

Westborough Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Thompson, Selectmen Goldblatt, Dodd

Also, Present: Henry Danis, Town Coordinator; Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Coordinator; Town Counsel Gregory B. Franks

**Absent:** Vice Chairman Emery, Selectman Rod Jane'

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)

### **Approval of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

- September 23, 2008

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's minutes of September 23, 2008. Selectman Dodd seconded. 3-0

### **Request for a Pole Petition/Hopkinton Road/Massachusetts Electric/Linda Hagan**

Tracy Bolduc requested that the Board approve a Pole Petition to install a new pole #32 to service the cell tower located at 62A Hopkinton Road; currently there is an aerial trespass which this will alleviate.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Pole Petition request to install a new pole (#32) to service the cell tower located at 62A Hopkinton Road. Selectman Dodd seconded.

Mark Smith from 66 Hopkinton Road voiced his concerns (driveway issues) regarding the installation of the pole on his property. After a brief discussion regarding Mr. Smith's concerns the Chairman noted that by installing the pole it will not hinder the placing of a driveway on Mr. Smith's property, since the pole will be not be placed on Mr. Smith's frontage. Mr. Danis suggested that Mr. Smith contact the Town Engineer tomorrow to confirm what was discussed. Mr. Smith acknowledged the suggestion. 3-0

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**Request for a Change of Manager and Change of New Officers/Directors/Central House/William Van Dam**

Mr. Van Dam requested that the Board approve a Change of Manager and a Change of New Officers/Directors for the Central House located at 44 South Street.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve a Change of Manager and Change of New Officers/Directors for the Central House located at 44 South Street. Selectman Dodd seconded. 3-0

**Request for a Change of Manager/Courtyard by Marriott/Attorney Albert DeNapoli**

This item was deferred to the Board October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting by the petitioner.

**Request to Appoint a Member to the Youth Commission/John Badenhausen, Youth Commission Director**

Mr. Badenhausen requested that the Board appoint Kristen French to the Youth Commission Committee with a term ending June 30, 2011.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to appoint Kristen French to the Youth Commission with a term ending June 30, 2011. Selectman Dodd seconded. 3-0

**Request to Appoint a Member to the Open Space Preservation Committee/Selectman Dodd**

Selectman Dodd requested, on behalf of Mr. Breecher, to postpone the appointment to the Board's next meeting. The Board agreed with Selectman Dodd's request.

**Request to Appoint a Member to the Lee Property Committee/Selectman Dodd**

Selectman Dodd moved to appoint Mary Aronson to the Lee Property Committee, ad Hoc. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 3-0

**Request for Waiver of Sewer Privilege Fee/John Walden, DPW Manager**

Mr. Walden requested that this item be presented at the Board's next meeting. He said that Mr. Danis, Town Counsel Franks and himself have discussed creating a draft policy language for individuals with hardships requesting to waive their water and sewer privilege fees. The Board agreed with the request. Town Counsel is in agreement of the request and will check whether it should be done by regulation or by changing the bylaw and will inform Mr. Danis of that. Mr. Walden will contact the proponent of the Board's decision.

**Request to Auction Surplus Property/Henry Danis, Town Coordinator**

Mr. Danis requested that the Board approve the following auction of town owned surplus properties as required by the State Procurement Law:

- 169 East Main Street (land with house)
- Granger Road (land)
- 82 Hopkinton Road (land)

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the following auction of town owned surplus properties as requested and required by the State Procurement Law:

- 169 East Main Street (land with house)
- Granger Road (land)
- 82 Hopkinton Road (land)

Selectman Dodd seconded. 3-0

#### **Request to Dissolve the Gulf War Memorial Committee/Henry Danis, Town Coordinator**

Mr. Danis requested that the Board dissolve the Gulf War Memorial Committee, ad Hoc.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to dissolve the Gulf War Memorial Committee, ad Hoc. Selectman Dodd seconded. 3-0

#### **Vote Recommendation on Town Meeting Articles/Board of Selectmen**

Selectman Dodd voted to support Articles 1 thru 15 with the exception of Article 11 (Accept Gift of Land Bay State Park). Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 3-0

#### **Article 11 Discussion:**

Mr. Danis said that Town Counsel Franks and Attorney Donahue have worked diligently on the park's deed. He said that most of the items of concern have been resolved and only a couple of small items are left to be resolved. The punch list items have been completed with the exception of the fountain. Mr. Danis said that he recommends that the Board hold their recommendation until town meeting floor. After a lengthy discussion regarding the deed and the punch list items not being completed the Board voted the following:

Selectman Dodd moved to pass over Article 11. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 3-0

~Chairman Thompson requested a 10 minutes recess at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Discussion on Question 1/Board of Selectmen**

This item was deferred to the Board's October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Town Counsel Report**

Town Counsel Franks informed the Board that an agreement has been reached with EMC to settle the dispute and will follow proper court proceedings.

#### **Town Coordinator Report**

Mr. Danis reminded town residents that on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> the Special Town Meeting will be held at the Westborough High School starting at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged all residents to attend. Mr. Danis also informed the Board that the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation web site has information regarding Question 1 and encourages anyone who is interested in Question 1 to log onto the web site.

### **Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen**

Selectman Dodd announced that the Senior Center will conduct their first community dinner on November 1<sup>st</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend. Selectman Dodd said that the Lee Property Park (169A West Main Street) is open from dawn to dusk and encouraged town residents to take a walk and check it out.

Selectman Goldblatt clarified that in reference to the waiver sewer and water privilege fee hardship policy language that the Board agreed that Mr. Danis and Town Counsel Franks draft up is for individual hardships. She said that the Town already has a hardship point system in place. Selectman Goldblatt send her condolences to the Gebo family for their loss and also requested that we keep our servicemen and women in our thoughts and prayers so far from home.

Chairman Thompson thanked Anna Tortora for filming the Board's meeting tonight and also thanked Karen Bain Morgado for typing the Board's minutes tonight. Chairman Thompson thanked Town Counsel Franks for his dedication and work done on the EMC case and noted that the Town has saved a tremendous amount of money by having an in-house Town Counsel and thanked the town residents for voting in support of this item.

### **Adjourn Open Session**

Selectman Goldblatt moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:55 p.m. Selectman Dodd seconded. 3-0

*Submitted by Nidia L. Ruberti*

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**Chairman George Thompson**

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**Vice Chairman Leigh Emery**

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**Selectman Lydia Goldblatt**

*(Absent)*

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**Selectman Timothy A. Dodd**

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**Selectman Rod Jané**

*(Absent)*