

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

Mr. McCormick convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Read and acceptance of Minutes From Previous Meetings:

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2007, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the meeting minutes of April 18, 2007, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the executive session meeting minutes of April 18, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the meeting minutes of April 25, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the meeting minutes of March 28, seconded by Mr. Phillips.
Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Phillips and Rucho yes; Mr. Pruneau abstains.

Henry and Kathy Michie, K&H Realty Trust

Henry Michie joined the Board with his engineer Brian Whitney. Mr. Michie owns the properties at 8, 12 and 18 Worcester Street, and currently gets two tax bills one for 12 and 18 and the other for 8 Worcester Street. When they purchased the property in 1992 they were the first case to be impacted by the Cohen Bill. The septic system was designed for 3,900 gallons per day, and they have a maximum of 25 to 33 people and are still using less than 40% of the current system, which has alternating pumps with back up alarms. They also have a 2,000 gallon back-up tank. He noted that the system is an exceptional system and they would like to install the connection to the sewer system as designed by his engineer, Brian Whitney.

Mr. McCormick informed Mr. Michie that the Board of Selectmen does not make the decision on whether a property is required to hook into the system, as that is under the purview of the Board of Health. The decision on the number of laterals is that of the Selectmen. Mr. Westerling reminded the Board that the Michies' are appealing the previous decision of the Board for separate connections for the three properties. Mr. Michie reported that he paid the betterments.

Mr. Whitney displayed a plan for the Board which indicated that all three buildings would be tied in with a single lateral rather than digging up the pavement. Mr. McCormick's understanding of the situation is that there are two separate properties now being considered as one parcel. Mr. Michie is prepared to have his attorney re-draft the deed as one undividable piece of property and he has no problem with getting a letter stating that the property could only be sold as one lot. Mr. Westerling noted that the issue of the two separate parcels was one of several issues. The other was Mr. Michie was looking at just making a connection where the existing system is and not going out the rear of the building. The third issue was all three buildings connecting into one lateral. Currently two laterals are available.

Mr. Whitney explained that they plan to have the contractor form a new sewer manhole and then connections would all meet at the same spot. He plans to use 4-inch PVC and offered to have the pipe inspected when it is exposed. Mr. Westerling feels the manhole will work, however, the questions is complying with the Sewer Commission Regulations, which the other 1,500 people had to comply with. And should we have a problem with the line, all three businesses would be

impacted, which is the reason why each building has its own connection. Mr. Whitney plans to run 6-inch pipe up to the new manhole.

Mr. McCormick questioned the connection of the two buildings on one piece of property. Mr. Westerling explained that it is allowed to run the first building and connect the building in the rear. They do have two laterals to connect to and other residences have paid to run the pipes to their house. He is concerned over the fact that they would be using the existing 4-inch pipe as a means of cost savings and others have not gotten that advantage. The regulation requires new pipes instead of using the exiting pipes, and all pipes need to be brought back to within 10-feet of the building, as required by the regulations. The plan would be to change the junction box to a manhole and service all three properties. Mr. Westerling noted that allowances have been made in the past to go to 12-feet in cases where people have existing decks.

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the request subject to having the property deeded as one and going 10-feet from each of the buildings and install the manhole at the junction box and then they can hook into one lateral, upon the town receiving a copy of the letter from the attorney stating that the property will be sold as one unit, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor. Mr. Westerling noted that this would be treated as three separate connections, requiring three separate sewer permits as it is based on the number of accounts that will need to be established.

John K. Westerling, Director Department Of Public Works

1. Supernor project review

Mr. Gaumond noted that the Supernors previously had an issue with DCR not paying for the grinder pump which is being required for their hook up. We communicated with our legislators on their behalf. He would like to defer this item until he has had an opportunity to speak with our newly elected Representative, Jim O'Day. The Board of Health has granted them a temporary reprieve until the issue is resolved.

2. Sewer O&M Contract

Mr. Westerling reported that the Sewer Operation & Maintenance Contract expires at the end of May. The DPW advertised for Requests for Proposals, which were due today. Weston & Sampson Services was the only firm that attended the mandatory tour, and they have provided a proposal for the operation and maintenance of the system. They proposal had to satisfy six requirements and Weston & Sampson met or exceeded all the minimum requirements. The price proposal went from \$163,370 to \$174,600, is a 7% increase, \$11,230, which is due to workers' compensation rates, health care premiums, supplies, fuel, communications and chemicals. Their profit line, \$12,500, is the same as it was in FY05. Mr. Westerling has budgeted \$720,000 for this line item. Should he have a problem with this \$2,600 shortfall, he will come back at the October town meeting. Mr. Westerling recommends the three-year contract proposal.

Motion Mr. Phillips to enter into contract negotiations for a three-year contract with Weston & Sampson Services, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. Mr. Westerling will work with Mr. Gaumond and town counsel on a draft contract to bring back to the Board.

3. Snow Policy review

As the snow season has come to a close, Mr. Westerling feels it would be prudent to review the department's snow policy to address any concerns the Board may have had this past season. It

was agreed to provide the Board members with copies of the policy and include it on the agenda for the June 6th meeting.

4. Weight limitations for trucks

Prior to the meeting Mr. Gaumond left materials in the Boards' mail slots from Mr. Westerling with regard to vehicle exclusions. As this was an issue Mr. DiPietro brought up, Mr. Gaumond and Mr. Westerling met with him yesterday. Mr. DiPietro is up to speed to his satisfaction. As outlined in the materials, there are actual warrants the town has to make for the determination. They include 5-8% of the traffic has to be heavy vehicles, the condition of the pavement has to be severely deteriorated and there has to be an evening exclusion. An alternate route is also required.

Mr. Rucho requested this item be placed on the next agenda as it was requested by Mr. DiPietro. Should Mr. DiPietro indicate that he does not wish to go forward with this at this time, it will be removed.

5. Review of Sewer Budget

The Sewer Budget will be as follows: Administration \$122,710, Operations and Maintenance \$659,505, Reserve Fund, \$100,000, Debt and Interest Payments \$368,500, for a total budget appropriation of \$1,250,715. This is paid through Sewer Enterprise Fund user revenue, sewer betterment collections and Sewer Enterprise retained earnings. Mr. Westerling will not be looking for any rate increases for this upcoming year. He will provide the Board with a copy of his total budget breakdown. He noted that the revenue projection is in line with Finance Director Michael Daley's projected revenues.

6. UMPAD NPDES Permit

Mr. Westerling explained that the Environmental Protection Agency has issued a draft permit to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Discharge Permit to the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District. All the sewer flow ends up in the District who will be in the middle of a \$180,000,000 capital improvement program. The EPA has a new draft permit which limits the nitrogen and phosphorus levels in the discharge and the plant's current technologies may not be able to meet. We would have to double the current investment and the effect would be devastating increase in the rate. The public hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday night at Quinsigamond College and they are looking for a vote from the Board of Selectmen stating its opposition to the draft permit.

Motion Mr. Phillips for the Board of Selectmen to go on record in opposition to the draft permit and to draft a letter stating its opposition, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor. Mr. Westerling will draft the letter for the Board's signature.

7. CMRPC Pavement Management Program

Mr. Westerling explained that he brought this forward a couple of years ago, however, it was a VHB proposal for \$30,000. He and Mr. Gaumond spoke with representatives from the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission on a review of our sidewalks and out of that came the idea of CMRPC providing us with a Pavement Management Program for under \$8,000. The proposal includes a start-up meeting, updating of the roadway inventory file with information on roadway length, width, average daily traffic, jurisdiction, and materials type, determining the condition of the roads and analyzing the data to develop a prioritized list of recommended

improvements to the roads. Mr. Westerling believes the proposal will meet our needs and the request of the Finance Committee and the Transportation Committee on a better plan to expend our Chapter 90 funds. Mr. Gaumond noted that this will also help us meet the GASB45 requirements on the town's assets, and sidewalks are included.

Motion Mr. Phillips to spend up to \$8,000 in Chapter 90 funds to enter into a contract with CMRPC, seconded by Mr. Pruneau.

Mr. Westerling noted that the end result would be a living document in GIS format and a pictorial view of the roads which should be looked at. Mr. Gaumond pointed out the fact that this is a project the Transportation Committee has been meeting about and Mr. DiPietro supports the program. Mr. Westerling feels that currently his department is in a reactionary mode and this will give direction and the ability to prioritize critical needs.

Motion Mr. Phillips to amend his motion to spend no more than \$10,000 in Chapter 90 funds, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

8. Trenton Lane Drainage Improvements

The Selectmen previously authorized the expenditure of Chapter 90 funds for two drainage projects; the Cairns property on Prescott Street and improvements to an open swale drainage system behind the homes on Trenton Lane. The plan calls for the installation of perforated pipe encased in stone the entire length of the easement and the improvements will provide the abutters with a better back yard. Mr. Westerling does not have approximate construction costs, however, the design has been completed by VHB and he is requesting the Board vote a not to exceed \$20,000 for the construction of the drainage pipe.

Motion Mr. Phillips to authorize the use of Chapter 90 funds for work associated with the Trenton Lane drainage improvements, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Mr. Westerling noted that should the work exceed \$20,000 he will look at amending the project, which he feels is a very simple project. Mr. Pruneau questioned the design and clean out availability. Mr. Westerling displayed the plan and the clean out locations. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

9. Beaman Street at North Main Street

Mr. Westerling is reporting back to the Board on their request for improvements to the Raymond Huntington Square portion of town, which Mr. Phillips feels is one of the gateways to the town. There are three paved islands and one of the concerns voiced was the alignment because of the heavy truck traffic that uses the intersection. Mr. Westerling looked at timbers and filling the area with loam and seed, however, he ruled that out due to the fact that if we increase the height the trucks will hit the timbers and the loam will be scattered everywhere. With all the sand that collects in the area, grass will not survive. He displayed photos of a similar situation in Holden, and they used decorative stones with mulch and evergreens. Sterling Greenery suggested low growing grasses or hearty perennials. The cost to have the DPW remove the existing materials and upgrade to the Holden style will be \$3,000 which Mr. Westerling does not have in his budget.

Mr. Pruneau is familiar with the triangle planting in Holden and noted that they have had to replant the materials. He is in favor of wood chips with plants, which could be removed from the site. However to go with the \$3,000 solution, he does not think it would be fiscally responsible at this time and it will be a maintenance headache. Mr. Westerling does not recommend changing the slightly sloped curb, it would be slightly mounded. Mr. Rucho agrees that this is not the time to spend a lot of money. Mr. Phillips suggested cleaning the area, installing wood chips and flower buckets to be maintained by businesses or perhaps the Garden Club.

Mr. Westerling estimates a day and a half to remove the materials and a half day to plant materials and install test holes. He will also dig test holes to ensure the curb was install correctly, and provided the test holes come out fine he will dig it out and put in plants just around the Huntington Square sign area. Mr. McCormick suggested just sweeping and clearing around the paved the area and painting the paving green. Mr. Rucho noted that all the entranceways into town are in need or work.

Motion Mr. Pruneau for Mr. Westerling to improve the larger section with the Raymond Huntington Square sign with mulch and planters and clean up the other two smaller sections and perhaps next year we could make additional improvements to the smaller sections, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Phillips recommends leaving a two-foot buffer on the island should vehicles go over the curb. Mr. Rucho believes this is going to become a huge maintenance issue. Mr. Pruneau offered to work with Mr. Westerling on the improvements. Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Phillips and Pruneau yes; Mr. Rucho no.

Public Hearing: Re, Proposed Stormwater (Cont.)

Mr. Gaumond intends to remove the bylaw from the May 21 town meeting warrant, schedule a meeting with all the boards involved, and bring the bylaw back for the October town meeting. Town Counsel has assured us that we are meeting the intent of the bylaw by having it in hand and we have until May 1 of 2008 to comply. Selectmen were encouraged to forward their comments on the bylaw. There is no one present to speak on the issue.

Motion Mr. Phillips to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Mr. Rucho questioned whether sewer bills are being sent out quarterly as he feels he is getting them a little more often. Mr. Westerling explained that a year and a half ago we had a new system that came on line and as a result we ended up one-quarter behind. His department has been billing more frequently and is now back on track. Mr. Rucho questioned how we are doing with our research to ensure that everyone on the sewer line is being billed. Mr. Westerling explained that his department is reconciling with the Board of Health permits to ensure everyone connected is getting a bill. They are doing those checks in between posting payments. He noted that they post all the payments that come in. The Treasurer/Tax Collector Department used to do perform that function. By the next time the bills are issued we will have the reconciliation completed.

Linda Isgro – Historical District Designation

Linda Isgro joined the Board to discuss the process of establishing a Local Historic District. Mr. McCormick has reviewed the information provided and understands that according to Mass General Law the first step is the creation of a study committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Phillips questioned whether the Oakdale portion of town has a Historic District designation. Ms. Isgro explained that there is an Oakdale District, however, it is not protected by bylaw. She had a conversation with Christopher Skelly of the Mass Historical Commission about National Historic sites. To gain national status, the structure needs to be 100 years old or greater in addition to stricter criteria. The designation also allows the homeowner to get state preservation funds at a 50% match. Ms. Isgro has support from fellow property owners who could be included in a Local Historic District. She has collected signatures from 81 property owners in support of forming a study committee of volunteers. Eventually this needs to be adopted in the form of a bylaw and requires a 2/3rds town meeting vote. There are differences between Local and National Districts. Local exempts you from putting on an addition, painting your house a certain color,

having an air conditioning unit or any non-conforming use exemption. If you plan to put on an addition you would go before a review board for approval and the property can seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals. There have not been any property changes that have been made in decades that this would affect. Because we are a young municipality and our history lies underneath the watershed we lost our original town hall with the taking of the reservoir.

Mr. Skelly told Ms. Isgro that we would qualify for Local District and can make it as restrictive or flexible as we would like. It could be run on a case-by-case basis. With the Community Preservation Act you can be eligible for \$25,000 towards a project which could be used for off street parking for the library. In Oakdale we never adopted a bylaw so there is no local control with somebody doing whatever they would like with the property. The Study Committee looks at the best opportunity for preserving some parts of our property.

Ms. Isgro feels we have lost and jeopardized several of our historic sites to inappropriate development and there is community support for this. She has also been to the Planning Board and the Historical Commission. There is a flow chart in the materials provided by Ms. Isgro which shows how to establish a Historic District. In Oakdale we did the survey, but we did not make it a District, which requires recording the deeds with deed restrictions. Mr. Phillips asked Ms. Isgro if she had a certain area in mind. Ms. Isgro is interested in the center of town, the library to Goodale Park. Mr. Gaumond pointed out the fact that Historic Districts are usually associated with the centers of town.

Ms. Isgro noted that Holden has passed two districts, one national and two locals. She noted that Historic Districts allow businesses to come into the district with restrictions. As the Board of Selectmen would appoint the Nomination Committee, Mr. McCormick recommends going to the Historical Commission for their input on who should be appointed. Ms. Isgro has met with both the Historical Commission and the Historical Society. She noted that the first step in establishing a recognized Historic District is the establishment of a Study Committee consisting of a member of the Board of Selectmen, Historical Society, Historical Commission, a realtor and an architect because part of the survey requires that you look at home styles. Mr. McCormick would feel more comfortable with our local Commission coming forward and requesting the Board's endorsement of a Study Committee. Mr. Pruneau believes the Historical Commission has already done a considerable amount of work on this subject.

Mr. McCormick thanked Ms. Isgro for her work on this matter. At this juncture he feels it would be appropriate to get the Historical Commission involved. As the appointing authority for the Historical Commission, Mr. Gaumond offered to schedule a formal conversation. Mr. McCormick also suggested involving the Historical Society. Ms. Isgro went to the Commissioners who have another commitment this evening. She gave Mr. Gaumond the petition she had signed.

Board of Trustees- Sterling Meadow Condominiums

Diana Grimley, property manager for Sterling Meadows Condominiums joined the Board with Kevin Fallon. On April 16th they experienced major flooding which impacted their 52 units and involved the town because the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and the DPW responded to the problem. They understand that they are located off of a state highway which is surrounded by land owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. In the past 20 years there has never been that amount of run off, and they were told the flooding occurred due to high water run off and a large beaver activity. They are requesting the Board's support in dealing with the state to get culverts improved.

Ms. Grimley explained that all three culvers were blocked until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday night. Another issue is the 50-year old water pipes. Due to the fact that the flooding occurred on a holiday, the Mass Highway Department did not show up until Monday afternoon. She would appreciate any help the town could give and suggested installing a berm for the back unit. Four parking lots were flooded and the town shut the electricity off at the road. Mr. Pruneau was at the site and noted that it is DCR property and there is a problem with the beavers. The state did talk about putting in a larger pipe, but he does not know where that stands. He also noted that the water pipe falls under the jurisdiction of the Water Commission not the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Phillips explained that the reason there was a delay in responding was due to the fact that there was flooding all over the state and he asked Ms. Grimley if she spoke with someone from MEMA. Ms. Grimley met with MEMA the Monday after and they were going to other towns to evaluate how many properties declared. She asked if they could get help with the beavers and suggested installing a cage around the culverts so they could not enter them. Mr. Phillips stated that on Lee Street they have beaver deceivers. Mr. Pruneau estimates 40 or 50 beavers in the area. Mr. McCormick suggested speaking with our legislative delegation.

Mr. Gaumond will speak with our legislators, stress the importance of this getting some attention and follow up with a letter. He will also speak with the Board of Health. Ms. Grimley reported that they are also damming across the street on the Baldarelli property. It was noted that Senator Chandler's Office did make contact with MHD. Ms. Grimley spoke with DCR and a gentleman from MHD and they have been coming in and checking. Mr. Pruneau reported that both DCR and MHD are dealing with a problem with beavers on Parker Ave. Mr. Gaumond offered to contact everyone as the town also has an interest in this, and he will keep Ms. Grimley up to date on our progress.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Disclosure of Financial Interest by Municipal Employee

Mr. Gaumond explained that when Mr. Fallavollita was on the Board and this issue of our computer consulting contract was brought up he asked if the proper forms had been filed. This form covers the computer consultant services for the town for fiscal year 2007. If the Board is agreeable, they need to sign the approval of exemption.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the Disclosure of Financial Interest by Municipal Employee, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board appointments to various subcommittees

Earth Removal Board – Mr. Fallavollita

Regional Services Cmte. – Mr. McCormick & Mr. Ryan

Solid Waste Mgmt Advisory Cmte – Mr. Rucho & Mr. Fallavollita

TWPC – Mr. McCormick

Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District – Mr. Fallavollita

MBTA – Mr. McCormick

Watershed System Advisory Cmte – Mr. Phillips – alternate Mr. McCormick

Boylston regional DPW – Mr. McCormick

Policy Subcommittee – Mr. McCormick & Mr. Phillips

Economic Development Cmte. – Mr. Rucho.

Transportation Cmte. – Mr. DiPietro

RFP Tivnan Dr. – Messrs. Rucho & Phillips

RFP Lease of Office Space – Messrs. McCormick & Rucho

Parks and Recreation Facility Review Committee – Messrs. Rucho & Phillips

Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees – Mr. DiPietro

Designer Selection Cmte. – Messrs. Fallavollita & Phillips

Mr. McCormick suggested tabling this agenda items until next week. Mr. Gaumond recommends removing the Regional Services Committee, Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, Boylston Regional DPW, RFP for Lease of Office Space, and Designer Selection Committee.

Motion Mr. Phillips to table this agenda item until the next meeting and delete those committees recommended by Mr. Gaumond, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

2. Review and approve request to erect a Welcome to Pride Park Playground sign at Pride Park

Due to the fact that the sign will be erected on town property, it requires approval from the Selectmen.

Motion Mr. Phillips to grant the installation of a Welcome to Pride Park Playground sign at Pride Park, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. Mr. Rucho feels that prior to giving approval the Selectmen should contact the Parks Commission as the land is really under the control of the Parks Commission. He noted that the Commission is aware of this request, however, that was not the case with the motorcycle signs which were erected. Mr. Gaumond has had a conversation with the Building Inspector who plans to bring forward a number of modifications to the sign bylaw. He agrees that we need to develop a process which includes more communication. A certificate of vote will be sent to the Parks Commission following the Board's approval, and in the future the Parks Commission should be asked to sign off. Mr. McCormick believes the playground and the common area are both under the Town not the Parks Commission. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

3. Selectmen vote on Pierce Street Verizon Easement

The agenda package contains correspondence from Town Counsel which requires the Selectmen pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §15A, must vote either before or after the town meeting vote that the easement areas is no longer required for the specific purpose for which it is held, which was for solid waste disposal, unencumbered by the easement.

Motion Mr. Phillips that the Verizon Easement for Pierce Street is no longer required for solid waste disposal, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

4. Review Town Counsel Opinion Letter and sign warrant for May 21, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Gaumond explained that the warrant has been slightly changed by the elimination of the Stormwater Bylaw and the landfill monitoring has been reduced to \$1,000, which will be added to the previous appropriation from last May. In the future this will be an annual appropriation in October.

Mr. Gaumond outlined the various scenarios that may occur depending on which budget articles passes at town meeting and the outcome of the override ballot vote. They are the following.

If the default and override budgets both pass, and the override ballot question passes, the override budget will be the operative budget.

If the default and override budgets both pass, and the override ballot question fails, the default budget will be the operative budget.

If the override budget passes and the default budget fails and the override question passes, the override budget will be the operative budget.

If the override budget passes and the default budget fails and the override question fails, a special town meeting will be needed to vote an acceptable budget.

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If the override budget fails and the default budget passes and the override question passes, the Selectmen could implement the default budget or could call a special town meeting to vote again on the override.

If the override budget fails and the default budget passes and the override question fails, the default budget will be the operative budget.

If the override budget fails and the default budget fails and the override questions passes, a special town meeting will be needed to vote on an acceptable budget presumably the override budget.

Mr. Gaumond will be forwarded this information to all the town departments.

Motion Mr. Phillips to accept the warrant for the May 21 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Mr. Gaumond is also working on the Memorandum of Understanding outlining the parameters of the agreement between the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and the School Committee.

5. Review and approve Board of Selectmen's Informational Mailer for May 21, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the mailer as presented, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

6. Review of proposals for Workers' Compensation & Liability Insurance Coverage

Based upon the request of the Board, Mr. Gaumond went out to bid for our insurances. We received two quotes, one from Braley and Wellington and Mega and the other from MIIA, a municipal insurance arm of the MMA. Mr. Gaumond has made a recommendation that we consider going with MIIA for our insurance needs and he also emailed John Brissette from Braley and Wellington who is here this evening. No decision has to be made this evening if the Board needs additional time to review the information.

Mr. Phillips has not had an opportunity to review the information and asked if this could be carried over until the next meeting. If Board members have any questions they need to forward them to Mr. Gaumond. Both quotes came in very close and he is sure whichever company is selected will do a good job for the town. Mr. Rucho would like clarification on the credits one of the companies is offering. Mr. Gaumond noted that Braley and Wellington mentioned in an email that they also offer a loss control program, however he does not have that information and will get it for the Board.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Schedule televised meeting with Finance Director & Town Administrator on Override Impact

Mr. Gaumond intends to schedule this meeting next week to review the next three years with or without an override. Board members generally felt it would be more important to have the Finance Director and the Town Administrator handle this informational meeting. An educational handout will also be available. Mr. Gaumond has begun distributing the budget message via his internet blog. Once the document is prepared we will have a good template going out to 2012 on revenues and expenditures. Mr. Rucho would like the educational handout to include the impact the cuts will be on the different departments if the override passes or fails. It will not explain in any great detail what the cuts will be on the school side.

2. June 7, 2007 - 10:00 a.m. Rutland/Holden Trunk Sewer Commission Meeting

SELECTMEN'S REQUEST AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pruneau requested the Board's approval of a sign on the Bicentennial Trolley which will be at the Masonic Temple for a pancake breakfast on May 12. Mr. McCormick suggested making a ruling that for the next two years of the Bicentennial celebration the Bicentennial Trolley can be used to advertise whatever they need without having to come before the Selectmen for approval of the sign.

Motion Mr. Rucho to grant blanket approval for signage on the Bicentennial Trolley for the next two years, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

None of the other Board members have any requests this evening.

Motion Mr. Phillips at 10:00 p.m. to go into executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23b, Parts 3 and to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations and to comply with the provisions of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, and the Board will not be going back into open session, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

Motion Mr. Phillips at 11:00 p.m. to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Rucho at 11:00 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: May 16, 2007

Nancy E. Lucier

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Allen R. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Valmore H. Pruneau, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman