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## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 11, 2013

**Attendance:** John Bladon, Edward J. Collins, Steven J. Correia, Douglas J. Leard

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Fred Turkington, Secretary MaryAnn DiNapoli

Chair J. Bladon called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:02 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. F. Turkington reviewed items distributed for use by the Board.

**A2. Public Comment** There was no public comment.

**A3. Presentation Relative to Stormwater Management Services by SUASCO** This presentation was cancelled and will be scheduled at a later date.

**A7. Review and Approve Consent Calendar (See Separate Sheet)** E. Collins moved, seconded by D. Leard, to approve the consent calendar. YEA: J. Bladon, E. Collins, S. Correia, D. Leard. NAY: none. ABSENT: J. Nolan. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 4-0.

**A8. Review Correspondence (See Separate Index Sheet)** The Board reviewed the week's correspondence. D. Leard thanked the Fire Department and the Building Commissioner for maintaining the emergency elevator code. S. Correia noted the Moody's Aaa rating, and thanked the Town Administrator and staff for prudent management. E. Collins asked if NStar had followed up on the issues of double poles; F. Turkington said they had. E. Collins noted that the Board of Public Works and the Board of Health wanted to be consulted in regard to the Danforth Settlement, and asked if the previous agreement was void. F. Turkington said he would confirm that with Town Counsel. J. Bladon also noted Moody's rating of Aaa, and highlighted the fact that it was based on a stable financial position with healthy reserves, which could be negatively impacted by drawing down free cash and failing to fund long term obligations. He thanked JoAnne O'Leary, NStar, for agreeing to remove the debris from the Oak Hill neighborhood.

**A9. Report of the Town Administrator** F. Turkington reviewed the emergency management meeting held on Friday. He said the DPW crews will be working through the night to widen the streets and clear the sidewalks, and the reverse 911 system worked well. He distributed a presentation on the suggested debt exclusion question for the Board's review. He said the staff is working on the format of the budget for the Annual Town Meeting warrant in order to be responsive to the petitioners' article petition passed at last town meeting. S. Correia asked if there were any flooding issues during the recent storm; F. Turkington said there had been no problems.

**A4. Interview Citizens for Appointment as Members of Board or Committees** Art Fine, Rita Gylys, Marjorie Halparin, Bill Miller, and MaryEllen Castagno appeared before the Board to interview for appointment to the Dog Control Appeals Board. They reviewed their backgrounds and interest in serving on

the board. Art Fine was the only applicant who was not a dog owner. The Board discussed their ability to make the time commitment, their understanding of the issues and the bylaw, the need to regulate dog walkers, and the enforcement of the current bylaw regarding the behavior of dogs in the cemeteries. J. Bladon thanked them for volunteering, and asked them to consider serving on another committee in the event they are not appointed to the Dog Control Appeals Board.

**A5. Approval of Order of Articles for 2013 Annual Town Meeting** The Board reviewed a draft order of Annual Town Meeting articles prepared by the Town Administrator. S. Correia moved, seconded by E. Collins, to accept the order of articles as presented. YEA: J. Bladon, E. Collins, S. Correia, D. Leard. NAY: none. ABSENT: J. Nolan. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 4-0.

**A10. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns** D. Leard moved, seconded by E. Collins, to appoint Art Fine as the Alternate to the Dog Control Appeals Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2013. YEA: J. Bladon, E. Collins, S. Correia, D. Leard. NAY: none. ABSENT: J. Nolan. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 4-0. The Board discussed an email from the Weston Selectmen regarding the Minuteman Regional High School. F. Turkington said the issues should be discussed by all the towns involved, and not done selectively.

**A6. Finance Committee Presentation of Debt Exclusion Recommendation for DPW Facility** William Steinberg, Chair, Finance Committee, and Cherry Karlson, member, Finance Committee, appeared before the Board with a letter of recommendation from the Finance Committee for the FY14 Debt Exclusion ballot question. The text of the question is as follows: "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 fund the construction and other related expenses for a facility and accessory structures for the maintenance, repair, storage and administrative functions of the Department of Public Works?" W. Steinberg said the town is in a good financial position, and the project makes sense. He noted that several boards had vetted the project, and the debt service had been evaluated throughout upcoming years. E. Collins asked how the town's debt related to the levy limit. C. Karlson said the town is significantly below its levy limit. F. Turkington said the current debt service payments are \$7.3 million. E. Collins expressed concern about the viability of the proposed access road to the new DPW facility, and asked why a debt exclusion is being considered before knowing if the project is feasible. W. Steinberg said the decision on the table concerns financing; he said the conservation issues will be worked out by other boards. F. Turkington said the Permanent Municipal Building Committee divided the project into sections in order to provide rough estimates subject to full details as they became available; he said there is no reason to believe the Conservation Commission won't approve the access road with conditions to protect the property. E. Collins noted that the residents had been assured that River Road would only be used for emergencies. W. Steinberg said that if the project is delayed, the repairs to the current facility will be over \$1 million for a building which will be then demolished. D. Leard expressed concern about the presence of methane gas, and the fact that the January 2012 Weston and Sampson report was not delivered to the Board of Health until January 2013. F. Turkington said methane testing has been done, and testing will continue to ensure there is no migration. He said the design is well advanced, and there needs to be a balance where enough issues are resolved in order to move forward. He noted that if the DPW project is cancelled, then the Board of Public Works will not give up the Rivers Edge property to the Economic Development Committee. S. Correia said that in terms of financing, it makes more sense to finance the DPW garage now to free up funds down the road. C. Karlson said the Finance Committee was aware that when the high school project was funded, the DPW garage would be next. She said it's not unusual that a project goes forward before all the details are resolved. She encouraged E. Collins to speak with the Permanent Municipal Building Committee. J. Bladon asked for clarification on the issue of the access road. F. Turkington the town will make a formal application to the

Conservation Commission after the funding is received from town meeting for full engineered drawings. He said the vote on the debt exclusion ballot question will take place at the February 25 meeting. E. Collins asked about the state regulations regarding Proposition 2 ½ overrides and debt exclusions; C. Karlson said the information is on the Department of Revenue website.

**A11. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting, If Any**  
J. Bladon said, "I know of none."

**A12. Adjourn** There being no further business before the Board, D. Leard moved, seconded by S. Correia, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:01 p.m. YEA: J. Bladon, E. Collins, S. Correia, D. Leard. NAY: none. ABSENT: J. Nolan. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 4-0.

**Items Included as Part of Agenda Packet for Discussion During the February 11, 2013 Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

1. Letters of interest from citizens seeking appointment to Dog Control Appeals Board.
2. List of articles and assignees for 2013 Annual Town Meeting.
3. Selectmen's policy on Proposition 2 ½ ballot questions.