

Westborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2008
7:00 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Thompson, Vice Chairman Emery, Selectmen Goldblatt, Dodd and Jane´

Also, Present: Henry Danis, Town Coordinator; Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Coordinator

Absent: Town Counsel Gregory B. Franks

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Thompson. Town and School payroll and expense warrants were approved and signed.

Pledge of Allegiance/Open Forum

The following committee vacancies were announced to the public by Chairman Thompson. Anyone interested in serving may submit a letter of interest to Nidia Ruberti, Town Hall, Selectmen's Office, 34 West Main Street:

Open Space Preservation Committee (2) 1-Non Voting Associate
Sandra Pond Conservation Area Wardens (2)
Human Resources Volunteer for the Government Study Committee II (1)

Request to Appoint a Council on Aging Member/Council on Aging

Vice Chairman Emery moved to appoint Susan Abladian to the Council on Aging as a voting member with a term ending of June 30, 2011. Selectman Dodd seconded.

Ms. Abladian announced that a SMOCK representative will be at the Senior Center on October 28th to inform our residents of how to insulate your home and how to conserve energy this winter and also announced that the Senior Center will hold it annual Crafts Fair on November 1st and encourages everyone to attend both events. Ms. Abladian also noted that the Council on Aging Committee is also investigating other avenues to help our town residents in these difficult economic times. 5-0

Request to Layout Woodland Preserves Ways known as Old Hickory Path, Copperbeech Circle, Thistle Hill Lane and Whispering Pine Drive as Public Ways in their Entirety/DPW Manager

Mr. Walden, DPW, Manger, requested that the Board vote to layout the Woodland Preserves ways known as Old Hickory Path, Copperbeech Circle, Thistle Hill Lane and Whispering Pine Drive as public ways in their entirety. Mr. Walden noted that there is an outstanding punch list and is very confident that the list will be completed by the special town meeting.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the layout of the Woodland Preserves as presented by Mr. Walden. Selectman Jane' seconded. 5-0

**Request to Authorize the Building Department to Issue Temporary Trailer Permits/
Assistant Town Coordinator**

Ms. Bilodeau, Assistant Town Coordinator, requested that the Board authorize the Building Department to issue Temporary Trailer Permits.

Selectman Dodd moved to authorize the Building Department to issue Temporary Trailer Permits, as requested by Ms. Bilodeau. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Town Counsel Report

Town Coordinator Report

Mr. Danis requested two nominees to perform Town Counsel Franks' evaluation which is due October 23rd. Vice Chairman Emery and Selectman Goldblatt agreed to conduct Town Counsel's review.

Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen

Selectman Dodd requested that appointments to the Lee Property Committee and the Open Space Preservation Committee be placed at the Board's October 14th meeting due to the fact that these two committees are having problems with acquiring a quorum. The Board agreed with Selectman Dodd's request.

Selectman Dodd also requested that the Board at its October 28th meeting place the energy saving proposal for discussion along with Vice Chairman Emery's proposal. The Board agreed with Selectman Dodd's request of placing the energy proposals at the Board's October 28th meeting.

Selectman Goldblatt requested that the Selectmen return Chief Gordon's evaluation forms so that the review may be completed.

Selectman Goldblatt requested that the Gulf War Memorial Committee be dissolved and requested that it be placed at the Board's next meeting. Mr. Danis said that he needs to investigate the legal ramifications of dissolving the Gulf War Memorial Committee before it is placed on the Board's agenda.

Selectman Goldblatt requested that the Board invite Senator Resor to come before the Board at their November 18th meeting to thank her for her service to our district and also requested that we keep our servicemen and women in our thoughts and prayers. The Board agreed with Selectman Goldblatt's request.

Vice Chairman Emery thanked Anna Tortora for filming tonight's meeting and also thanked Lydia Goldblatt and Representative Polito for all their efforts in getting the Opticom light, at no cost to the town, at the Speedway Plaza and Route 9 intersection.

Vice Chairman Emery noted that she will be out of the country next Tuesday and will not be in attendance for the Board's October 14th meeting.

Selectman Jane' requested that the Board approve the following deletion as requested by the Finance Committee on the Economic Development Committee article (EDC):

"The members (EDC) may also appoint their own designee in cases whether the attendance of a meeting is not possible. The designee shall have full voting rights." Selectman Jane said that he and Mr. Danis are in agreement with the Finance Committee's request. He said that the statement was placed there for administrative needs regarding consistent attendance.

Selectman Jane' moved to rescind the initial vote on the EDC article (Article 4 on the posted warrant) with the deletion of the two sentences. Vice Chairman Emery seconded. 5-0

Selectman Jane' said that he and Mr. Danis will look into whether a member of the EDC needs to be a town resident or not to serve on the committee.

Selectman Jane' requested that at the Board's meeting of October 28th to have Mr. Doug Mosher come before the Board to discuss the Clean Choice Program and different ways that the Town may be able to disseminate the information to our residents.

Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Danis if he has received an update or any communication from Attorney Donahue regarding the deed and the punch list for the park article. Mr. Danis noted that he has not received any updated materials or phone calls regarding the park issue; however, he is not aware whether or not Town Counsel has. At this point, Mr. Danis suggested that the Board hold any recommendation regarding the park article until special town meeting.

Chairman Thompson announced a couple of ideas for future discussion with the Board and also suggested inviting our new senator and representatives to introduce themselves to the Board.

1. - Chairman Thompson suggested having a couple of Selectman to be solely responsible to continuously communicate with our new State Senator and State Representatives.
2. - Chairman Thompson suggested discussing the Chairman's role of authority

Chairman Thompson requested that Mr. Danis place the Question One discussion at the Board's October 14th meeting agenda. Mr. Danis acknowledge the request.

Selectmen Jane', Dodd, Goldblatt and Vice Chairman Emery agreed to vote and take a leadership stand on Question One.

Mr. Danis noted that the problem with voting yes on Question One is that the Towns do not know how much the state will allocate; therefore, it is very difficult to determine how the loss of money would affect the Town's budget.

Chairman Thompson said that if you are a senior and are having difficulty meeting your food and energy costs to please contact the Council on Aging for assistance.

Minutes: October 7, 2008

Chairman Thompson thanked Ana Tortora for filming the Board's meeting tonight and also thanked Nidia Ruberti for typing the Board's minutes.

Vice Chairman Emery noted that in reference to the park discussion earlier and as a member of the Park Committee is very dismayed at the fact that the fountain that was discussed and agreed upon is not what has been placed in the park. She said that this may become another issue if it is not resolved prior to the special town meeting.

Adjourn Open Session

Selectman Goldblatt moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:40 p.m. Selectman Jane' seconded. 5-0

Submitted by Nidia L. Ruberti

Chairman George Thompson

Vice Chairman Leigh Emery

Selectman Lydia Goldblatt

Selectman Timothy A. Dodd

Selectman Rod Jane'