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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 7, 2010

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

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 announced the Dudley Pond Run/Walk, the re-opening event at the Wayland Library, and the "Iron Chef Wayland" event sponsored by the Friends of the Council on Aging, all taking place on Sunday, September 12. He said that the Wayland police and WaylandCares were cosponsoring a medication disposal day on Saturday, September 25. J. Nolan noted that today was the first day of school, and S. Correia cautioned residents to drive slowly and be aware of the school buses. J. Bladon said Boston Magazine ranked Wayland as having the 8th best school system in the state, as well as tying for the lowest cost per student in the top ten.

A2. Public Comment Jackie Ducharme, 44 Pond Drive, and member of Wayland Neighbors for Responsible Land Use, asked to put on the record the events of a recent meeting in which the parties involved agreed to review the scope of the Mass Housing Partnership grant, the data being used for the MHP grant, the submission of a warrant article to create a "clean slate" study, the development of a committee to make recommendations based on the "clean slate" study, and a moratorium on any other warrant articles on this subject. Stanley Ducharme, 44 Pond Drive, expressed concern about the study and the committee. He said the larger purpose of preserving Dudley Woods may be forgotten if there is too much emphasis on septic issues and the impact on Dudley Pond. He said the bigger agenda is to preserve and protect the woods for future generations, avoid greater density in the neighborhood, and combine Dudley Woods with Rocky Point to provide citizens greater access to Dudley Pond. Betty Salzberg, 28 Grove Street, and Chair of the Housing Partnership, said she would like to see the study of the Dudley Woods neighborhood extended to include privately owned land and the records of the private septic systems. She said the town should consider regular inspections of the septic systems in that area, as well as adopting a requirement that any increase in residents trigger a mandatory connection to a municipal system. Mike Lowery, 120 Lakeshore Drive, noted that a major study was done in 1983 regarding septic regulations on private land around the pond. Susan Weinstein, 279 Concord Road, and member of the Housing Partnership, said it is important to continue to enhance the quality of life and the connection to a neighborhood in Wayland, and the town must continue to pursue opportunities for affordable housing for its workforce and its elderly. George Harris, 8 Holiday Road, questioned whether the notice of pending litigation on the Board's agenda was specific enough to meet the guidelines of the new open meeting law.

A3. Update by Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee Anne Harris, Ellen Tohn, and Tom Sciacca of the Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee appeared before the Board to provide an update of their activities. A. Harris said the committee is unanimously in favor of pursuing the Green Communities Act; she said the primary benefit is that it will make the town eligible for grant money from the state for energy

projects. The deadline for application is January 21, 2011, and the only criteria that still needs to be met is the acceptance of the Stretch Building Code at Town Meeting. The Board discussed the implications of the code, including its impact on new construction. S. Pope expressed concern that the state has the financial means to fund the grant. A. Harris said the funding is already set aside, although it would be best to move quickly. Board members expressed concern about the impact of the requirement to purchase fuel efficient vehicles; A. Harris said there is no time deadline. S. Correia asked if there is a certification process for contractors, and E. Tohn said no, the certification is for the person evaluating the building. T. Fay asked if any towns that have adopted the act have had problems; A. Harris said no. F. Turkington said he will draft an article for Special Town Meeting to adopt the Stretch Building Code, and submit a 20% reduction policy for Board approval. The Board thanked the committee for its work.

A4. Update on ILOT (now PILOT) Senior Support Network Betsy Connolly, Charles Raskin, and Sue Wagner of PILOT (Public Independent Living Options Taskforce) appeared before the Board to provide an update of its activities. B. Connolly described the background of the project and its goals. S. Correia asked if the service would apply to others who need assistance; C. Raskin said it applies only to seniors, but sees no reason that it couldn't be expanded. B. Connolly described the function of the Council on Aging versus the function of PILOT. She said the taskforce will have its 50 C(3) status by October, and will apply for a grant to do a feasibility grant with Metrowest Health. She said they will then coordinate with Weston and Lincoln, set up a website, organize fundraising, identify technologies, get insurance, and discuss a staffing plan. S. Pope asked how the service was different than the current services that are available. B. Connolly said the vendors will be vetted. T. Fay said the goal is to make seniors feel comfortable in their home, and he suggested the taskforce consider looking to the medical community or insurance companies for funding. J. Nolan asked how the vendor list would be compiled. C. Raskin said they are looking into that, and noted other towns have lists they are willing to share. S. Pope asked if any other communities have a similar system in place. C. Raskin said Boston and Cambridge already have them, and Newton and Wellesley are close. J. Bladon asked about liability issues. B. Connolly said they are consulting with an attorney and will talk to insurance companies. The Board thanked them for their work.

A5. Review of Master Plan Advisory Committee Draft Report Betsy Connolly and Bill Sterling of the Master Plan Advisory Committee appeared before the Board to present its draft of the final report. B. Connolly suggested that the Board's portfolio assignments line up with the proposed action items, and that the Board begin the process of setting priorities and a timetable. The Board discussed the procedures for data collection and the opportunity for feedback before finalization. F. Turkington said he had found changes between the original Master Plan and the new work which seemed to draw conclusions with no explanation. B. Sterling suggested he email his concerns to the committee. J. Nolan asked if the Board should make it a priority to track whether the town completes its objectives; B. Sterling recommended that an Implementation Committee be created. He also suggested that the Town Crier write an article each week highlighting one issue at a time. The Board thanked the Committee for its work.

A6. State of the Town Meeting – Discussion on Format and Topic The Board discussed the upcoming State of the Town meeting. S. Correia said he was in favor of the Town Administrator's proposal, as it will provide more feedback from the public. S. Pope agreed; she said the idea of a philosophical conversation to define terms will create interest and provide a broader reach. She suggested that the Wayland Business Association become more involved, and she also said a more formal State of the Town presentation could be held in the spring. T. Fay said he liked the macro discussion and roundtables. He said it is important that the moderator manage the time. F. Turkington said he will

publicize the date and prepare a promotional piece. He asked the Board to consider who will speak, and he noted the League of Women Voters has agreed to moderate.

A7. Consider and Approve Consent Calendar J. Nolan moved, seconded by T. Fay, to approve consent calendar items 1 through 5 and 7. The Board asked that the Chief of Police provide more information for the request for a stop sign on Glezen Lane. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

A8. Review Correspondence The Board discussed the week's correspondence. The Board congratulated the Surface Water Quality Committee for its work on cleaning Heard Pond.

A9. Report of the Town Administrator F. Turkington said that although the region was spared by Hurricane Earl, he had convened staff on Friday morning to plan for emergency operations assistance. He reviewed the status of proposals for school budget reporting, and said the renewal Comcast cable license will be on the agenda next week. J. Nolan asked about creating a bylaw restricting the noise of early morning truck deliveries. The Board discussed the intertown agreement for shared transfer station services with Sudbury. T. Fay said there was no clear cost saving in the paperwork. F. Turkington said the greater savings apply to Wayland, as there will be less staff. J. Nolan expressed concern that more people will recycle in Wayland because it's easier. F. Turkington said the situation will be monitored; he also noted the current contract expires within the year. T. Fay moved, seconded by J. Bladon, to authorize F. Turkington to sign the Intertown Agreement for Shared Transfer Station Services on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Sudbury. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

A10. Discussion of Board of Selectmen Goals for October 2010 to September 2011 The Board discussed its goals for the coming year. S. Correia asked if the town had online permitting available yet, and said it is something he would like to pursue. F. Turkington said the town is currently considering an upgraded GIS, and will look into permitting next. S. Pope said she would email her suggestions; she would like to add transparency, providing leadership to staff and volunteers, improving communication between town boards, and limiting frivolous lawsuits. F. Turkington said the Board should clearly characterize its perception of leadership versus taking command. S. Pope said she would also include office hours and the consideration of MuniEnergy. J. Nolan said that since the town center project is expected to be permitted soon, he would like to investigate grant opportunities from the DOT for road improvements. Secondly, he said he would like to explore grant opportunities for sewerage or alternate septage treatments. J. Bladon said he will email his suggestions. T. Fay said he would like to explore the acquisition of recycle bins from the DCR to place next to trash bins. S. Correia said he would include the newly created Economic Development Committee and the INET rollout to improve communication between town buildings.

A11. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns J. Bladon reported on a meeting of the Operational Review Committee, and said he is pleased to be a part of it. He said he met with Ellen Brideau, Director of Assessing, and he applauded her for the dramatic improvement in the department. He noted the abatement requests have gone from over 400 per year to approximately 105 this year. T. Fay commended the Historic District Commission and Twenty Wayland for their work in heading toward a resolution. He noted the signs at the former Finnerty's Restaurant property; F. Turkington said the property may be redeveloped into three or four businesses. T. Fay reported on a tour of Dudley Woods that he attended with J. Nolan and the area residents, and he hopes to get individuals with different perspectives to explore

entire area as they did. He said he has no objection to acquiescing to the request of G. Harris to identify the details of executive sessions on the agenda. S. Pope said that while she did not attend the meeting of the Historic District Commission and Twenty Wayland, she heard from others that it was productive. She said the meeting on the plans for the new high school was well-attended. She noted the poor condition of a gas station on Route 20, and F. Turkington said he would notify the Building Commissioner. S. Pope and T. Fay agreed to hold their first office hours on September 24 at 7:15 a.m. in the town building. J. Nolan said the progress on abatements was good work, and he said the Dudley Woods tour was very productive in providing a holistic perspective. S. Correia provided an update on the WayCAM studio relocation and Comcast negotiations. J. Nolan moved, seconded by T. Fay, to open the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting effective Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 8:30 a.m., and close it on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at 4:30 p.m., and to schedule a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayland Middle School Gymnasium. YEA: S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope, M. Tichnor. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

A12. Executive Session – Pending Litigation The executive session was cancelled. F. Turkington reminded the Board that the Public Safety Building trial begins September 14 and the attorneys are working with town staff to prepare the witnesses.

T. Fay moved, seconded by S. Pope, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 10:08 p.m. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

Handouts During Meeting:

1. Public Independent Living Options Team (PILOT), Presentation to the Board of Selectmen, September 2010
2. Master Plan Advisory Committee Status Update for the Board of Selectmen, September 7, 2010
3. Wayland Police Department Goals, 2010