

Westborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

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

Also, Present: Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Manager; Greg Franks, Town Counsel

Absent: James J. Malloy, Town Manager

Selectman Goldblatt moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining and negotiating, pursuant to M.G.L. c39, Section 23B(3) as discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the collective (coalition) bargaining and negotiating position of the Town of Westborough. Vice Chairman Jané seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion by roll call vote to go into Executive Session. Chairman Emery announced that the Board would reconvene in Open Session after the Executive Session.

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Open Forum:

Joe Harrington, Town Moderator, thanked Leigh Emery and Maryanne Bilodeau for all their coordination in lieu of the Town Manager's absence and also the voters for the great turnout.

Committee Vacancies:

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee (Alt)
Green Technology Advisory Group
Youth Commission – (1)
Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials (1) – **needs to be a veteran**

Approval of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

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Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Selectman Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2009. Vice Chairman Jane' seconded. 5-0

Request to Appoint Member to the Historical Commission/Historical Commission Chairman

Mr. Shapleigh requested that the Board appoint Marcy Lippold as a Non-Voting Member to the Historical Commission with a term ending June 30, 2010.

Vice Chairman Jane' moved to appoint Marcy Lippold as a Non-Voting Member to the Historical Commission. Selectman Thompson seconded. 5-0

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Fundraiser Notification/Westborough Professional Firefighters-Local 3070/Ross Eldridge

Ross Eldridge, Westborough Professional Firefighter's Union President, informed the Board that Local 3070 will be conducting a mail fundraising campaign in the next few weeks. The majority of the proceeds will be used for donations to local charities and organization, local firefighter and family need issues and the union's health and welfare initiatives.

The Board thanked Mr. Eldridge for the fundraiser notification and wished him good luck.

Site Plan Review: 69 East Main Street/Change of Usage/Jay Cox

Mr. Cox, 69 East Main Street property owner, requested that the Board approve Site Plan Review #3/2009, 69 East Main Street. He said that he is converting the existing single family home to a business (a mortgage company) and has complied with all of the various town boards and committees requests.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve site plan #3/2009, subject to all the written comments of the various boards and agents. Vice Chairman Jane' seconded. 5-0

Bay State Commons Committee Revision/Board of Selectmen Chairman

Chairman Emery moved to rename the Bay State Commons Committee, Ad Hoc to the Bay State Green Committee, Ad Hoc and also moved to appoint a representative from the Open Space Preservation Committee and a Condominium Resident Representative to the Committee.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to rename the Bay State Commons Committee, Ad Hoc to the Bay State Green Committee, Ad Hoc and to appoint a representative from the Open Space Preservation Committee and a Condominium Resident Representative from the Bay State Commons community to the Bay State Green Committee, Ad Hoc. Selectman Thompson seconded. 5-0

* Bay State Green Committee Update: Chairman Emery said that the committee will not use the small fountain that was given by the developer but will explore a bigger fountain with a grinding wheel design. She also said that the committee might be looking into some fundraising events for the top lot of the park. Chairman Emery requested that the DPW clear (not plowed) the sidewalks at the park during the winter months. Mr. Walden, DPW Manager, acknowledged the request and said that the sidewalks will be cleared (not plowed) at their leisure after a snowstorm.

Extension to the Stormwater Construction Permit/Board of Selectmen Chairman

Chairman Emery requested to postpone.

Request to Award the Longmeadow Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Contract/DPW Manager

Mr. Walden, DPW Manager, requested that the Board award the Longmeadow Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Contract to Delray Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$542,666 subject to Delray Contracting providing acceptable bonds, insurance and an executed contract which meets Town Counsel's approval.

Selectman Thompson to award the Longmeadow Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Contract to Delray Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$542,666 subject to Delray Contracting providing acceptable bonds, insurance and an executed contract which meets Town Counsel's approval. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Auction Surplus Update:

Mr. Storey, DPW Foreman, informed the Board that the DPW coordinated their auction efforts with the State Hospital's Auctioneer and that the event was held last week. He said that \$35,000 was generated from that auction from the DPW's surplus equipment sales.

Town Counsel Report

Town Counsel Franks informed the Board that the Bowman case has been closed and that the residents of that property did a great job at cleaning up the site.

Town Manager Report

Town Meeting Issues

Longmeadow Road Parking (action required)

Ms. Bilodeau, on behalf of Mr. Malloy, informed the Board that Police Chief Gordon requests that the Board approve placing "Parking Prohibited" along the west side of the roadway from Route 9 East to the first curb cut entrance into the dealership (Mitsubishi). Keeping this area free of vehicles will ensure the safe turning movement of vehicles exiting Route 9. However since the agenda was posted it now appears that the Mitsubishi Dealership is under a Special Permit. Section 3 outlines of the attached memo given out by Jim Robbins, Town Planner, states the following "the total number of parking spaces and vehicles allowed for display on site shall not exceed the number of spaces shown on the plans referenced herein. Parking of vehicles for sales, display or other purposes shall not be allowed on the grassed areas along Turnpike Road or Longmeadow Road".

Police Chief Gordon said that he recommends that **no action be taking tonight**. He will research the special permit condition and speak with the dealerships. Police Chief Gordon said that he will come before the Board's next meeting with an update and recommendation.

The Board agreed with Police Chief Gordon's recommendation.

Recreation Department Issues

Ms. Bilodeau, on behalf of Mr. Malloy, informed the Board that they have in their packets a memo from Frank DeSiata, Recreation Director, requesting the Board's support in the renaming of the Upton Road Ball Fields after town resident Greg Montalbano. With the Board's support the Recreation Commission will establish a sub-committee to review the renaming.

Vice Chairman Jane' moved to support the Recreation Commission's request of the renaming of the Upton Road Ball Fields. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Ms. Bilodeau, on behalf of Mr. Malloy, also informed the Board that the Recreation Department has received a donation from WASA for their Field Gift Account that will be used for an infield project at the Haskell Street Recreation Area.

Frank DeSiata, Recreation Department Director, also informed the Board that the Westborough Little League and the Westborough Soccer Association both recently made very generous donations to the Recreation Department as well.

Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant (action required)

Ms. Bilodeau, on behalf of Mr. Malloy, requested that the Board authorize the Town Manager to sign all Cultural Council Grant contracts in the future.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign all future MA Cultural Council Grant contracts. Selectman Thompson seconded. 5-0

Legislative Liaison Sub-Committee Appointment (action required)

Ms. Bilodeau, on behalf of Mr. Malloy, requested that the Board appoint Mr. Malloy to the Legislative Sub-Committee to replace the former Town Manager.

Selectman Dodd moved to appoint James Malloy to the BOS Legislative Sub-Committee. Selectman Thompson seconded. 5-0

Personnel Bylaw

Due to Mr. Malloy's absence this item was postponed.

Miscellaneous

The following is provided for the Board's information:

The Board put off discussion on requesting the legislative delegation to sponsor legislation to remove the sunset provision on the liquor license quotas. Please note: if our legislators request, we may need to have a Town Meeting vote to make this a home rule petition.

After a brief discussion the Board directed the Town Manager to move forth and explore the avenues of submitting a home rule petition.

Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen

Vice Chairman Jane' requested writing a letter of participation for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Recovery Zone Bond Program for the Town of Westborough. He said that by designating Westborough as a recovery zone the town may receive funding to help in commercial vacancy and unemployment rates and in the reconstruction of buildings.

Selectman Thompson moved to have the Board sign the letter of participation for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Recovery Zone Bond Program. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

Vice Chairman Jane' thanked Joe Harrington, Town Moderator, and Nancy Yendriga, Town Clerk, for their participation at the special town meeting.

Selectman Goldblatt requested that we keep our servicemen and women in our thoughts and prayers so far from home. Selectman Goldblatt thanked Town Counsel Greg Franks and Assistant Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau for their participation in the special town meeting.

Selectman Dodd thanked Nidia Ruberti for all her efforts in completing the first section of the Recognition Ceremony Event and announced that the Employee/Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 6pm at the Forbes Municipal Building Auditorium. Selectman Dodd requested that Town Counsel Franks start working on the Tree Bylaw application since it was passed at the special town meeting. Town Counsel Franks acknowledged the request.

The Board of Selectmen voiced their condolences to Jim Malloy, Town Manager, and his family for their loss this past weekend.

Adjourn Open Session

Selectman Thompson moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Selectmen Goldblatt seconded. 5-0.

Submitted by Nidia Ruberti

_____ Chairman Leigh Emery	_____ Vice Chairman Rod Jané	_____ Selectman Lydia Goldblatt
_____ Selectman Timothy A. Dodd	_____ Selectman George Thompson	