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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes June 18, 2012

Attendance: John Bladon, Edward Collins, Steven Correia, Douglas Leard, Joseph Nolan

Also Present: Town Administrator Fred Turkington

Chair J. Bladon called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and reviewed the agenda for the public. He announced that the meeting is being broadcast and videotaped for later broadcast by WayCAM.

Cherry Karlson, Chair, Finance Committee, convened the Finance Committee at 6:34 p.m. Barb Fletcher, Chair, School Committee, convened the School Committee at 6:34 p.m.

A2. Interview Candidates for Appointment to Fill Vacancies on Town Boards and Committees (Audit Committee in Joint Session with School Committee and Finance Committee)

J. Bladon reviewed the process for interviewing candidates for the Audit Committee. He said each candidate would be interviewed individually, in alphabetical order, with members of each board asked to raise their hand if they have a question. Candidates appearing for consideration were: Tony Boschetto, Donna Bouchard, Gordon Cliff, Christopher Cullen, Ben Downs, Frank Krasin, and Chris Riley.

All candidates indicated a willingness to serve for any duration appointed by a board, except Tony Boschetto, who preferred one or two year appointment based on other commitments.

E. Collins moved, seconded by D. Leard, to expand the committee membership from five to seven members. E. Collins stated there were seven qualified candidates and he didn't want to turn away interested volunteers. He cited the temporary Town Center Green Design Advisory Committee as a recent precedent. S. Correia stated that considerable thought and discussion over two to three meetings, including input from petitioners for a more expansive audit committee, resulted in the size, scope and charge of the committee. J. Nolan dismissed the comparison to the Town Center Green Committee, noting that it was a temporary advisory committee rather than a standing committee requiring specific expertise. YEA: E. Collins, D. Leard. NAY: J. Bladon, S. Correia, J. Nolan. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none. Motion fails 2-3.

The Board interviewed Kate Moore for the vacant opening on the Finance Committee. She reviewed her background in consumer marketing, highlighting her business experience in setting budgets and relating it to a strategic plan. She discussed the role of the Finance Committee sifting through needs vs. wants, noting that such determinations varied among individuals. She also discussed the challenge of de-mystifying the rationale behind decisions. D. Leard asked that the vacancy be advertised with a deadline for applications.

A2. Public Comment Deborah Dyson Diaz, 22 Oak Hill Road, asked whether NStar had provided specific mitigation plans for the conservation/wetlands areas or the wellhead. William Quinn, 19 Meadow View Road, reminded the Board that the trees were gone and urged them to coordinate and pressure NStar to treat all property owners fairly. Alan Dines, 32 Oak Hill Road, criticized town officials for letting NStar follow a

scorched earth policy and called the situation reprehensible. J. Bladon reminded citizens to be civil in making comment. A. Dines continued, and J. Bladon asked him to leave the room. Linda Segal, 9 Aqueduct Road, noted there is no fence around the wellhead that was once screened from vegetation and therefore needed protection. She asked whether NStar would be providing a specific mitigation plan for the well. George Harris, 8 Holiday Road, said public comment should have preceded the interviews for Audit Committee, allowing citizens to offer comments on candidates and process. He suggested for future joint appointments that a set of standard questions be asked of all candidates and that all three boards should have discussed and voted together. He said the separate votes, while expedient for board action, deprives the public of seeing how the decision was made and other boards of hearing the discussion.

A4. Update on NStar's Mitigation Plan for Transmission Lines Adjacent to Oak Hill Road and Meadow View Road

The Town Administrator reported that special counsel from Kopelman & Paige had been reviewed the issue and had found no basis for pressing NStar to suspend the work. The firm reviewed the environmental regulations requested by L. Segal, the easement language, the DPU regulations, Federal regulations for maintaining transmission lines, and state laws governing work in public ways. Given that the town remains concerned about the protection of the wellhead and consistent mitigation plans for all neighbors and the town, J. Bladon suggested that S. Correia and J. Nolan organize the neighbors entitled to mitigation and meet to discuss minimum standards to present to NStar to ensure follow-up and equal treatment. F. Turkington suggested that NStar be invited to attend a subsequent Board meeting to discuss company plans to assure wellhead protection and erosion control, as well as preliminary discussion on future use of herbicides. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Town Administrator arrange such a meeting. E. Collins asked whether NStar had complied with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, section 14(e), requiring notification to the tree warden 14 days in advance of tree removal. F. Turkington said he would review the matter with town counsel.

A5. Update from Economic Development Committee on Affordable Housing Initiative on Town-owned Land on Boston Post Road

Sam Potter, Economic Development Committee, addressed the Board regarding his frustration at the pace of executing two contracts for studying the housing proposal set forth at 2012 Annual Town Meeting for town-owned land on Boston Post Road. The Town Administrator explained that the push back was to assure compliance with competitive bid laws, and said he didn't believe a week delay was impacting the project schedule. He explained that he had reviewed the situation, including S. Potter's expectations for the pace of project completion in the public sector compared to his own work in the private sector. TA pledged to finalize review by weeks' end and to report findings to the Board.

A6. Discussion of Letter from Town of Belmont Concerning Minuteman Regional Vocation – Technical High School Feasibility Study with MSBA

The Town Administrator reviewed the letter from Belmont Town Counsel George Hall challenging the legitimacy of the Minuteman School Committee's vote to engage MSBA in a feasibility study for a school building project. For the background of new members, he then reviewed some of the issues and history related to the relationships on the Minuteman School Committee, and the issue of enrollment projections and inclusion of students from non-member towns. S. Correia discussed the building committee on which he represents Wayland and the frustration of all member towns about the inability to require non-member towns to pay anything toward capital projects. F. Turkington said he would keep the Board apprised of any developments.

A8. Review Correspondence

The Board reviewed the week's correspondence. J. Nolan noted the MSBA decision to participate in the Middle School roof project as hoped during the Annual Town Meeting discussion on the project.

A7. Consider and Approve Consent Calendar J. Nolan moved, seconded by S. Correia., to approve the consent calendar. YEA: J. Bladon, E. Collins, S. Correia, D. Leard, J. Nolan. NAY: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

A9. Report of the Town Administrator F. Turkington reviewed upcoming meetings and agenda topics.

A10. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns The Board considered the appointments to the Audit Committee. J. Bladon noted that the School Committee had designated Tony Boschetto as their choice, with Donna Bouchard as second choice. He said the Finance Committee had designated Gordon Cliff as their choice, with Ben Downs as their second choice. D. Leard suggested the appointment of Donna Bouchard, based on her interest in municipal finance and selection by the School Committee as alternative choice. In general, he expressed displeasure at choosing from among the remaining candidates and wondered why the Board of Selectmen hadn't selected first. E. Collins stated he would support Donna Bouchard and Frank Krasin. S. Correia indicated that his choice would be based on experience in implementing the specific charge of the committee to assure that management letter recommendations and best practices were implemented. He said he would support Chris Riley, Ben Downs and Chris Cullen. J. Nolan indicated that he concurred with S. Correia. J. Nolan moved, seconded by S. Correia, to appoint Chris Riley to the Audit Committee for a three year term, Ben Downs to the Audit Committee for a two-year term, and Chris Cullen to the Audit Committee the one-year term. YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, J. Nolan. NAY: E. Collins. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: D. Leard. Adopted 3-1-1.

J. Nolan said that he attended the opening of the town beach on Saturday, and he congratulated all officials and staff involved with the project.

A11. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting, If Any
J. Bladon said there were no additional topics.

A12. Adjourn There being no further business before the Board, D. Leard moved, seconded by J. Nolan, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 10:00 p.m. YEA: J. Bladon, E. Collins, S. Correia, D. Leard, J. Nolan. NAY: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

Items Included as Part of Agenda Packet for Discussion During the June 18, 2012 Board of Selectmen's Meeting

1. Email dated June 13, 2012 from Town Administrator to Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee with resumes and letters of interest from candidates for Audit Committee.
2. Letters of interest and resumes from applicants to vacancies on boards and commissions (Kate Moore – Finance Committee).
3. Information related to tree removal by NStar beneath electric transmission lines in Oak Hill and Meadow View Road neighborhood (email dated June 12, 2012 from Town Administrator to NStar and Department of Public Utility; response dated June 12, 2012 from NStar representative Annemarie Walsh, together with copy of easement giving right to conduct tree removal operation on private property; email dated June 12, 2012 from State Rep. Tom Conroy updating on conversation with state agencies; emails dated June 12, 2012 from Linda Segal concerning wellhead protection and other environmental issues; email dated June 13, 2012 from DPU representative Nancy Stevens forwarding NStar policy on remediation; public comment from residents; excerpt from *Report on Transmission Facility Outages during*

4. *Northeast Snowstorm of October 29-30, 2011* regarding recommendations; court filing dated June 11, 2012 by Robert & Donna Noa v. NStar seeking suspension of tree removal activities.
5. Emails dated June 11 and 12, 2012 from EDC member Sam Potter to Town Administrator relative to recommendations for consultants to study feasibility of housing initiative on Town-owned land on Boston Post Road.
6. Letter dated June 5, 2012 from Belmont Town Counsel to Minuteman Regional Vocational-Technical High School Superintendent regarding authorization to enter into feasibility study agreement with Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Items Distributed For Use by the Board of Selectmen at the June 18, 2012 Meeting

1. Email dated June 13, 2012 from Tony Boschetto to Town Administrator indicating that he would not be available to interview for Audit Committee on June 18, 2012.
2. Email dated June 15, 2012 from Ann Moran to Town Administrator withdrawing from consideration for Audit Committee.
3. News article June 13, 2012 from *Carlisle Mosquito* regarding Minuteman HS capital funding allocation.
4. Letter dated June 18, 2012 from Town Moderator Dennis Berry to Selectmen supporting the work of Minuteman School Committee representative MaryEllen Castagno.