

**Westborough Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2010  
7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

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

Also, Present: James J. Malloy, Town Manager; Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Manager; Greg Franks, Town Counsel

Selectman Goldblatt moved to go into executive session under MGL Ch. 30A, §21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Vice Chairman Jané seconded. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) in favor of the motion by roll call vote to go into Executive Session. Chairman Emery announced that the Board will reconvene in Open Session after the Executive Session.

**Pledge of Allegiance/Open Forum:**

**Committee Vacancies:**

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee (Alt)  
Green Technology Advisory Group  
Youth Commission – (1)

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

- February 23, 2010

Vice Chairman Jane' moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2010. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 4-1 (Selectman Thompson was absent on February 23, 2010)

**Request to Hold the Rotary Club's 2010 Spring Festival/Jessica Thomas**

Ms. Thomas requested that the Board approve to hold the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Club's 2010 Spring Festival weekend on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and Westborough's 1<sup>st</sup> Triathlon on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> (materials attached).

Police Chief Gordon said that he is comfortable with the route requested.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the usage of town roads for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary's Club 2010 Spring Festival on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and Westborough's 1<sup>st</sup> Triathlon on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chairman Jane' seconded. 5-0

**Request to Use Town Roads for the CanPan 5k Race/Cheryl Labriola**

Ms. Rydel and Ms. Callery requested that the Board approve the Westborough Swim and Tennis Club the usage of town roads for their CanPan 5k Race to benefit the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Research to be held on Sunday, April 25, 2010, rain or shine, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and finishing at 10:30 a.m. at the club (materials attached).

Police Chief Gordon said that he is comfortable with the route requested.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the usage of town roads and for the CanPan 5K Race to be held on April 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Vice Chairman Jane´ seconded. 5-0

**Request to Hold the Little League Parade/Rebecca Pittorino**

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the usage of town roads and to hold the Little League Parade on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. The Bay State Green will be used as the staging area and will end at the Westborough High School with a ceremony. Vice Chairman Jane´ seconded.

Police Chief Gordon said that he endorses this request and feels that is a very good event for the community. 5-0

**Request to Appoint Two Alternates and One Member to the Green Technology Advisory Committee, Ad Hoc/Chairman Emery**

Chairman Emery requested that Carl Balduf, Town Engineer, and Joe Inman, Building Commissioner be appointed to the Green Technology Advisory Committee, Ad Hoc, as voting members (back-ups to Christina Papadopoulos (Balduf) and Don Moquin (Inman)).

Selectman Thompson moved to appoint Carl Balduf and Joe Inman as voting members to the Green Technology Advisory Committee, Ad Hoc, with a term ending June 30, 2010. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 5-0

**Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association Loss Control Award Presentation (MIIA)/Dave LaBonte**

Mr. LaBonte presented the Town of Westborough with the Loss Control Recognition Plaque for being recognized in their efforts in the Loss Control Program that MIIA offers and that the Town of Westborough has received a total of \$164,000 (five year participation) during MIIA's eight years of offering this program; this year the town has received \$32,000.

He said that Ms. Bilodeau oversees the program and has done a great job in coordinating all of the risk management programs with the department heads to achieve awareness in the workplace.

Ms. Bilodeau informed the Board that the following individuals have been dedicated in attending these meetings/seminars:

Dan Hendricks-School Department  
Frank Cornine-Building & Grounds  
Dennis Cote-DPW

The Board thanked Ms. Bilodeau for her all her work and dedication and requested that letters of thanks be sent to the individuals mentioned by Ms. Bilodeau.

#### **Acceptance of Easements/Town Counsel**

Town Counsel Franks requested that the Board accept the drainage structure and easements agreement that travels through 3 Gable Ridge Road (Mr. & Mrs. Wolf, (6 Bertis Adams Way (Mr. & Mrs. Callahan), and 65 Warren Street (Mr. & Mrs. Gately) to have access to the property.

Vice Chairman Jane' moved to accept the three easements as requested by Town Counsel Franks. Selectman Thompson seconded. 5-0

#### **Legislative Liaison Committee, Ad Hoc Agenda/Chairman Emery**

Chairman Emery announced that the Legislative Liaison Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in the Selectmen's Office at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Emery requested that Selectman Goldblatt read the items that will be addressed and to include the Chapter 70 Funding Formula as requested by Karen Henderson, School Committee Chairman.

- Health Insurance
- Quinn Bill
- Telecommunications Property Loop Hole
- Charter School Funding
- SPED Funding
- Pension Funding
- Special Commission on the Re-Use of the WSH-*request status*
- Casino Gambling- *request status*
- Timing of Budget Information Release
- Driving and Cell Phone Restrictions
- Lyman School and Westborough State Hospital (WSH)
- Disposition
- Chapter 70 Funding Formula

The Board decided to prioritize the items as follows:

**A- (Extremely Important):** Health Insurance, Quinn Bill, SPED Funding, Chapter 70 Funding

**B-(Very Important):** Telecommunications Property Loop Hole, Charter School Funding, Pension Funding, Timing of Budget Information Release

**C-(Important):** Driving and Cell Phone Restrictions, Lyman School and Westborough State Hospital (WSH), Special Commission on the Re-Use of the WSH-*request status*, Casino Gambling- *request status*

Mr. Malloy said that he will gather a summary and costs estimate of the above items and will email the report to the Board and will also place a paper copy in their mailboxes. He will also send the report to the Legislative Committee members.

Chairman Emery requested that an invitation be sent to all of the Town Departments, Boards and Committees along with advertising the meeting on the Town's Web Site for the public's view.

**Google Fiber Optics Contest Application/Selectman Dodd**

Selectman Dodd requested that the Board approve filling a Request For Information (RFI) for the Google High Speed Fiber Optics Network Program which is due on March 26, 2010. Selectman Dodd explained that Google is planning to launch an experiment that will make internet access better and faster for everyone. Google is requesting interested municipalities to provide them information about their community through an RFI which they will use to determine where to build the network. Selectman Dodd said that there is no need for a committee to be appointed just to recruit volunteers to help with the RFI process. A notice will be posted on the Town's Web Site recruiting volunteers. If chosen then there will be several discussion as to costs and the dynamics of the program (materials attached).

Selectman Goldblatt moved to go forward with the RFI for the Google High Speed Fiber Optics Network Program and also to recruit volunteers for the project. Vice Chairman Jane' seconded. 5-0

**Request to Consider Action on Green Community Program/Green Technology Advisory Committee**

*Item taken off*

**Town Counsel Report**

Town Counsel informed the Board that he has reviewed the Mailbox Policy, which was presented at a previous meeting by the Assistant DPW Manager and the DPW Manager, and is very comfortable in having the policy adopted by the Board at their next meeting.

Town Counsel also informed the Board that he has drafted an Information Security Policy for the Town that will be distributed tomorrow which entails how to protect individuals' personal information toward identity theft.

The Board requested that a copy of that policy be placed in their mailboxes.

### **Town Manager Report**

Mr. Malloy asked the Board which departments they would like before them to discuss their budgets and articles.

The Board decided that the following departments come before the Board:

- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Department of Public Works
- Youth & Family Services

The Board had a brief discussion as to whether the School Department should come before the Board to discuss their budget. The Board's decided to issue an invitation to the School Department asking if they would like to come before the Board to discuss their budget and articles. Mr. Malloy acknowledged the request.

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

Vice Chairman Jane' said that the Economic Development Committee took up the Board's request of how to advertise new businesses that come to the Town of Westborough and that the committee recommended inviting the businesses to a reception prior to a Board of Selectmen's meeting so they may have a chance to introduce themselves on camera. The Board thought it would be a good idea to give it a try.

Selectman Goldblatt sends her condolences to the Rainey family for their loss and requested that we keep our servicemen and women in our prayers and thoughts.

Chairman Emery sends her condolences to the Aston family for their loss and congratulated Selectman Lydia Goldblatt on her new position of Director of Constituents and Services for the U.S. Senator Scott Brown. She thanked Tim Novak for filming tonight's meeting. Chairman Emery also announced that the Green Technology Advisory Committee will be applying for the "Green Communities Grant Program" from the Department of Energy Resources and will come before the Board sometime in the fall with an update.

### **Adjourn Open Session**

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

*Submitted by Nidia Ruberti*

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**Chairman Leigh Emery**

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**Vice Chairman Rod Jané**

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**Selectman Lydia Goldblatt**

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**Selectman Timothy A. Dodd**

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**Selectman George Thompson**

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