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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 28, 2011

Attendance: John Bladon, Steven Correia, Thomas Fay, Joseph Nolan, Susan Pope

Also Present: Town Administrator F. Turkington, Secretary M. DiNapoli

Chair S. Correia called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and reviewed the agenda for the public. F. Turkington noted that the Board will be meeting every Monday in March, and he reviewed upcoming agendas. J. Nolan announced that the "Regan Cup" Charity Hockey Game, benefiting the Peter S. Regan Family Support Fund, will be held this Friday at the Rivers School in Weston from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. S. Correia noted that the Board of Public Works is holding a hearing tonight at 7:30 p.m. regarding traffic calming policy.

A2. Public Comment Mike Lowery, 120 Lakeshore Drive, and member of the Surface Water Quality Committee, said the committee received a DCR grant for \$15,000 for cleaning the town lakes. He also noted that state agencies are beginning to support local organized efforts of abutters to spend their own funds to clean the lake.

A3. Selectmen Vote To Approve Debt Exclusion Ballot Question; Finance Committee To Make Presentation On Debt Exclusion Ballot Question For Athletic Field Planning And Development And School Technology The Board reviewed the debt exclusion ballot question, and agreed that the public should be allowed to vote on the question. J. Nolan moved, seconded by S. Pope, to authorize that the following question be placed on the ballot for the Town Election on April 5, 2011: "Shall the Town of Wayland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to (i) purchase school technology equipment and (ii) plan and develop additional athletic and playing fields?" YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, J. Nolan, S. Pope, T. Fay. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0. Cherry Karlson, Chair, Finance Committee, appeared before the Board to review the Finance Committee presentation on the debt exclusion ballot question. She provided a financial overview of the town, the FY12 proposed capital budget guidelines, and a capital budget summary. She provided detail on the \$880,000 debt exclusion, noting that it includes \$530,000 for playing field development, and \$350,000 for technology in the schools, and explained that the tax impact of the debt exclusion is a decrease in the tax rate of approximately \$20 per household. She reviewed the impact on the town should the question not pass and the key dates before the vote. Chris Brown, Board of Public Works, described the planning and development work to be done on playing fields. J. Bladon asked for a breakdown of the school technology being purchased. C. Karlson provided a breakdown and noted that the details are also available online. She said the Finance Committee would like to see technology expenses moved to the operating budget over time. The Board discussed the suitability of the Greenways property for field development.

Public Comment on Proposed Debt Exclusion Kim Cook, 12 Ellie Lane, said she did not feel the Board should put the debt exclusion question on the ballot, because there are funds in free cash that should be used instead, including a capital account for repairs at the high school, and funds earmarked by past town meetings for capital projects that were never used. C. Karlson said that funds approved at previous town meetings for specific capital projects cannot be used elsewhere. She noted that high school funds returned to free cash in FY10 were due to savings in utilities, and those funds are being used to partially fund technology. She also noted that extra funds from SPED were returned to the state. Anette Lewis, 33 Claypit Hill Road, said that the Board should not put the debt exclusion on the ballot, but should use free cash instead. She said the town has \$2 million more in free cash than required by Moody's. She said that with regard to monies approved for other projects, the funds can be returned by a transfer or a warrant article at town meeting. She expressed concern that the vote was taken before public comment. S. Pope said a presentation was made publicly at last week's televised meeting, and the Board members were available for comment at any time. C. Karlson noted that town policy requires that the vote is taken prior to public comment.

A4. Discussion on 2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles The Board discussed the warrant articles for the 2011 Annual Town Meeting. F. Turkington noted that all the petitioners' comments had been received. He said he contacted the lead petitioner for the article, "Authorize Local Voting Rights for Permanent Resident Aliens Residing in Wayland," to ensure her understanding that permanent resident aliens would also be able to hold elected office in Wayland, to which she agreed. The Board discussed the possible uses for the MtBE settlement funds. F. Turkington said the funds do not need to be earmarked to a specific project, and noted the lead petitioner has not been available to discuss the article for the last several Board meetings.

A5. Discussion with WayCAM Susan Koffman, Richard Turner, and Jerry Boos of WayCAM, and Steve Allen of the Cable Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the operation and finances of WayCAM. S. Koffman noted that WayCAM is a 501(c)(3) operation, and the sole sources of income are funds from ComCast and Verizon, and donations. She said the major project this year is to build new studio; the budget is \$200,000, including architect fees. The Board discussed financial projections, capital expenses, staffing, the location of cameras, and connectivity. T. Fay asked about the installation of a camera at the Community Pool; F. Turkington said it is cost prohibitive, as it requires a wireless connection, and it is not a town building. F. Turkington said he will meet with S. Koffman and Ken Isaacson to review the extension of the Memorandum of Agreement with WayCAM. He said the remaining issue is the renewal, the term of which should be sufficient to cover the bank loan for the studio construction and thereby range from 10 years to match the loan to expire with the end of the [be co-terminus with] the license with Verizon to 2023.

J. Nolan moved, seconded by T. Fay, to accept the Verizon license amendment relative to compensation for suspension of I-NET services dated February 28, 2011. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, J. Nolan, S. Pope, T. Fay. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

S. Correia left the meeting at 8:40 p.m. to attend the Board of Public Works public hearing on traffic calming policy; Vice-Chair Tom Fay took over as chair of the meeting.

A6. Consider and Approve Consent Calendar S. Pope moved, seconded by J. Nolan, to approve the consent calendar. S. Pope asked that Weston Automotive be limited to no more than five cars. YEA: J. Bladon, J. Nolan, S. Pope, T. Fay. NAY: none. ABSENT: S. Correia. Adopted 4-0.

A7. Review Correspondence The Board thanked Eric Knapp for his service to the town as a Road Commissioner and on the Board of Public Works. J. Nolan noted the request from Representative Tsongas for funding requests for town projects; F. Turkington suggested the Sherman's Road Bridge project. T. Fay commended the request by the DPW for technical assistance grants. F. Turkington said he understood that the request for a regional natural gas fueling facility would be well received. T. Fay asked if anyone was looking into the Nyanza issue; F. Turkington said the town has two staff members on the committee. T. Fay asked for an update on the proposal by Gary Slep regarding water rates. F. Turkington said the Town Counsel has reviewed it and it is in the hands of the Finance Committee. F. Turkington advised the Board that one candidate has submitted a letter of interest in the Board of Public Works vacancy, and he expects one more to be received. He has targeted March 28 as the date to interview the candidates. He said he is awaiting a call from Britte McBride, Director of Open Government, to clarify the Open Meeting Law opinion regarding the School Committee and the level of detail required on an agenda item (a prior request for an advisory opinion has not received a response). The Board discussed the use of CPA funds for turf fields as presented at the recent MMA breakfast.

A8. Report of the Town Administrator F. Turkington said the Dudley Area Advisory Committee was holding its first meeting tonight, and that the Town Planner and he had prepared a draft RFP for their review; he discussed the timeline for getting an article into town meeting. The Board will be holding its office hours at Bent Park this Saturday. He reported on a meeting with the Public Safety Building Advisory Committee and commended Kevin Crowley for his suggestion as to the relocation of the utilities. He said he met with Sudbury Town Manager Maureen Valente and Sudbury Public Works Director Bill Place this week with the goal of finalizing issues regarding the transfer station for a presentation in March. There will be a Town Meeting logistics meeting in mid-March to coordinate the electronic voting and the audio-visual setup by Capron. The Board discussed the creation of a permanent building committee, and agreed to vote on the concept before Town Meeting.

S. Correia returned to the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

A9. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns J. Nolan provided an update on the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority. He said ridership is up, and the Board voted to support grant funding through the MPO for sidewalks on the Route 20 corridor. He asked the Town Administrator to notify contractors building the wastewater plant to be mindful of dust control. S. Pope asked for a clarification of the role of the Town Meeting Procedures Subcommittee. S. Correia said the function of the committee is to make town meeting more efficient; the Board agreed that it should not be discussing the merit or preparation of the articles. S. Pope suggested that residents with homes in two towns should be included in the article, "Authorize Local Voting Rights for Permanent Resident Aliens Residing in Wayland." F. Turkington noted that it is done in other states. S. Pope expressed concern about the condition of Glezen Lane, and she asked for a site visit at 24-26 Lakeshore Drive. T. Fay asked for an update on flood mitigation preparation at Rolling Lane and other locations. F. Turkington said the town has gotten quotes on a dry hydrant and has ordered two pumps. T. Fay asked for a contact person regarding the state property on Route 20 as a possible location for a DPW garage. J. Bladon reported on the MMA legislative breakfast on Friday; he said three state legislators were present. S. Correia returned from the BoPW meeting and assumed chair; he reported on the traffic calming hearing. He said the DPW is collecting data to analyze and set priorities. He asked the Town Administrator to set up a meeting with the Bow Road residents. The Board noted that it is pleased with the management of free cash by the Finance Committee and the town staff, in a manner that encompasses both the short term and long term goals of the town.

T. Fay moved, seconded by J. Bladon, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:38 p.m.
YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, J. Nolan, S. Pope, T. Fay. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

Items Distributed For Use by the Board of Selectmen at the February 28, 2011 Meeting

1. Finance Committee FY2012 Debt Exclusion Ballot Question Recommendation – Presentation Slides dated February 28, 2011
2. WayCAM – Inventory of Capital Equipment Purchases dated February 28, 2011