

Westborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

Approval of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

- March 10, 2009
- March 24, 2009
- March 31, 2009

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2009. Vice Chairman Emery seconded. 5-0

Vice Chairman Emery moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Vice Chairman Emery moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2009. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Request to Hold Earth Day/Westborough Community Land Trust (WCLT)/Doug Mosher and Bruce Tretter

Mr. Mosher, WCLT Member, requested that the Board approve the Westborough Community Land Trust Town Wide Earth Day Clean-up Activities. He said that the event will be held on Saturday, April 25th starting approximately at 6:30 a.m. at the West Meadow Plaza then proceed to Bellows Road, then onto Lake Chauncy Beach and end up at Minuteman Park at approximately 9:30 a.m. Mr. Tretter said that everyone is welcome to participate in the Town's clean-up endeavor.

Vice Chairman Emery moved to approve the Westborough Community Land Trust's Town Wide Earth Day Clean-up Activities being held on Saturday, April 25th starting approximately at 6:30 a.m. at the West Meadow Plaza. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Request to Hold the Pan Mass Challenge/Carole Duval

Ms. Susan Burger requested that the Board approve to hold the Pan Mass Challenge Kids Ride on Sunday, May 31, 2009 from 9am - Noon to raise money for the Jimmy Fund and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She said that the biker's ages are 2 thru 15 years old and will ride from the Westborough High School, take a right onto West Main Street, onto Charles Street, onto Ruggles Street then proceed to the High School's back entrance (press release and bike route attached).

Police Chief Gordon requested that no permanent markings on the ground be done. Ms. Burger said that they will use chalk for any markings.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Pan Mass Challenge Kids Ride to be held on Sunday, May 31, 2009 from 9:00 am – Noon. Vice Chairman Emery seconded. 5-0

Request to Hold the Rotary Club Spring Festival Road Race/Kathy Wilfert

Ms. Wilfert and Mr. Robinson, Rotarians, requested that the Board approve the Rotary Club's annual Spring Festival being held on Saturday and Sunday, May 2nd and May 3rd, 2009. Ms. Wilfert said that this is a family event which includes lots of fun filled activities. Everyone is welcomed to come and join the fun. She said that anyone interested in obtaining more information may log onto the Rotary's web site at www.westboroughspringfestival.org (brochure attached).

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Rotary Club's annual Spring Festival Event to be held on Saturday and Sunday May 2nd and May 3rd, 2009. Selectman Jane' seconded. 5-0

School Building Authority

Mr. Danis informed the Board that this item was approved at a prior Board of Selectmen's meeting; however, when the paperwork was sent up by the School Department to the State they returned it because they wanted a different format to be submitted; therefore, it needs to be approved again. He said that this is for the Gibbon's Middle School state assistance reimbursement program for work to be done at the school.

Selectman Dodd moved to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated November 4, 2008 for the Sarah W. Gibbons Middle School located at 20 Fisher Street, Westborough, MA 01581 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which the Westborough Public School may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future, for a Priority 7 on the Statement of Interest and a brief description of the deficiency described therein for each priority, for building repairs and renovations, including window, roof and electric repairs; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance of the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Discussion: Intent to Vote a New Town Manager/Board of Selectmen

Selectman Dodd thanked the Town Manager Search Committee for all their efforts and commitment during this process. He also thanked all of the applicants who applied the residents for their questions and the three candidates for their professionalism. Selectman Dodd announced that he supports James Malloy, the current Town Administrator of Sturbridge, to be the next Town Manager for the Town of Westborough for the following reasons:

- 1-Having strong financial skills
- 2-Having strong management and administrative skills
- 3-Exessablity of communications
- 4- Openness to new ideas and programs

Selectman Goldblatt thanked the Town Manager Search Committee for their dedication and professionalism also. She said that the Committee brought three very professional candidates, which one withdrew during the interview process, to the Board of Selectmen and announced her support for James Malloy to be the next Town Manager for the Town of Westborough. She believes that Mr. Malloy best fits the town and also believes that he has the experience that is needed to move Westborough forward.

Vice Chairman Emery thanked the Town Manager Search Committee for their hard work and commitment throughout the search process. Vice Chairman Emery announced that she also supports James Malloy to be the next Town Manager of the Town of Westborough and strongly believes that Mr. Malloy has demonstrated his commitment to his position in the Town of Sturbridge and also clearly stated his intention to spend at least ten years in the Town of Westborough. Vice Chairman Emery noted that she was very impressed with Mr. Malloy's stability, his capabilities, his mentoring of Staff and Department Heads in the Town of Sturbridge, his approach to management, his five year budgeting plan for the last ten years in the Town of Sturbridge and his experience and knowledge in large construction projects.

Selectman Jane' also thanked the Town Manager Search Committee and voiced his support for James Malloy to be the next Town Manager for the Town of Westborough for the following four distinct reasons:

- 1-Competent
- 2-Integrity
- 3-Track record and experience
- 4-Leadership

Selectman Jane' said that the Board had two excellent candidates and noted that Susanne Kennedy is a very bright and hard working person who is extremely liked and supported by the Town of Medway. He said that she has turned around a financial debacle in the Town of Medway and has done a great job.

Chairman Thompson thanked the Town Manager Search Committee and also thanked Jill Myers and Suzanne Kennedy and wished both of them continued success. He also thanked Town Counsel Franks and Assistant Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau for all their information, research and coordination throughout the process. Chairman Thompson voiced his support for James Malloy to be the next Town Manager for the Town of Westborough.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to appoint Mr. James Malloy as Town Manager beginning July 1, 2009 and to have Chairman Thompson contact Mr. Malloy of the Board's decision and further moved that upon a favorable background and credit check that Vice Chairman Emery and Selectman Jane' begin contract negotiations with Mr. Malloy. At a date to be determined, subject to a successful negotiation of a contract, the Board of Selectmen will vote in open session to ratify Mr. Malloy's contract. Selectman Jane' seconded.

The Board took a 12 minute break at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman Thompson announced that he has contacted and has offered the Town Manager's position to Mr. Malloy and that he has accepted, subject to a successful negotiation of a contract, he also noted that he spoke with Ms. Kennedy as well and that she thanks the Board for the great opportunity and congratulated Mr. Malloy and wished him continued success.

Town Counsel Report

Town Manager Report

Mr. Danis noted that he is proud of the Town Manager Search Committee process and congratulated Mr. Malloy as his successor and noted that Town of Westborough is a great place to live and work and wished Mr. Malloy continued success.

Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen

Selectman Jane' thanked Mr. Danis for his 14 years of public service to the Town of Westborough.

Vice Chairman Emery thanked Tim Reiter for filming the Board's meeting tonight and noted that throughout the town manager search process she extends her sincere gratitude to Mr. Danis and also noted that she has been taught a lot about how town government works and is very appreciate of Mr. Danis' integrity and vast knowledge of town government.

Selectman Dodd thanked Doug Mosher and Representative Polito for the home energy seminar that they coordinated through the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) which took place on April 6th and also reminded the public of the Board of Selectmen and the MMA sponsored energy seminar to be held on Thursday, April 16th at the Forbes Municipapl Building, Room 23 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Selectman Dodd informed the Board that he would like to discuss at the Board's next meeting the Governor's proposed gas tax increase of .19 cents and also requested that if the majority of the Board votes against the gas tax that the Board write a letter to the Governor.

Selectman Goldblatt thanked Mr. Danis for his service to the town and his honest up front manner which gave her the confidence that Mr. Danis always had the town's best interest. Selectman Goldblatt requested that we keep our servicemen and women in our prayers and thoughts who are so far from home.

Chairman Thompson also thanked Mr. Danis for his lengthy service and noted the remarkable achievement that Mr. Danis has accomplished by attracting all kinds of business for new growth to the town.

Vice Chairman Emery moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations pursuant to M.G.L.c39, Paragraph 23B, Section 3. Selectman Dodd seconded. The Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to adjourn Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. and to reconvene open session to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously, by roll call vote.

Adjourn Open Session

Selectman Goldblatt moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:30 p.m. Selectman Dodd seconded.

Submitted by Nidia L. Ruberti

Chairman George Thompson

Vice Chairman Leigh Emery

Selectman Lydia Goldblatt

Selectman Timothy A. Dodd

Selectman Rod Jané