the ban would affect visitors to the residents. S. Fennelly suggested the use of resident parking stickers and visitor passes. H. Montague suggested phasing the construction by using the pool land for parking while the high school is being constructed. M. Tichnor said the creation of alternative parking plans is the responsibility of the School Committee; however, the Board of Selectmen may address the traffic issue in its capacity as the traffic authority for the town. S. DiSavino said the neighbors had a meeting last week with High School Principal Pat Tutwiler and discussed several creative solutions. R. Irving said he met previously with the neighborhood and advised them to meet with the Board of Selectmen. He noted that the Board has restricted parking in the past due to construction projects, and concurred with the neighbors that frequent calls to the police department for problems created by parking would cause a service issue. He also said, however, that he did not support resident parking stickers, as it would create an entire new process and would be difficult to enforce. He recommended that the Board authorize a parking restriction beginning with the school year, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during school hours, and that the Board revisit the issue at a later time to assess its effectiveness. He also asked the residents not to allow students to park in their driveways. Lea Anderson, Chair, High School Building Committee, reviewed the steps the committee has taken to provide more parking, and said that while there will not be enough parking for every student who drives, they are encouraging students to carpool. T. Fay asked if other neighborhoods will be affected. R. Irving said it is not as much of an issue as you move further away. Michael Bratt, 26 Charena Road, said that he calls the police frequently, as there has been a continuing problem with the students. R. Irving said those issues are not related to parking issues. K. Siracusa emphasized the need to revisit the parking ban after it

is put in place to ensure it is meeting the needs of the residents. She also said she would prefer resident parking restrictions as instituted by Newton and Wellesley. R. Irving said the additional burden upon the Wayland police would not justify the rare instances of occurrence. Hassan Tehranian, 6 Nolan Farms Road, said a cost/benefit analysis doesn't warrant resident stickers, as there are very few parking violations during the weekdays. S. DiSavino said he hopes the Board considers the entire school year and not just the construction phase. Rachel Bratt, 26 Charena Road, asked that service vehicles be exempt from the ban. The Board said it will consult with the School Committee and the High School Building Committee and will prepare a plan for a vote at a future meeting.

R. Irving presented the Board with a proposal to improve the safety of the drop-off and pick-up of children at the Happy Hollow School. He asked that the "No Left Turn" sign at the end of the south driveway during certain hours be accepted by the Board so the police department can enforce the restriction. The Board discussed the need for the traffic restriction and its effect on the nearby residential neighborhood; they also considered the feasibility of assigning a police officer or a traffic supervisor to the school on a regular basis. R. Irving said the department does not have the staff to make such a commitment. T. Fay moved, seconded by M. Tichnor, to approve the request of the Police Chief to accept a "No Left Turn" sign at the end of the south driveway of the Happy Hollow School for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. J. Nolan said he doesn't believe this is the correct remediation, and is open to other solutions. S. Correia said he is concerned about the traffic generated in a residential neighborhood by the restriction. S. Pope said she will approve the traffic restriction but asked that the Board revisit the issue in a month to evaluate its effectiveness. M. Tichnor amended the motion to add that the policy will be reviewed by the Board in eight weeks. YEA: S. Correia, T. Fay, S. Pope, M. Tichnor. NAY: J. Nolan. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 4-1.

A4. Discussion on Collaboration Process and Status of Efforts with Other Towns F. Turkington reviewed his discussions with the Town of Sudbury regarding collaboration on a number of issues, including the transfer station, library services, and Advanced Life Support services. M. Tichnor said the town needs a structure to drive future collaborative efforts, and he suggested a working group under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee that would investigate and guide the process for long term sustainable efficiencies. M. Tichnor suggested that F. Turkington look into whether the School Department would like to be included, and then prepare a proposal for the Board to consider.

A5. Review and Discussion of Board Policy on Selection of Chair F. Turkington reviewed the current Board policy on the selection of the Chair because of the Special Act request that will seat elected officials following Annual Town Meeting, and said he would like to rework the policy so the new Chair will be elected at the first meeting following the Annual Town Meeting and seated immediately. He noted this would also eliminate the practice of limiting a third year selectmen from serving as chair. M. Tichnor said he would like to reconsider the policy of not allowing a chair to serve two consecutive terms. He felt the Board should be trusted to choose the best person for the position without constraint. F. Turkington said he will present a revised policy for a future Board vote.

A6. Consent Calendar S. Pope moved, seconded by T. Fay, to approve the revised consent calendar (warrant TA030110). YEA: S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope, M. Tichnor. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

A7. Correspondence The Board discussed the week's correspondence. F. Turkington announced that two seminars will be conducted by attorneys from special counsel Kopelman & Paige to address the new Open Meeting Law regulations on Wednesday, April 28, and Thursday, June 17, 2010. He said both sessions will be held in the Large Hearing Room at the Wayland Town Building beginning at 7:00 p.m.

A8. Report of the Town Administrator F. Turkington reviewed upcoming agenda items and meetings. He described a meeting with the Sudbury Town Manager regarding a joint application for an MAPC regional dispatch grant; he said they also considered utilizing the county court system for a regional lockup. The Board discussed the tribute to Marcy Crowley scheduled for March 15. F. Turkington said there will be site visit at Doran Road on March 15 at 5:00 p.m. M. Tichnor suggested that the Board review its Electronic Communications policy. F. Turkington said his goal is to update all the Board policies before they are posted on the website.

A9. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns T. Fay commended the DPW and Don Ouellette for their excellent efforts to keep the streets safe during the winter season. He asked if collaborative ALS efforts would compromise our current plan with Sudbury; F. Turkington said our service is such that we are heading towards a collaborative effort and should stay ahead of the curve. T. Fay asked the Board if it wanted to pursue a meeting between the Housing Authority and the Doran Road residents. J. Nolan said yes, it would be wise to have a public discussion before the warrant is finalized. F. Turkington suggested that April 1, 2010, be used as the target date for a discussion. S. Pope thanked the Police Department and the DPW for its work during the heavy rains and flooding of the last week. She suggested that the Board consider having staggered office hours at times and locations that are convenient for a wider range of constituents. F. Turkington asked S. Pope to provide a draft list of times and places for the Board to review. S. Correia provided an update on the Town Meeting Procedures Review Committee meeting; he said the priority of the committee will be to hold public forums on the three warrant articles in order to gather public opinion. He also reviewed the upcoming public hearings for the Comcast license renewal and described the RFP process. J. Nolan thanked S. Kadlik and the Highway Department for its efforts during the heavy rains and flooding of the last week.

Executive Session At 9:35 p.m., the Board of Selectmen, by roll call vote, unanimously (5-0) approved a motion brought by M. Tichnor and seconded by T. Fay, to go into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23B(3) to discuss strategies with respect to pending litigation between BSC Engineering and others relative to the Public Safety Building. The Board will return to open session in approximately ten minutes for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

S. Pope moved, seconded by S. Correia, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:50 p.m. YEA: S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope, M. Tichnor. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.



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Purpose: The session was called at 9:35 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Wayland Town Building, by unanimous roll call vote (5-0) in open session as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, paragraph three, to discuss strategies with respect to pending litigation between BSC Engineering and others relative to the Public Safety Building.

Discussion: The Board discussed the water damage at the Public Safety Building due to the recent heavy rains and flooding. F. Turkington said the basement flooding disproves the allegations that the previous damage was a one-time event. He said the current damage has been documented by several sources and was viewed today by opposing counsel. He expects this event to have a positive effect on obtaining a settlement offer, as it offers further proof that the design by BSC Engineering did not work. The Board discussed possible settlement scenarios and plans for the repair of the building.

Adjourn: By motion of S. Pope, seconded by T. Fay, the Board, by roll call vote, unanimously voted to exit executive session at 9:50 p.m.