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## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 25, 2013

**Attendance:** John Bladon, Edward J. Collins, Steven J. Correia, Douglas J. Leard, Joseph F. Nolan  
**Also Present:** Town Administrator Fred Turkington, Secretary MaryAnn DiNapoli

Chair J. Bladon 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. He announced that the meeting is being broadcast and videotaped for later broadcast by WayCAM.

**A2. Public Comment** Sheila Carel, 18 Joyce Road and member of the Historical Commission, distributed information regarding the archeological sites and burial grounds which might be impacted by the access road to the proposed DPW garage. She also said the area is historic due to its part in the King Philip war. She said the Historical Commission would like to have an archeological survey done, and then work with the town boards to create an access to the new building that would not destroy historical sites. E. Collins asked if both hills that were included in the town green design were related to the designation; S. Carel said Goodman's Hill was on the town green. D. Leard asked what would happen if these sites are unearthed and relocated. S. Carel said the purpose for the creation of the sites would be destroyed. She also said that if remains of native Americans are found, the work must be stopped. J. Nolan said the issue should have been placed on the agenda rather than made as a public comment; he asked that it be discussed further at a future meeting. Tom Sciacca, 31 Rolling Lane, said the access road to the new DPW garage was supposed to be returned to conservation land after the closing of the landfill. Bruce Cummings, 6 Eden Road, distributed information on the pricing and his analysis of the use of town recreation fields, especially by out-of-town groups. D. Leard asked if the Recreation Commission pays for the lights at the High School field; B. Cummings said no. E. Collins asked if he had a proposal for a different system. B. Cummings said he would renovate the existing fields instead of building three diamonds as proposed for Loker Recreation Area. J. Bladon said he would invite him back, along with the Recreation Commission, for further discussion.

**A3. Executive Session to Discuss Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining with Wayland Police Association** At 7:26 p.m., S. Correia moved, seconded by J. Nolan, that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to mid-term bargaining with the Wayland Police Association. The Chair declared that an open meeting discussion of strategy and negotiations with respect to mid-term bargaining with the Wayland Police Association will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the town. YEA: J. Bladon, E. Collins, S. Correia, D. Leard, J. Nolan. NAY: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0. Chair J. Bladon stated that the Board invites Town Administrator Fred Turkington, Assistant Town Administrator John Senchyshyn, Police Chief Robert Irving, and Personnel Board Member Philip Schneider to attend and participate in the executive session. The Board also invites Executive Assistant MaryAnn DiNapoli to attend and record minutes of the Executive Session.

The Board returned to open session at 8:06 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

**A4. Discussion and vote on debt exclusion ballot question as recommended for DPW facility as recommended by the Finance Committee** F. Turkington presented the proposed language for the debt exclusion ballot question and explained the process. E. Collins noted that the question of funding is separate from the question of the cost of the building, and the issue is how much space exists between the levy limit and the debt. He said the town is financially healthy, and he is opposed to putting this forward as a debt exemption; he said he would prefer to vote the matter of funding at Town Meeting. F. Turkington cautioned that without the debt exclusion, the town may be closer to an operational override vote in the future. J. Nolan said that putting the question on the ballot does not bind the town, but allows for broader participation than just the smaller number of voters who attend town meeting. He noted that all major expenditures by the town have gone to the voters as a debt exclusion ballot question at the polls. S. Correia said the Finance Committee has studied the issue and made this recommendation. D. Leard said that in regard to the DPW facility, he is still concerned about the methane, historical issues, and the lack of a specific cost estimate for the access road. He said he is opposed to the debt exclusion and he is opposed to the site without more information. E. Collins said that while this discussion pertained to the financial issue, he also had concerns about the lack of information regarding the project itself. He said the ballot question did not include a dollar amount; F. Turkington said the ballot question never has a dollar figure, because the amount borrowed is voted at town meeting. S. Correia said the Finance Committee voted a debt exclusion of \$11.4 million. J. Nolan said the debate is not about this specific project; it is about the process. He said the Board would be denying the voters the right to have their say at the polls. J. Nolan moved, seconded by S. Correia, to approve for insertion in the town ballot, the following question: "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?" YEA: J. Bladon, S. Correia, J. Nolan. NAY: E. Collins, D. Leard. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none. Approval requires 2/3 vote. Motion fails, 3-2.

**A5. 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, J. Nolan. NAY: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 5-0.

**A6. Review Correspondence (See Separate Index Sheet)** The Board reviewed the week's correspondence. S. Correia acknowledged the letter from Senator Ross delaying the implementation of the medical marijuana law. D. Leard noted the disaster plan for private schools prepared by the Fire Chief. J. Bladon asked for volunteers to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spelling Bee at Wayland High School.

**A7. Report of the Town Administrator** F. Turkington reviewed the department director's meeting that was held on February 6, and he noted that Brian Keveny had begun his work as Finance Director during the past week. He said he is waiting for the state to declare a state of emergency regarding the recent blizzard. He said the Attorney General had struck down the bylaw amendment regarding utility herbicide application that had been adopted at the October 2012 Special Town Meeting. The Board discussed arrangements for its next office hours.

**A8. Selectmen's Reports and Concerns** S. Correia reported on the Minuteman Regional School structure, and asked that the town consider sending a volunteer to serve on the subcommittee to review the regional structure. F. Turkington said he will publicize the position. In regard to the presentation regarding the town playing fields at public comment, S. Correia, J. Nolan, and J. Bladon suggested that the Board look at the entirety of the town's recreation programs at a future meeting.

**A9. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting, If Any**

J. Bladon said, "I know of none."

**A10. 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 8:55 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 February 25, 2013 Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

1. Motion for entering executive session.
2. Memorandum dated February 11, 2013 from the Finance Committee to the Selectmen, together with a DPW fact sheet, graph showing actual and projected debt service from FY2008 to FY2020, the Town's Debt Management Policy, and January 28, 2013 credit rating report by Moody's Investor Services, Inc.; Selectmen's policy on Proposition 2 ½; all material relates to Finance Committee recommendation for a debt exclusion ballot question to finance the construction of a DPW facility.