

Westborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 7:32 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Selectman Timothy Dodd

Selectman Goldblatt moved to go into executive session under MGL Ch. 39, §23B (3) for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and MGL Ch. 39, §23B (6) to discuss the purchase of real property. Selectman 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.

Pledge of Allegiance/Open Forum:

Committee Vacancies:

Bay State Green Condominium Resident Representative
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee (Alt)
Green Technology Advisory Group
Youth Commission – (1)

Approval of Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

- October 27, 2009

Selectman Thompson moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2009. Selectman Goldblatt seconded. 4-0

Pole Petition Request/Massachusetts Electric/Barbara Romasco

A representative from Massachusetts Electric requested that the Board approve the relocation of existing pole #P.97 (Flanders Road) to accommodate a driveway to a new building #169.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the relocation of existing pole #P.97 (Flanders Road) to accommodate a driveway to a new building #169. Selectman Thompson seconded.

Request to Place Temporary Handicap Parking Signs/St. Lukes Church/Police Chief Gordon

Ms. Black requested that the Board approve the placing of 3 temporary handicap parking signs in front of St. Lukes Church, 70 West Main St, on weekends during their services for their elderly members.

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The signs will be placed by St Luke's personnel on a cone with a sign saying "Handicap Parking" for the 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and evening church services.

Police Chief Gordon said that he has no issue with the request and recommends that the Board grant the request.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the placing of 3 temporary handicap parking signs in front of St. Lukes Church, 70 West Main St, on weekends during their services. The signs will be placed by St Luke's personnel for the 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and evening church services. Selectman Thompson seconded. 4-0

Request to Appoint a Board of Selectmen Representative to the DYS/DMH Town Task Force/Police Chief Gordon

Chairman Emery moved to appoint Selectman Thompson as the Board's representative to the DYS/DMH Town Task Force. Vice Chairman Jane' seconded. 4-0

Request to Approve Liquor License Renewals 2010/Assistant Town Manager Maryanne Bilodeau

Ms. Bilodeau requested that the Board approve the attached 2010 Liquor License Renewal Applications.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to approve the Liquor License 2010 Renewal Applications, as presented by Ms. Bilodeau. Selectman Thompson seconded. 4-0

Town Counsel Report

Town Counsel Franks informed the Board that the Zoning Board of Appeals approved Mr. Zarrette's variance for his proposed project located at 346 Turnpike Road (Route 9).

Town Manager Report

Public Employee Committee (action required)

Mr. Malloy requested that the Board vote to amend the Selectmen's vote of 8/18/09 to extend the date to 12/1/10 to continue negotiate an agreement to transfer employees to the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) for health insurance.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to extend the date to 12/1/10 to continue negotiating an agreement with the GIC. Selectman Thompson seconded. 4-0

Civic Club Gift (action required)

Mr. Malloy requested that the Board accept a monetary donation of \$1,200 from the Westborough Civic Club and to authorize the DPW Manager to purchase a monitor for the DPW's Conference Room.

Selectman Goldblatt moved to accept the Westborough Civic Club's donation of \$1,200 and to authorize the DPW Manager to purchase a monitor for the DPW's conference room. Vice Chairman Jane' seconded. 4-0

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Issues and Correspondence of the Selectmen

Selectman Goldblatt wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day and requested that we keep our servicemen and women in our thoughts and prayers throughout the holiday season.

Vice Chairman Jane´ wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Chairman Emery thanked everyone who attended the Veterans' Memorial Parade and announced that the Walkability Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. –Noon at the Forbes Municipal Building, Room 24, 45 West Main, 2nd Floor, and requested that the announcement be placed on the Town's Web Site. Ms. Ruberti acknowledged the request. Chairman Emery also requested that drivers be more aware of pedestrians on walkways.

Chairman Emery asked the Board if there were any concerns of having Vice Chairman Jane´ and herself to meet with Mr. Malloy in the next couple of weeks to discuss the budget long term financial forecast as requested by the Board. The Board was agreeable to Chairman Emery's request. Chairman Emery also requested that Mr. Malloy look into the sunset provision options and to reach out to our representatives for their thoughts and support and report back to the Board. Mr. Malloy acknowledged the request.

Chairman Emery thanked Tim Novack for filming the Board's meeting tonight.

Police Chief Gordon announced that the Rotary Light Ceremony will be held this Sunday, November 29th a 4:00 p.m. All are welcome and wished everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

Adjourn Open Session

Selectman Goldblatt moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:32 p.m.
Selectmen Thompson seconded. 4-0.

Submitted by Nidia Ruberti

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

(Absent)

Selectman George Thompson