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## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 3, 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 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and reviewed the agenda for the public. F. Turkington noted that the warrant for the April 2011 Annual Town Meeting will be open until Tuesday, January 18, and that nomination papers are available at the office of the Town Clerk for the April 5 town elections. S. Correia announced the "Tree Removal Fundraiser" sponsored by the Wayland High School Class of 2012 on January 8.

**A2. Public Comment** Linda Segal, 9 Aqueduct Road, responded to the comments of the Board at its December 20 meeting regarding her concerns about her belief that the Board violated the Open Meeting Law by not posting a notice and an agenda of a meeting when it participated in the public forum on December 7, 2010, regarding potential future uses of the Loker Conservation and Recreation Area.

**A3.** Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Committees Michael Connors appeared before the Board to interview for an appointment as an Associate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said he is a real estate attorney with offices in Waltham, dealing primarily in commercial property. The Board discussed his availability to attend meetings and his ability to balance the concerns of the applicants with the concerns of the neighbors. M. Connors said he will be available for meetings, and would like to remain active in the community for a long time. He said he understands the need for compromise and the importance of considering the request of the homeowner in the context of the character of the neighborhood. The Board agreed to postpone its decision on the Public Safety Building Advisory Committee until there was a larger field of candidates. J. Nolan moved, seconded by S. Pope, to appoint Michael Connors as an Associate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 30, 2013. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

**A4. Discussion of Potential Town Meeting Articles** The Board discussed articles for consideration to the April 2011 Annual Town Meeting. T. Fay moved, seconded by J. Nolan, to accept for consideration for insertion into the 2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant the following articles: the following articles: Recognize Citizens and Employees for Particular Service to the Town, Hear Reports, Choose Town Officers, Pay Previous Fiscal Year Unpaid Bills, Current Year Transfers, FY12 Omnibus Budget, Sell or Trade Vehicles and Equipment, Accept Gifts of Land, Accept Law Increasing Real Estate Tax Exemption Amounts, and Set Aside Community Preservation Funds for Later Spending. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0. F. Turkington reviewed potential articles: a bylaw to create a consent calendar and limit removal of items to objections of at least

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ten (10) citizens; the CPA request to appropriate funds of approximately \$150,000-\$175,000 to preserve historic documents; the sale of parcels of town-owned land; the acquisition of Sudbury's interest in the septage facility from the November 2010 Special Town Meeting, and the transfer of duties and authority of the Wastewater Management Commission to the Board of Public Works. J. Nolan asked if the Dudley Pond Working Group would be submitting an article. F. Turkington said no; it is his sense that they will let the process play out. T. Fay said he did not expect an affordable housing trust article, as there is no consensus at this point that it would pass at town meeting. F. Turkington said there have been no calls regarding the petitioner's workshop.

**A5. Consider and Approve Consent Calendar** S. Pope moved, seconded by J. Bladon, to approve the consent calendar. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

**A6. Review Correspondence** The Board reviewed the week's correspondence. J. Bladon noted the town's designation as a Green Community. S. Correia said the town should advertise and promote its designation; J. Bladon said he spoke to the Economic Development Committee about using the designation to attract business. S. Pope said she was glad to see that one of the public records request issues was settled. F. Turkington noted the minutes of the Operational Review Committee.

**A7. Report of the Town Administrator** F. Turkington said he met earlier today with Capron, the audiovisual contractor for the Annual Town Meeting, to review the facilities in order to prepare quotes for a Thursday/Sunday or Thursday/Monday meeting, with options for either two or three venues. He said he will be meeting with department heads for feedback on the capital process, and he reviewed the Finance Committee schedule of budget hearings. The Board agreed to tentatively schedule its next office hours at the library on January 29, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, with T. Fay and S. Pope. F. Turkington reviewed the budget requests for fire, police, joint communications center, and emergency management. The Board recognized Jim Forti for his years of service to the town as the Youth Services Officer. F. Turkington said the collaboration committee will be coming before the Board for a general discussion about what is possible. T. Fay asked if there were any savings to be found in the IT department; F. Turkington said there us very little staff in IT, even when combining the school and town functions. He said he will be meeting this Thursday with Twenty Wayland regarding the demolition of the building on the site, set to begin sometime in February or March.

**A8. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns** J. Bladon asked for an update on the Frishman dog issue. F. Turkington said that the judge in the Framingham District Court has affirmed the banishment order, and a trial date of March 4, 2011, has been set in order to pursue contempt of court charges. In the meantime, he has asked the Animal Control Officer to work with the police to confiscate the dog. The Board reviewed the draft editorial prepared by the Town Administrator, "Accomplishments in the Year Passed, Goals for the Year Ahead." It was the consensus of the Board to accept the article, and S. Pope suggested that it be titled "Good Things in Tough Times." T. Fay addressed the public comment of Linda Segal; he asked if there was anything more the Board could provide for her, or if it would be helpful to meet with her. F. Turkington said the Board has complied with the open meeting law, and it is up to L. Segal to pursue the issue if she does not agree. The Board affirmed the importance of abiding by open meeting laws, and expressed their desire to work collaboratively with L. Segal to address her concerns before they become costly legal issues. The Board reiterated that it did not sponsor the forum, but were attendees. L. Segal said it appeared they sponsored the forum. She said she is disappointed; she does not see the situation the same way as the Board does, and that she believes any oral communication constitutes a

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meeting. J. Nolan discussed the recent vandalism at the high school, and suggested better security, including lighting and cameras. S. Correia asked the Board to finalize its liaison roles, and said he will provide the Board with an update on the Cable Advisory Committee next week.

J. Nolan moved, seconded by J. Bladon, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 8:28 p.m. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, T. Fay, J. Nolan, S. Pope. NAY: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

## Items Distributed For Use by the Board of Selectmen at the January 3, 2011 Meeting:

- 1. FY12 Budget Requests by Department
- 2. Draft Editorial prepared by Town Administrator, "Accomplishments in the Year Passed, Goals for the Year Ahead."