

Members present:     Kevin M. McCormick             John B. DiPietro, Sr.  
                                 Christopher A. Rucho             Valmore H. Pruneau  
                                 Allen R. Phillips

Mr. McCormick convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed newly elected Board member Val Pruneau.

**Read and acceptance of Minutes From Previous Meetings:**

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the executive session meeting minutes of March 14, 2007 and the open session meeting minutes of March 21 and 24, 2007 seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the executive session meeting minutes of March 14, Messrs. McCormick, Rucho, Phillips and DiPietro yes; Mr. Pruneau abstains. Vote on the motion for the March 21 minutes, Messrs. McCormick, Rucho and Phillips yes; Messrs. DiPietro and Pruneau abstain. Vote on the meeting minutes of March 24, Messrs. Rucho, Phillips and DiPietro yes; Messrs. McCormick and Pruneau abstain.

**Board Reorganization**

Motion Mr. Phillips to reorganize as follows: Mr. McCormick as Chairman, Mr. Phillips as Vice Chairman and Mr. Pruneau as Clerk, no second on the motion.

Motion Mr. DiPietro to reorganize as follows: Mr. McCormick as Chairman, Mr. Rucho as Vice Chairman and Mr. Pruneau as Clerk, no second on the motion.

Motion Mr. Phillips to nominate Mr. McCormick as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Motion Mr. DiPietro to nominate Mr. Rucho to serve as Vice Chairman, no second on the motion.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to nominate Mr. Phillips to serve as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCormick. Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Pruneau and Phillips yes; Messrs. Rucho and DiPietro no.

Motion Mr. Phillips to nominate Mr. Pruneau to serve as Clerk, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

**John Westerling Director Of Public Works**

Mr. Westerling congratulated Mr. Pruneau on his election to the Board and looks forward to working with him.

1. Report on improvements for Fairbanks Street from Route 110 to the former Giobellina Farm

Mr. Westerling reported that he and the Transportation Committee are working together on a plan to use Chapter 90 funds for roads not recently overplayed. Fairbanks Street has been identified as one of those roads, which will also need drainage improvements. Both the Route 140 and the Route 12 Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) were recently denied due to recent overlays. Mr. DiPietro requested Mr. Westerling re-submit Route 140 from the hill going down as the Transportation Committee would like to make a truck access to the Industrial Area via Route 140. Mr. Westerling will submit the Fairbanks Street Project and re-submit the Route 140 project at the next meeting. Depending on what the drainage improvements are, Mr. Westerling's men may be able to perform the drainage work. The work on Fairbanks Street will probably involve structures

due to the fact that the water is not running into the swale and instead going into the street, and may need to be contracted out as it may be beyond the scope of the DPW.

2. Report on faulty Worcester Street pipe, testing results and recouping town's costs

The pipe was tested by Mass Materials Research and found to be faulty. As a result the town was reimbursed its costs of repair by US Pipe in the amount of \$15,846.80.

3. Waiving minimum monthly fee for municipal buildings connected to the sewer system

Mr. Westerling explained that the minimum monthly fee for municipal buildings connected to the sewer system is \$30.00. He reviewed the water usage for municipal buildings and none of them would qualify as all are over the minimum. Mr. McCormick questioned use at the Historical Society. Mr. Westerling offered to check into that usage to see if they would qualify and will report back to the Board.

4. Budget request for \$5,000 for street line painting does it include cross walks

The Board questioned whether the figure included crosswalks. Mr. Westerling reported that it does not include crosswalk painting. The funds will cover 15-16 miles of double yellow centerline painting. In the past the DPW has painted the crosswalks, however, that number could be increased to contract crosswalk painting to a vendor. The DPW must paint the crosswalks by hand, which is very time consuming and inefficient. Due to decreases in budgets the DPW has taken care of that task. The crosswalks were painted two years ago, have begun to fade, and are scheduled to be re-evaluated this year.

Mr. DiPietro questioned whether a grant or Chapter 90 funds could cover this. Mr. Westerling could purchase a line painting machine with Chapter 90 funds, however, the crosswalk painting is not Chapter 90 eligible. Mr. Westerling expects the crosswalk painting to cost another \$500 and will report back with a recommendation. The vendor who does our street line painting does so over night for an eight-hour period. As Board members feel that the fading crosswalks are a huge safety issue, Mr. Westerling will report back on using Chapter 90 funds to purchase a line painting machine. Mr. Rucho suggested obtaining a bid for the machine.

5. Loader painting project - \$5,000 budget request

Mr. Westerling is requesting the funds to paint the town's 11-year-old loader, which is mechanically sound and is in need of some attention. He believes he can get another ten years out of the machine. The DPW is unable to paint the machine, which is exposed to very corrosive materials such as salt, which corrodes the metal. Last year two older vehicles were sand blasted, primed and painted with two coats of paint by a company in Millbury. Mr. DiPietro requested Mr. Westerling contact Caterpillar for a price. If Mr. Westerling does not get the funding he will use the jail workers to scrape off the heavy rust and repaint it. Mr. Phillips suggested putting this off for a year or so because we are going to have such a tough budget year. Mr. Westerling feels this request is an effort to preserve the town's investment in the machine and to extend its useful life.

6. RFP for Sewer Operations & Maintenance

The town's Operation and Maintenance contract with Weston & Sampson Services is due to expire on May 31, 2007. The following schedule will be followed for procurement of the next three years' service: April 1 - RFP in the Boston Globe, April 2 - RFP in the Goods and Services Bulletin, April 4 - Bid documents available at DPW, April 12 - Mandatory tour of facilities for

bidders, May 2 - Proposals due to the DPW, May 3 - List of proposals submitted will be made available, May 16 - Director's recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for approval and June 1 – will be the first day of new O&M contract.

7. Stormwater Bylaw or Selectmen/Sewer Commission Regulation

Mr. Westerling has received comments from the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the DCR, and a revised draft has been created incorporating the comments. At the last meeting of the Board there was a discussion about whether to go forward with a Stormwater Bylaw or Selectmen/Sewer Commission Regulation. The Environmental Protection Agency requires a bylaw and Mr. Westerling also recommends a bylaw for all the other boards involved to accept. If the Board is in agreement with going forward with the bylaw, Mr. Westerling will have it prepared for town meeting.

In reviewing the comments received from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Mr. McCormick pointed out that in addition to the bylaw we have to formulate our own rules and regulations. Mr. Westerling explained that the bylaw is a broad-brush stroke and its enforcement agent, the Director of the DPW, will have to establish the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Pruneau prefers one set of bylaws for everyone to follow. Mr. Phillips has the same opinion.

Mr. Rucho believes the question of bylaw versus Selectmen/Sewer Commission Regulation was Mr. Fallavollita's and he also wanted to know what would happen if this Board took no action. Mr. Westerling noted that he plans to ask the Board to continue the public hearing scheduled for later this evening.

8. Review Street Sweeping Schedule

Upon request of the Board, Mr. Westerling has changed his street sweeping schedule so that different areas of town are at the top of the list and not always at the end. The list will be published on the web and advertised on Channel 11.

Mr. DiPietro asked if Mr. Westerling if he adds anything to the water used by the sweeper as he has been made aware of the fact that some communities add dry car wash so the broom brushes do not wear out as fast.

Mr. DiPietro asked Mr. Westerling about his progress on the engine oil analysis. Mr. Westerling is waiting for the snow season to be over to begin that task.

Mr. Westerling reported that he has also posted the yard waste recycling schedule. Mr. Pruneau asked Mr. Westerling if he had prepped the street sweeper. Mr. Westerling reported that he had and believes we can get one more year out of the machine. Mr. Rucho asked if Mr. Westerling obtained any bids for street sweeping. Mr. Westerling explained that he did include those funds in his budget last year; however, they were taken out because the mechanic thought we could get another year out of the machine.

**Richard Pauley, Jr., Fire Chief**

1. Use of Chapter 90 Funds to purchase Opticom System for traffic lights in front of the Bruce L. Shepard Public Safety Headquarters

Fire Chief Pauley and Dean Kochanowski joined Mr. Westerling for discussion on this agenda item. Mr. Phillips recused himself.

Chief Pauley explained that prior to his arrival in West Boylston there was discussion about the installation of an Opticom System, which is a device put on the signalization system which

allows the light to turn green for the fire apparatus. Mr. Kochanowski researched the project and found that Chapter 90 funds can be used for this purpose. At some point Chief Pauley would like to see all the major intersections equipped with the Opticom System as studies have indicated that it reduces the number of near accidents and from a liability stand point it is in the best interest of the town.

Mr. Gaumond noted that this request initially came from former Fire Chief Jack Chandler and it was decided to wait for the new Fire Chief before going forward. The cost of the system is \$9,920, and Mr. Westerling has about \$400,000 in Chapter 90 funds. Mr. Gaumond reported that today we received notification that Chapter 90 funding will be increased 25%, which means an additional \$250,000 for the town. Currently these devices are at the Salter School stop light, intersection of Woodland and West Boylston Streets and in front of Wal-Mart. In the future Chief Pauley would look to have entities proposing major improvements to intersections cover the costs for these devices. It was noted that when the Route 12/140 project went forward, the state refused to install the device. Mr. Pruneau suggested getting some estimates to install the device at the intersection.

Motion Mr. Rucho to authorize the expenditure of \$9,920 in Chapter 90 funds for the purchase of an Opticom System in front of the Bruce L. Shepard Public Safety Headquarters, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

2. Review and approve Request for Intradepartmental Budget Line Item Transfer from the Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000 from Fire Salaries to Fire Purchased Services

Chief Pauley explained that this request will allow him to replace four failing computers at the Fire Department, which are over eight years old and not networked. He has been working with Karen Paré on purchasing Dell units, which will be much more efficient. His Salary and Wages line item will see some savings with the new Chief and in the call force.

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

3. Report from the Fire Chief on the Fire Department staffing levels

Chief Pauley has submitted two budget requests, one at current staffing levels and another with an additional person. He understands this is a difficult budget year, however, the department is in a situation which is becoming more difficult to live with. They are getting increases in multiple simultaneous calls. In March they had 12 occurrences where they had to put out tones for mutual aid. He feels they need to build a call force. Presently, they have twenty active call people, however, for the most part people cannot leave their daytime jobs to go to calls. He also sees a need to supplement his full-time staff and recommends one new person for the daytime schedule. There are five full-timers on during the day, including the Fire Chief. The Chief is doing working with the cable network on recruitment. According to the requirements of the state, there is a mandated six to seven months of training with training two nights a week. We do not pay for people to attend the training, however, their training is paid for. His experience is if you hire five people at the end of two years you might have three who will stay. It is a long-term investment in time and people. When both ambulances are out Sterling moves to the town line for coverage and we do the same thing for them. The Towns of Sterling, Boylston, Holden and West Boylston work together for mutual aid.

**Public Hearing: Re, Proposed Stormwater Management Bylaw (cont.)**

Mr. Phillips returned to the meeting.

Mr. Westerling requested the Board continue the hearing for two more weeks at which time he will have comments back from everyone.

Motion Mr. Phillips to continue the hearing until April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Concurrence on the appointment of Maryann Schelin, 191 Pierce Street to the Economic Development Task Force effective April 4, 2007 for a term to expire on April 30, 2009

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

2. Concurrence on the appointment of Dennis Parker, 80 Maple Street to the Historical Commission effective April 4, 2007 for a term to expire on April 30, 2010

Mr. Gaumond requested the Board carry this agenda item over until its next meeting.

3. Concurrence on the appointment of Carol Cotter, 118 Lee Street to the Open Space Advisory Committee effective April 4, 2007 for a term to expire on June 30, 2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

4. Announce that the Library is looking for residents to serve on a Long-Range Planning Committee

Louise Howland, Director of the Beaman Memorial Public Library, joined the Board. She explained that the Library is looking for residents to serve on a Long-Range Planning Committee. The Library has completed a number of plans, as require by the State Library Commission. They will be using a planning process called The New Planning for Results, and would like input from the community. Thus far, they have a member of the Finance Committee, a Vice Principal at the High School and two residents of Angel Brook. They invite a member of the Board of Selectmen to serve if they are interested. It will be a five-year plan, and the biggest change they have seen is the increase in the 55 and over population and a large insurgence of teens who are using the Library. They hope this plan will take less than six months. The plan will be ratified by the committee and the Board of Trustees and submitted to the state. It will be a nine-member committee and the Director will serve as the ex officio. Rocky Blunt will serve as facilitator.

**Public Hearing, Re: Request From Verizon New England, Inc. To Install 7 New Poles on Pierce Street (cont.)**

Mr. Westerling joined the Board and disclosed that the gentleman from National Grid who previously appeared before the Board on this issue is his cousin. Mr. Burns from Verizon, provided the Board with an amended petition and new plan. Verizon went out to the site and located the sides of the street. The plan is a conduit plan that comes up the right hand side of Temple Street to get to the pole and has been marked every 100-feet by the surveyor. Mr. Westerling is confident that it will be in the right-of-way. It will be placed along side of the Municipal Light Plant's conduit.

Brad White, Manager of the Municipal Light Plant, is in the audience this evening and has not problem with Verizon being there as long as they do not dig up his conduit. Mr. White requested space in the trench for his pipes should the abutting lots be developed. Mr. Burns has no problem with that request, and noted that Verizon will install direct buried cable. Mr. DiPietro asked if the town could request Verizon fill the entire trench with flowable fill as he does not want

the road to settle. Mr. Westerling planned to condition his street opening approval with the replacement of whatever materials are taken out with the same material. Mr. DiPietro is concerned that the road may be turned into a truck route to the Industrial Area. Mr. McCormick feels that asking for flowable fill is really not necessary as should the road be turned into a truck route it would need to be rebuilt. Mr. Burns indicated that Verizon will not be going through anyone's driveway. Mr. Westerling explained that the trench will be 24-inches deep and he could condition it for vibratory compaction with six-inch lifts.

Mr. Gaumond explained that the public hearing was a requirement should there be a pole installation. However since that it no longer the case with the request, he recommends the Board close the public hearing.

Motion Mr. Phillips to close the public hearing on the request from Verizon New England, Inc. to install 7 new poles on Pierce Street, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to allow Mr. Westerling to grant a the conduit location per the plan L4334 and grant a Road Opening Permit to Verizon within the right-of-way of Pierce Street and Temple Street/Route 140, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

#### **Request From Verizon for Telephone Easement on Pierce Street**

Mr. Burns also requires an easement to go over town property 240-feet and six-inches wide. Mr. Westerling stated that he has no issue as according to the plan the conduit is outside the cap and the exiting solid waste. Mr. Gaumond asked Mr. Burns if he has records of all the permanent easements Verizon has in town. Mr. Burns indicated that he does.

The paperwork provided to the Board for the easement notes "for consideration of less than \$100." Mr. Burns explained that he is not authorized to pay the town any money. Mr. Gaumond explained that town counsel reviewed the original easement and he asked if Verizon can estimate the value of the easement to Verizon. Mr. Burns is unable to do that. Mr. Gaumond noted that the previous easement was examined by Town Counsel and she indicated that town meeting may want to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant the easement. The question of is the value worth more than \$25,000 needs to be answered. If it is we would need to go out to bid. Town Counsel is also prepared to draft an article. Mr. Gaumond would like to confer with counsel to ensure this does not require town meeting approval. Mr. Burns noted that some Boards of Selectmen do not have the authority to grant easements and some do. They key question is the value and whether or not town meeting is required to take this action, according to town counsel. Mr. Phillips would like to find out what the value of the easement would be.

Mr. Westerling has been involved with this in the past and you have to have an appraiser look at the land being taken to assess its value. Mr. Burns explained that this is for the benefit of National Grid who may decide in a year that they do not need it. Mr. Gaumond does not think we need to have Mr. Burns return to a meeting, as he will confer with Town Counsel and make a recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.

Motion Mr. Phillips to continue this request to the Board's meeting on April 18, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

5. Concurrence on April appointments of the Town Administrator

BOARD OF ASSESSORS: Richard K. Duguay, 2010

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

BOARD OF HEALTH: N. Alan Harris, 2010 and Celia Hartigan, 2010

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

VETERANS AGENT: Neil Norum, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

CONSERVATION CMSN.: David Eckhardt, 2010

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

COUNCIL ON AGING: Donna LaCerte-Blais, 2010

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

CULTURAL COUNCIL: Winifred Hessemeyer, Patricia Barrie, Judith Fortin, Pauline McCormick, Andrew Feland, Heather Feland and Ellen K. Philbin, all 2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Messrs.

Phillips, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. McCormick abstains.

FENCE VIEWER: Michael Mard, 2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

HAZARDOUS WASTE CO-ORDINATOR: Richard J. Pauley, Jr., 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

ASST. HAZARDOUS WASTE CO-ORDINATOR: Allen R. Phillips, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

FIRE REP. CENTRAL MASS REPRESENTATIVE: Dr. Andrew Garrett, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

GOVERNMENT REP. TO C.M.E.M.S.C.: Christian Koppetsch, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

AMBULANCE REP TO CMEMSC: Dean Kochanowski, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

EMERGENCY MGMT. DIRECTOR: Richard J. Pauley, Jr., 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

ASSIST. EMERGENCY MGMT. DIRECTOR: Allen R. Phillips, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR: Richard J. Pauley, Jr., 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

FOREST WARDEN: Richard J. Pauley, Jr., 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Pruneau; Messrs.

McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

HISTORICAL CMSN.: Beverly K. Goodale, 2010

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

PARKS COMMISSIONER: Dennis Mulryan and John Milewski, 2010

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

INSURANCE ADV. CMTE.: Bruce Buck, Michael J. Kittredge, Mary Ann Anderson, Marcia

Cairns, Joan Ethier, David Richardson, Brian O'Connell, Barbara Deschenes, John McCormick, Jacalyn M. Pruneau, and Patricia Fanning, 2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Messrs. Phillips, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Messrs. McCormick and Pruneau abstain

CONSTABLE: Peter Rotando, Robert Rosenlund, Dennis Minnich, Thomas M. Balvin, Francis Glynn and Anthony Papandrea

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
PATROLMEN: James Bartlett. 6-30-07

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
MATRON: Mary E. Almstrom, Abbi E. Parkinson, 2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
PEG PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR WBPA-TV: Stephen A. Howland, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
TOWN COUNSEL: Leonard Kopelman, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
TOWN COMMON & BANDSTAND USE ADVISORY CMTE.: M. Patricia Barrie, John F. McCormick, Richard Townsend

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Messrs. Phillips, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. McCormick abstains.

ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Richard Breagy, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
WIRING INSPECTOR: Michael J. Capone, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
ASSISTANT WIRING INSP.: Dennis E. Smith, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
PLUMBING/GAS INSP: Todd Raymond, 4-30-2008

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.  
TOWN SCHOLARSHIP CMTE.: Joyce Kujala, Kim Hopewell, Bernard Dow, John Swalec, Ann Marie Richardson, 4-30-10

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

#### 6. Concurrence on the April appointments of the Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF APPEALS: Barbara Deschenes, 4-30-2012

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Gregory Zarkarian, David Mercurio, Andrew J. Gambaccini

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

The Board will be reviewing their additional board assignments at their May 2 meeting.

#### 7. Review and approve Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$3,906.00 for Town Counsel February invoice

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. The reserve fund has a balance of \$48,234.

#### 8. Review request from Ed Ramstrom for a Special Permit for signage



Ed Ramstrom joined the Board. He is requesting a Special Permit to erect signage for the state's Motorcycle Awareness Program, which is going on statewide. It is being done in conjunction with the Massachusetts Motorcycling Association during the last week in April and first week in May. The yellow signs are 2x8 on chicken wire fence posts and will be up until the last week in April. Mr. Ramstrom would like to put the signs up on the busiest routes in town. Mr. Phillips suggested the triangle near Pinecroft and the town common.

Motion Mr. Phillips to grant the request to erect signage at the Town Common and Pinecroft Triangle area, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

9. Announce that the Council on Aging has been awarded a Service Incentive Grant in the amount of \$5,000

Mr. Gaumond announced the Council on Aging has been awarded a Service Incentive Grant in the amount of \$5,000, which will be used to update their computer equipment.

10. Review & vote to sign Agreement for Professional Services with Lamoureux Pagano Associates

Mr. Gaumond explained that the Municipal Buildings Committee went out to bid for professional services and at the last town meeting the funding was approved for this purpose. We have a final contract for the Board's approval.

Motion Mr. Phillips to endorse the contract, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

11. Review Town of West Boylston Official Charter from PEG Board of Directors

Mr. Gaumond reported that no official action is needed by the Board of Selectmen at this time. He has reviewed the information and it meets with his satisfaction.

12. Review MMA Action Alert on House Ways & Means Committee Budget Release

Mr. Gaumond noted that the announcement is incorrect. Today the numbers were released and we are still awaiting that information. The MMA was looking for Boards of Selectmen to lobby their legislators for additional funds.

13. Review budget status

Mr. Gaumond is projecting revenues to be at \$18,860,000, and provided the Board with his draft budget. The number on the School Department side brings us to \$19,300,000, \$434,000 out of balance. This does not include problems we have with the accounts for the Board of Health, Planning Board and Cemetery Trustees and any potential warrant articles. Without a dramatic reduction of our costs the Town of West Boylston will be unlikely to make this budget work without going to the Stabilization Fund. It is our expectation that the wall we were expecting to hit has come this year, and we won't have any Free Cash to balance the budget next year. Over the next several days he will continue to work with departments to see what areas can be cut. Mr. Phillips would like to make that request to the School Committee as he would like to be fair across the board. Mr. Gaumond noted that the town side has been very conservative and under no circumstances could it absorb these funds.

Mr. DiPietro asked Mr. Gaumond to ask Mr. Desy what percentage of the \$9,000,000 is set aside for salaries. Mr. Gaumond suggested to Mr. DiPietro that he review the last section of his budget binder as that information is included. Mr. DiPietro would also like to go back through the various departments and the people who were hired to see how many hours they were hired for and

how many hours they are now working. Mr. Gaumond will have that information available for the meeting with Finance and School Committees scheduled for April 12.

### **MEETINGS & INVITATIONS**

1. April 7, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 Saturday Morning Meeting with Appointed Officials

Mr. Gaumond noted that during the meeting he intends to review the town's goals and objectives for the year. The Town Clerk will also be in attendance to swear in the April appointees.

2. April 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m., joint meeting with School & Finance Committees

3. Brush dump will be open on April 7, 2007 from 7-noon

The brush dump will be opened from 7-noon on the first Saturday of each month with an additional Saturday in November, weather permitting and pending funding. Mr. Rucho suggested canceling the April 7<sup>th</sup> date because of the weather.

### **SELECTMEN'S REQUEST AND NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Rucho suggested the Board should meet at 6:30 on April 12<sup>th</sup> prior to its meeting with the Finance and School Committees. Mr. McCormick asked that any handouts for the meeting be shared with all attendees.

Messrs. Phillips and Pruneau have nothing this evening.

Mr. DiPietro questioned who regulates truck weight limits. He reported that there has been some discussion about an I-190 access off of Malden Street and he would like to be prepared to restrict some streets in town from heavy traffic.

Mr. DiPietro reported the Town of Lancaster belongs to the MIIA insurance program and as a result of driver training programs get a reduction in their insurance premiums. Mr. Gaumond explained that prior to coming to West Boylston he was very active with the MIIA group, which offers rewards programs for those communities who participate in their training programs. On April 17<sup>th</sup> our insurance bids are due and we will have an opportunity to take a look at the bids that come in.

Mr. DiPietro asked Mr. Gaumond if he had an opportunity to speak with the Fire Chief on Class B training for fire fighters. Mr. Gaumond will have a formal response from the Chef shortly.

Mr. McCormick has nothing this evening.

Motion Mr. Phillips at 9:20 p.m. to go into executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23b, Part 3 the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property and the Board will not be going back into open session, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. DiPietro yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

Motion Mr. Phillips at 10:00 p.m. to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. DiPietro yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Phillips at 10:00 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: April 18, 2007

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Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

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John B. DiPietro, Sr., Selectman