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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes March 22, 2010

Attendance: T. Fay, J. Nolan (arrived 7:50 p.m.), S. Pope, M. Tichnor
Also Present: Town Administrator F. Turkington, Secretary M. DiNapoli

M. Tichnor called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and reviewed the agenda for the viewing audience. He said the next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, March 31. F. Turkington announced that the Town Clerk is seeking election workers for the May 11, 2010, election. He provided an update to residents of current road conditions due to the recent flooding, and advised the Board of the status of possible federal funds to address both private and public costs. F. Turkington commended the staff, including police, fire, and dispatch, for working through difficult conditions. He also thanked John Moynihan, Public Buildings Director, for the time and hands-on effort that went into controlling the situation, and the CERT volunteers who alerted the Pelham Island residents as to procedures. He said he will arrange a meeting with residents sometime in late April to critique the town's handling of the event. M. Tichnor commended the staff, and T. Fay thanked the residents for their patience. F. Turkington said the next step is to prepare a long-term strategy for correcting the damage and creating a more practical alternative.

A2. Public Comment Stephen Kramer, 26 Bow Road, and Teresa Amabile, 26 Bow Road, thanked M. Tichnor for his service to the town and his support for the residents of Bow Road. They also expressed their hope that future board members will honor the commitments made by the current members to traffic mitigation on Bow Road as the town center project progresses.

A3. Consent Calendar M. Tichnor moved, seconded by S. Pope, to approve the consent calendar (Warrants C1020, TA032210, BA032210, and SA032210) with the exclusion of the words "and expenses" from item three. YEA: T. Fay, S. Pope, M. Tichnor. NAY: none. ABSENT: S. Correia, J. Nolan. Adopted 3-0.

A4. Correspondence The Board discussed the week's correspondence.

A5. Presentation by Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee Bill Huss and Anne Harris, co-chairs of the Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board to present its findings and recommendations. B. Huss said the recommendation of the committee is that the town lease the landfill to a contractor who can pay the town a fee, mine the methane rights, and identify a user. He noted the site is small and the methane has a limited lifespan of effectiveness. A. Harris said the bidder could potentially combine the methane potential with PV (photovoltaic panels) further down the road. The Board discussed the funding for a consultant to prepare the RFP; A. Harris said the committee is working with another town that is pursuing a similar project, and they are hoping to use their RFP with modifications. T. Fay moved, seconded by S. Pope, to approve the drafting of a Request for Proposal that would solicit bids from qualified contractors to develop the site for methane (with a PV option) with a fee going to the Town. YEA: T. Fay, S. Pope, M. Tichnor. NAY: none. ABSENT: S. Correia, J. Nolan. Adopted 3-0. The Board emphasized that the goal is to have the RFP complete within sixty days.

B. Huss and A. Harris updated the Board on its other activities. B. Huss said the advisory group is coordinating with the High School Building Committee to make sure the new high school is energy efficient. A. Harris said the stretch code, one of the requirements of the Green Communities Act, must be passed at town meeting. She also said the advisory group is creating baseline data for the town with MassEnergyInsight, a free software program provided by the Department of Energy Resources.

A6. Discussion on Article #38 – Post Board and Commission Policies on Website Petitioner Linda Segal appeared before the Board to discuss her article regarding the posting of board and commission policies on the website. The Board questioned the need for a bylaw and suggested that policies could be posted by request; they also said they felt there were other website postings that would be more beneficial to the public. L. Segal said a mandate would create more efficient and transparent government, and does not require boards to create policies if they don't already have them. Cherry Karlson, Finance Committee, said she was working with L. Segal to provide comments for the warrant. She noted the number of boards and commissions in Wayland and that few of them had websites; she questioned whether this article was the best way to address the issue.

A8. Report of the Town Administrator F. Turkington reviewed with the Board the draft lease for the town pool. The Board discussed the limits of the required liability insurance, the definition of terms such as "prevailing rates," and the priority of use to Wayland residents. Ben Downs, the successful responder to the RFP, said he expects to break ground within a few weeks, and is planning a ceremonial groundbreaking on April 10. T. Fay said the pool will be an asset to all the town residents courtesy of a private group. J. Nolan said it is a good public/private asset. F. Turkington said he will finalize the lease and bring it back for approval at next week's meeting.

F. Turkington said he met today with Ian Catlow, the town engineer for the wastewater facility, Frank Dougherty of Twenty Wayland, and Fred Knight, Wastewater Management District Commission, via conference call, to discuss easement requirements, land swaps, and the tie in of the stormwater system. He said the deadline for follow up is April 7, 2010, for expected completion by the end of April in order for the Wastewater Management District Commission to proceed with the project. He said he is confident the town will be off-site before the construction on Stop & Shop begins. He also noted there was a general discussion about fiscal issues; Town Counsel M. Lanza confirmed the town can issue bonds for thirty years, but the decision rests solely with the Board of Selectmen. F. Turkington suggested a hearing with the users to determine their wishes.

In regard to the upcoming Annual Town Meeting articles, F. Turkington said he is working with the petitioners of the article, "Independent Review of Town and School Budget Process," to change the article to a resolution and better define what the petitioners are trying to accomplish. He told the Board he has asked Gary Rubin, petitioner for the Annual Town Meeting article, "Town Approved Affordable Housing Master Plan," that he consider resolution language in place of the article. T. Fay said he met with concerned parties to the two articles, "Establish Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund" and "Transfer and Amend Town Code to Establish Wayland Housing Trust Inc." in order to find common ground and consolidate their issues into one article. He said he has not reached agreement between the parties yet but will know better in a few days. F. Turkington said has received two letters of interest for the Economic Development Committee; he has not yet heard from the Wayland Business Association. He said M. Lanza has re-drafted the article for the Community Preservation Committee to move to a nine-member committee. He presented a draft order of articles and asked the Board to get back to him with comments.

T. Fay moved, seconded by M. Tichnor, that the Board of Selectmen establish a temporary advisory committee to be known as the Collaboration Committee for two (2) years consisting of a member of the Board of Selectmen; a member of the Finance Committee; a member appointed by the Board of Selectmen; a member appointed by the Finance Committee, and the Town Administrator. The purpose of the Committee shall be to advise the Board of Selectmen, other town boards and committees, the Town Administrator and others on all issues related to collaboration on the provision of municipal services with other towns. YEA: T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope, M. Tichnor. NAY: none. ABSENT: S. Correia. Adopted 4-0. F. Turkington recommended and it was agreed that M. Tichnor serve as the Board appointee to the Collaboration Committee so his service will continue past the end of his term in May, and also that S. Pope be the Selectman member of the committee.

A7. Discussion with Petitioners on Resolution for Independent Review of Budget Process, Financial Reporting and Administrative Efficiencies (Article 39) Donna Bouchard, 72 Concord Road, and Shawn Kinney, 6 Dairy Farm Lane, appeared before the Board to discuss the petitioners article for an independent review of the budget process, and its transition to a resolution. F. Turkington presented a draft of the proposed resolution to replace the article, and noted that it was the product of collaboration between the petitioners, the Finance Committee, the School Committee, and the Town Administrator. D. Bouchard said the meetings were very helpful, and the petitioners are satisfied with the four key components of the review; the comparison to peer towns, the restatement of the FY2011 budget, more detailed expenditure reporting, and a review of non-educational operational and administrative functions to identify efficiencies. F. Turkington said if there is a general consensus to approve the resolution, it will be submitted to the Finance Committee by the end of next week for comments. M. Tichnor said he did not agree that the petitioners should be allowed to designate two members of the review committee. He also expressed concern that the work of reviewing the budget had already been done by two ad hoc committees. Cherry Karlson, Finance Committee, said that committee members were in discussion with the petitioners since early December 2009, and the petitioners, as well as all the boards involved, have agreed to the value of the resolution. Paul Grasso, Finance Committee, said he worked with the School Committee to insure the review would not impact education. He said the discussions were focused on scope and intent. The Board discussed various alternatives to appointing members designated by the petitioners. F. Turkington said he would collect the feedback from Board members, and try to address their concerns with the petitioners so they can begin to collect signatures to withdraw the article and present the resolution. J. Nolan said this is a working document, and emphasized that the Board would like to uphold the democratic ideal of citizen involvement.

A9. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns S. Pope commended the Surface Water Quality Committee for its success in obtaining grant funds. She also thanked the town staff for its work during the flooding. She said she is pursuing the lead petitioner of the article, "Amendment of Zoning Bylaw Section 198-1102.1.4.1.4 re: Auto Service Stations," to pull the article. T. Fay congratulated the Wayland Student Press Network for winning the 2010 Columbia Scholastic Press Online Gold Crown Award. J. Nolan said the Doran Road walk will be re-scheduled.

A10. Executive Session The executive session was cancelled.

M. Tichnor moved, seconded by S. Pope, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:55 p.m. YEA: T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope, M. Tichnor. NAY: none. ABSENT: S. Correia. Adopted 4-0