

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

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

Read and acceptance of Minutes From Previous Meetings

Motion Mr. Pruneau to approve the meeting minutes of September 5 and 6, 2007 seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor. Mr. DiPietro abstains on the vote for the September 5 meeting, as he was not in attendance.

Public Hearing (cont.): Building and Electrical Fees

Mark Brodeur, Inspector of Buildings joined the Board. The public hearing, which was originally convened on August 15, was postponed until this evening to give Mr. Brodeur an opportunity to work with the Town Administrator on developing a spreadsheet on the operating costs for the department covering the years 2001 through 2007. The Board agreed to suspend its discussion to allow Mr. Gaumond to make copies of additional report materials.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Concurrence on the appointment of Christopher Cornelius of Clinton as a Special Police Officer for detail assignments for the period of July 12, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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

2. Concurrence on the appointment of Ovidiu Babu of Lancaster as a Special Police Officer for detail assignments for the period of July 12, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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

3. Concurrence on the appointment of Thomas Downey, of Rutland as a Special Police Officer for detail assignments for the period of July 12, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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

4. Concurrence on the appointment of Ryan Killman, 4 Westland Circle, West Boylston to the Conservation Commission effective September 20, 2007 for a term to expire on April 30, 2008

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

Mr. Gaumond thanked Mr. Killman for stepping forward and noted that he has tremendous ability. Mr. Killman, who is in the audience this evening, thanked the Board for concurring with his appointment. Mr. Gaumond announced that for the first time in a number of years the Conservation Commission is at full membership.

5. Concurrence on the appointment of David G. Westerman, as Patrolman who has completed his one-year probationary period with the Town of West Boylston for a three-year period effective October 4, 2007 for a period to expire on October 3, 2010

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

6. Concurrence on the following appointments to the Affordable Housing Trust effective September 20, 2007 for a term to expire on June 30, 2009 - John DiPietro, Michelle Harris, and Roger Hall.

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Phillips, Pruneau and Rucho yes; Mr. DiPietro abstains. Mr. Gaumond noted that the committee has two vacancies should any of the viewing audience be interested.

7. Concurrence on the following appointments to the Solid Waste Advisory Team effective September 20, 2007 for a term to expire on April 10, 2010: Elise Wellington, Julianne deRivera, Dana Karlsson and Judith Doherty

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

8. Concurrence on the appointment of Carol Ann McGuiggan to the Council on Aging effective September 20, 2007 for a term to expire on April 30, 2010

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor. Mr. Gaumond thanked Ms. McGuiggan and the newly formed Solid Waste Advisory Team for coming forward to help the town.

Public Hearing (cont.): Building and Electrical Fees

Mr. Gaumond distributed a spreadsheet containing direct and indirect costs for his department covering 2001 through 2007. Mr. Phillips questioned why the fees were substantially less this year as opposed to previous years. It was explained that during 2004 through 2006 the Angell Brook and Hillside Village projects were built in addition to larger homes on Goodale Street. We also had other commercial development in addition to Emuge. Mr. Brodeur is forecasting an increase in September receipts. Mr. Rucho feels the \$31,000 figure for health insurance for two positions is very high. Mr. Gaumond explained that the amount is the worst-case scenario. Mr. Phillips questioned what the actual expenditure is for health insurance. Mr. Gaumond reported that the current inspect does not take the benefit, however, for budgeting purposes, that benefit needs to be included should the inspector leave and his replacement want that benefit. Mr. Phillips questioned where the excess monies go. Mr. Gaumond noted that they go to the General Fund. Mr. McCormick does not feel the fees should be based on any of the numbers because the numbers change all the time.

Mr. Brodeur is requesting an increase in his building permit fees from \$7.00 per \$1,000 estimated value for residential and commercial permits to \$10.00 per \$1,000 estimated value with a minimum fee of \$50.00. Had the Board made the change as of July 1, it would have increased his revenue by \$5,000 or \$6,000, and according to Mr. Brodeur a majority of the other towns are now at \$10.00. He also plans to post a worksheet online which would allow you to calculate the cost of your permit. There is no one present to speak to the issue.

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

Motion Mr. Pruneau to increase the fee for residential and commercial permits to \$10.00 per \$1,000 estimated value with a minimum fee of \$50.00, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor. Mr. Rucho would like an explanation on the health insurance cost. Mr. McCormick would like to do the same exercise for every department. Mr. Gaumond feels it is an important to look at funds going in and out of each department, and he will begin those calculations immediately.

Nashua River Watershed Association

James Normandy of the Nashua River Watershed Association joined the Board. This is his second meeting with the Board to discuss Protecting Source Water in the Southern Portion of the Nashua River. He built the model he will be reviewing this evening. During his initial meeting with the Board he reviewed the overview of the project. The grant was funded by the USGA Forestry Services and covers the towns of Holden, Hubbardston, Leominster, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland Sterling, West Boylston and Westminster.

The models looked at the two sources of water, surface and ground, in West Boylston. Total land looked at was 278.3 square miles, and 100,000 people live and work within the study area. The models showed the total forestry areas area decreasing in these areas. The models also showed that in the past six years West Boylston's population has grown by 4%. Mr. Phillips pointed out the fact that a prison, which houses 1,200 to 1,500 inmates, is located in West Boylston and that could account for the increase.

A screen was displayed covering surface water priority resource maps. The models allow you to identify important parcels for ground water or surface water. The next step is to send letters to the top five to ten percent of the highest priority land owners and invite them to a meeting with the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and Land Trust to review the GIS models and to consider comprehensive water resource planning for their properties. It is up to the landowner if they are interested in protecting the land and they will be told of the options available. There are also grants available to help protect some of the properties. Mr. Gaumond requested a copy of the presentation so that he could distribute it to other boards.

Mr. Normandy explained that this was a \$25,000 cash grant and there is an additional \$25,000 match made up of the amount of time spent with individual Board members. It is an hourly rate of \$12.00 or \$15.00 per person. Mr. Normandy will send the town a copy of the letter that will be sent out to the property owners and the list of residents who will get the letter. It is a voluntary program and puts the benefit in the hands of the landowner. He is not aware of any DCR interest in the project.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

9. Consider Recognizing October 24, 2007 as United Nations Day and signing United Nations Day Proclamation

Motion Mr. Phillips to recognizing October 24, 2007 as United Nations Day and sign United Nations Day Proclamation, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

10. Review and vote to release executive session meeting minutes for the period covering January 4, 1995 through December 4, 2002

Motion Mr. Phillips to release executive session meeting minutes for the period covering January 4, 1995 through December 4, 2002, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

11. Police Chief Goals and Objectives

Board members did not recommend any goals for the Police Chief.

12. Accept donations in the amount of \$1,170.70 made to the Beaman Memorial Public Library

Motion Mr. Phillips to accept donations in the amount of \$1,170.70 made to the Beaman Memorial Public Library, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Phillips, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. Pruneau abstains.

Mr. Gaumond thanked the Library for the work they did on the grant applications.

Zoning Board Of Appeals & Planning Board

Planning Board Chairperson Patricia Halpin with member Vincent Vignaly and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Phillips Chevalier joined the Board.

Mr. DiPietro explained that two months ago he was in the Bunkerhill area and saw a new home being constructed, and a short time later he saw a second home being constructed. Both of the homes were not on 40,000 square foot lots, however, they did have the required frontage and were grandfathered. He was told that there are six to eight lots which fit into that category and are unable to be built upon because the owners had five to six years to register them and failed to do so. Two of the lots are being used as catch alls and one is directly across the street from where the new homes were being built. Mr. DiPietro would like to come up with a bylaw for those current unbuildable lots provided they are in a sewered area. He would like to explore that possibility.

Mr. Chevalier reported that he has had at least two requests for variances, however the problem is the owner has to prove a hardship to the land. He also does not know how you could limit this to just six or eight lots, as he feels it should be for everyone, however, the Zoning Board of Appeals has not discussed this as a board. If you want to grant relief to some of the neighborhoods developed in the 1940's through the 1970's, you could come up with a size of the lot and come up with a number that would be appropriate and zone the area. Should you try to accomplish this through a special permit he feels we would be flooded with requests and recommends doing this through zoning as it would then make those houses conforming. Mr. DiPietro recommends that homes built be conducive to the size of the homes on either side of it. Although Mr. Chevalier understands what Mr. DiPietro is attempting to do, he is not sure how to go about that.

Pat Halpin reported that as a Planning Board they have no position. Her primary concern is equity as when you buy in an area with an understanding that nothing will be built on adjacent property. She is also very concerned with spot zoning. Mr. Vignaly also voiced his concern with spot zoning. He spoke with the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission and they said a majority of the houses built before the 1980's are non-conforming. He added that the Planning Board protects the town's interest and they do things for the town as a whole. He questioned what the benefit to the town would be. Mr. DiPietro feels the benefit will be to create more tax base and the people originally purchased two lots and through a Planning Board bylaw, one lot was taken away. Ms. Halpin pointed out the fact that town meeting passed the bylaw and the owners were given five years to get relief from the new bylaw. Mr. Vignaly feels that since the process is being done for five lots it could be considered spot zoning. He also questioned what would stop somebody with a ranch home on a 40,000 square foot lot from dividing his or her land. He feels the change would impact the number of students coming into the school system.

Mr. DiPietro thanked everyone for coming in. Ms. Halpin feels we would need to identify what other parcels in other sections of town might come forward. Mr. Vignaly noted that town meeting passed Incentive Zoning, which provides for more density. If this is going to be done, Mr. Chevalier recommends looking at all factors, and he would prefer zoning the area rather than through a special permit process. It was also noted that this was a petitioned warrant article that failed at town meeting. Mr. Vignaly recommends those lot owners impacted should come forward

with a ten-taxpayer petition and do their research. Mr. McCormick would like to know exactly how many lots would be impacted. Mr. Chevalier suggested he look at the maps at the Building Inspector's Office.

The Board thanked everyone for coming forward.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Huntington Square Signage

Mr. Pruneau reported that he went back to Sterling Greenery and Mr. Westerling also left a message. As there has been no reply he recommends having the DPW remove what is there, mulch the area and move on.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

13. Report to Board – Goal #10 – Develop an employee and volunteer recognition program

One of the goals the Board asked the Town Administrator to develop was an employee and volunteer recognition program for the town. He has begun recognizing milestone anniversaries for employees and service letters are presented by the Town Administrator and those employees are recognized at the Annual Town Meeting. Upon long-term retirement from the town of more than 20 years the Town Administrator will be issuing a plaque. One of the other things done was a town employee luncheon at a local restaurant during the holiday season. Mr. Gaumond is proposing a Commitment to Excellence Service Award Program which will annually recognize an employee who has made an exceptional contribution to the town by consistently performing their job well, having a positive attitude with fellow employees and the public and has made a positive impact on the lives of the citizens of West Boylston. Mr. Gaumond will establish criteria as well as a nomination form for the award. Award winners shall be recognized in town hall. In the month of April we held a Saturday morning coffee hour to thank members of the volunteer boards and committees. Mr. Gaumond is also looking into the idea of purchasing service pins for employees and volunteer board members. He will continue to solicit input from all town officials on the annual goal setting process and he plans to evaluate this process on an annual basis in the month of September by both the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Phillips suggested inviting the volunteers who assist the senior center, library and the CERT team to the Saturday morning thank you coffee. Mr. Gaumond thinks that is a great idea.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to accept the report as written, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

14. First draft of warrant for October 15, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting

The articles are not in any formal order at this time.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to close the warrant for the October 15, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

ARTICLE 1 - authorization to hear the reports of officers and Committees of the town. This is a standard article, which will be placed on the warrant.

ARTICLE 2 - authorization to pay a bill from a previous fiscal year. This is a standard article, which will be placed on the warrant.

ARTICLE 3 – authorization to amend the FY08 sewer budget. The Finance Director requested this article be included. It will amend the line items, not the bottom line budget. The article will be placed on the warrant.

ARTICLE 4 – authorization to modify fiscal year 2008 appropriations and other necessary adjustments to the fiscal year 2008 budget. This is a standard article, which will be included on the warrant. Our previously forecasted New Growth revenues may be short about \$125,000. Mr. Gaumond is hoping to have Free Cash, which is normally used in May, certified by town meeting. Some of the New Growth money from the National Grid project will be booked next year.

ARTICLE 5- authorization to appropriate funds for the library FY08 budget. This article is to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14, 370 to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to meet the minimum municipal spending level as required by the State's Board of Library Commissioners.

Mr. Gaumond reported that there is no available Free Cash at this time, and the Free Cash, which is scheduled to be certified, will be used to balance our current budget. Mr. McCormick recommends not including this article on the warrant as he feels town meeting gave a clear message with its defeat of the override vote by a 4-1 margin. Although Mr. Phillips agrees, he feels we should let the towns' people made the decision. Mr. McCormick feels we asked last year and the town said no. Both Messrs. Rucho and DiPietro agree. Mr. Gaumond noted that we are in the process of filing a waiver with the state in order to maintain our certification. He feels we will be successful in obtaining the waiver.

Motion Mr. Rucho not to include Article 5 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. DiPietro. Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Rucho, and DiPietro yes; Mr. Phillips no; Mr. Pruneau abstains.

ARTICLE 6 – authorization to appropriate funds to the Board of Health – this article would raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,000.00 for the continued operations of the Board of Health.

Board of Health Chairman, Robert Barrell joined the Board. He reported that the Board of Health has not been in the budget for four to five years. They have been operating on their fees for services, and they have expended their reserve account, which came from pumping slips. They provide safety services to the town and should be considered as the Fire and Police Departments as their role has expanded. They have a half-time position and collect \$13,000 in fees. Three years ago they increased their fees, and they have trained their staff to do food inspections. Without these funds they will close down. They have mandated responsibilities. Mr. Barrell explained that they take in \$13,000, expend \$23,000 and have a balance of \$6,200. They also have homeland security requirements. Mr. Phillips asked about grants. The Town Administrator is seeking a \$10,000 grant offered by the Department of Public Health for communities who have a Wellness Program. If we receive this it will be turned over to the Board of Health to administer the program as one of their primary duties. Mr. DiPietro thinks if we were to call the state Board of Health they would send a check. Mr. Barrell reported that he did call and they will not help until the situation existed. The Board suggested cutting hours. Mr. Barrell stated that they have an obligation and responsibility and he does not think we can cut down the hours. Mr. Rucho feels we will have five departments coming in next year with the same request. He suggested having other secretarial staff help out. Mr. Gaumond noted that the Planning Board is in the same predicament. Mr. McCormick asked if this

is a result of no longer having septic system pumping because of sewers. Mr. Barrell explained that four or five years ago they had a reserve and they created a revolving account.

Motion Mr. DiPietro to include the article on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

ARTICLE 7 – authorization to appropriate funds subject to receiving a grant to construct a playing field.

Patrick Inderwish joined the Board. He explained that the Board authorized the Town Administrator to work with the Parks Commission on the development of two grants, one for the construction of a playing field and the other to fix the pool. This is a request from the Parks Facility Committee. Should they be successful this article will allow them to accept and expend those funds. They will be applying for Community Preservation funds for the balance of funds required to construct the playing field. We will know on September 30 if we are going to get the grant and if we do not, this article will be passed over. The article is a requirement of the grant and is not for any additional town funds. Last year the reimbursement was at 64%.

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 7 on the warrant, editing the verbiage to include “for the expenditure of grant funds and no additional town funds”, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Mr. DiPietro questioned the school department’s plans for future additions. Mr. Inderwish attended a meeting at the school and they identified a buffer zone nowhere near the Pine Grove, and just off the parking lot to the left. They also identified what land would need to be reserved for the school. Mr. DiPietro pointed out the fact that there is a lot of ledge in that area. Mr. Inderwish explained that he worked with a contractor to put together some numbers and the area is away from the school and the main vein of ledge. The budget price for the field is at \$95,000, and they expect it to come in well under that price, and they have a 20% contingency price for removal of the ledge. Mr. Inderwish stated that they have done their own homework the best they could without spending any money. They also bring in consultants who have constructed similar fields. Mr. McCormick requested the article to amended by having the money be expended by the Parks Commission.

Mr. Inderwish explained that the group had a very short window during which to apply for the grant, they have had their site inspection and our legislators wrote letters of support. Mr. Pruneau voiced concern that the area is very tough, and he does not see this as a priority. Mr. Inderwish reported on the over-use of many of the fields and DCR’s taking back the Oakdale field. Mr. Gaumond will have the article reviewed by the Finance Director and Town Counsel.

Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Phillips and Rucho yes; Messrs. Pruneau and DiPietro no.

ARTICLE 8 – authorization to appropriate funds for parks facilities improvement program

Mr. Inderwish explained that the Parks Facility Committee needs seed money to be able to get an architectural conceptual done. His understanding is the Municipal Buildings Committee will be returning \$150,000 at the end of October. They would like some of those funds, which are scheduled to be returned to the Stabilization Fund. It will also allow the committee to proceed forward contingent upon approval of the grants for the pool and field projects. They have a two-year construction window on the grants, and they will also apply for CPA funds.

Mr. Inderwish spoke with Lamoureaux Pagano who provided an estimate of \$125,000. He is requesting \$50,000 to get started and then he will apply for the CPA funds. Mr. Gaumond explained that the October 2006 town meeting appropriated \$180,000, for cost estimates and a feasibility

study; \$30,000 was earmarked for the schools and \$150,000 for the other buildings being reviewed by the Municipal Buildings Committee. Mr. Gaumond's expectation is that \$75,000 to \$80,000 will be returned to the Stabilization Fund from that appropriation.

Mr. Inderwish explained that the Parks Facility Committee was charged to inventory the parks and come up with a plan for the future. They plan to present another article in the future for the basketball courts. The funds under article 8 will only be required should we get the \$500,000 grant. Mr. DiPietro questioned whether the School Department would need the \$30,000 and he also suggested having Lamoureux Pagano look into heating the buildings by thermo heat with some of the extra funds.

Mr. McCormick asked if the committee did not get the funds could they go the Community Preservation Committee for funds. He also noted that if we have money coming back to the town it will be helpful as next year's budget will have a huge deficit. His priority is not to spend money on an engineer and he would rather not include the article on the warrant. Mr. Inderwish stated that he is trying to do what the town asked the committee to do. Priority wise, Mr. McCormick feels the town needs buildings over fields. Mr. Phillips questioned what would happen with the \$500,000 grant if the town does not have the additional funds required. Mr. Gaumond explained that upon receipt of the notification of the grant, we have two years to complete the work. Mr. Phillips suggested putting this off until the May town meeting if the grant is approved. Mr. Inderwish voiced concern about the time from for the process. Mr. McCormick explained that when the Board authorized going forward to apply for the grant it was with the understanding that if we were successful then we would come back to the town for the funding. Now he is hearing if we do not fund this now we will not have enough money. Mr. Inderwish does not have a problem with holding this off until the special town meeting should we receive notice of the grant award.

Motion Mr. Rucho to take Article 9 off the warrant for now, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor. Mr. Gaumond thanked the parks Facility Committee and Heather Feland who worked very hard on the project.

ARTICLE 9 - authorization to appropriate funds for parks related safety and repair items

The Parks Commission has developed a list of immediate safety needs and provided the Board with a prioritized list, with a ballpark figure of \$75,000. Mr. McCormick noted that in May the same article was on the warrant, contingent upon the override vote and it was defeated. Mr. Inderwish believes the article is coming back due to public safety.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include the most important safety issues of Article 9 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Phillips. It was agreed to come up with a dollar value to address the immediate safety issues that exist. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Phillips, Rucho, Pruneau and DiPietro yes; Mr. McCormick no.

ARTICLE 10 – authorization to appropriate funds for the replacement of ambulance 2

Mr. Phillips recused himself. Mr. Gaumond explained that the town is due for the replacement of ambulance #2 and the Capital Investment Board is reviewing this request, which will be funded out of ambulance receipts. The account was set up to ensure the town would always have funds to upgrade an ambulance and capital funds.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 10 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. Mr. Phillips returned to the meeting.

ARTICLE 11 appropriation or transfer of funds to the School Department Budget – this article is to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$69,355.00 to be expended by the School Department.

Superintendent of Schools Thomas Kane joined the Board. He reported that they have some unexpected expenses. They are responsible for educating special needs students out of district, and the total cost is \$130,000. They have \$60,000 to deal with this. Last year town meeting level funded the school budget, which was a \$455,000 cut. As a result he had to reduce the out of district account by about \$180,000. The money would not enhance school programs but it is for expenses we are responsible for, it is not an optional payment.

They have \$60,000 in School Choice to use for this and the funds in School Choice pay for heating, utilities and 35 students to attend Assabet. He is concerned he will have sufficient money in School Choice to pay for everything they plan to pay for. Mr. McCormick remembers being told that after a certain day if a child moves out of town the other community is responsible for payment of those funds. Mr. Kane explained that we are in a collaborative and the student is not considered from out of district because they are in the collaborative.

Mr. DiPietro has a copy of the school bus contract and questioned if the reserve money could pay from that. Mr. Kane reported that there is no reserve money in that. The special education busing falls within the special education budget. If this goes onto the warrant and does not get funded they will have to make additional cuts.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to include Article 11 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

Mr. Kane inquired as to using Overlay Surplus as a source of funds. Mr. Gaumond advised that most of those monies were used in May, however, he will check that prior to town meeting. Mr. Kane would like consideration for additional funding given to the School Department as they took “such a hit” during the budget process. He also asked for consideration of the Parks Commission safety repair items.

ARTICLE 12 – authorization to appropriate funds to the Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Gaumond noted that these funds will come from the CPC funds, and this article is recommended by the Finance Director.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 12 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

ARTICLE 13 – acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 148 Section 26H

This article will require lodging or boarding houses to have automatic sprinkler systems.

Mr. McCormick commented on this being a tremendous expense to a business owner, and he would like additional information. Mr. Phillips believes there may be a grandfathering provision. Mr. McCormick suggested putting this off until May and having a conversation with the Fire Chief and Building Inspector prior to that. Mr. Phillips suggested adopting it and having it affect new businesses from this date forward. As this is a General Law, Mr. Gaumond believes you are required to accept the law as it, you may not amend it.

Motion Mr. Phillips to add Article 13 to the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Phillips and Rucho yes; Messrs. McCormick, Pruneau and DiPietro no.

ARTICLE 14 - authorization to amend the Zoning Bylaws by creating a new Commercial/Limited Industrial Zone

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 14 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

ARTICLE 15 - authorization to amend the Zoning Map to create a Commercial/Limited Industrial District North Of Interstate 190

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 15 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

ARTICLE 16 - authorization to amend the Zoning Map

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 16 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

ARTICLE 17 - authorization to petition the legislature to amend Section 2 Of Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1995 to include the Water Commissioners

Mr. Phillips does not believe the Water Commissions should be included as they are a separate district and not part of the town. Mr. Rucho would like to ask the Town Clerk why she is recommending this. Mr. McCormick voiced concern that we may be changing something we do not have the right to change. Mr. Gaumond will as Town Counsel for an opinion.

Motion Mr. Phillips not to include Article 17 at this time and if needed, bring it back in May, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

ARTICLE 18 – authorization to amend the Zoning Bylaws

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 18 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

ARTICLE 19 - authorization to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Boylston

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 18 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

ARTICLE 20 – authorization to expend funds from the Capital Investment Fund to fund capital equipment

This is an annual article, and Mr. Gaumond is still waiting for the final report from the Capital Investment Board.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 20 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

ARTICLE 21 – authorization to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Boylston to include Article XXXI - FIRE SAFETY BYLAW

Mr. Phillips left the room. Motion Mr. Pruneau to include Article 21 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor. Mr. Phillips returned.

ARTICLE 22 – authorization to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Boylston to include Article XXXII - STORMWATER BYLAW

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 22 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on

the motion - Messrs. Phillips, Pruneau, Rucho and DiPietro yes; Mr. McCormick no.

ARTICLE 23 - authorization to enter into a long-term transfer station lease

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 23 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

ARTICLE 24 – authorization to enter into a lease of the DPW site on Tivnan Drive

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 24 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

ARTICLE 25 – acceptance of the lay out of recreational land on Tivnan Drive

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 25 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

ARTICLE 26 – acceptance of the lay out of a road

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 26 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

ARTICLE 27 – authorization to enter into a long-term lease for trash disposal services

Mr. Gaumond explained that Wheelabrator opened a trash incinerator plant a few years ago and asked him to look into joining their consortium. On the chance that the Tivnan Drive project does not happen, to bridge the town he and Mr. Westerling may propose to go with Wheelabrator, and this article will give the town the opportunity to enter into a long-term lease. If we can get in at a lower fee for tonnage it may be something we could consider as the time to get in is January 1. Mr. Phillips remembers Mr. Fallavollita stating a reason why the town shouldn't go with Wheelabrator and he would like to review the meeting minutes that contained those discussions.

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 27 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

ARTICLE 28 – authorization to rescind previously voted debt authorities

This article will take previously authorized debt off the books.

Motion Mr. Phillips to include Article 28 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

ARTICLE 29 - authorization to transfer money from the Sewer Enterprise

Motion Mr. Rucho to include Article 29 on the warrant, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

ARTICLE 30 – petitioned article to authorization to study alternative methods of funding and/or organizing our school system

Article 30 automatically goes on as it is brought by petition.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Friends of the Council on Aging are sponsoring a fund raiser at The Manor this Friday evening, September 21, social hour at 6:00, buffet dinner at 7:00, and show "Broadway, Broadway" starring Valerie Sneade and John O'Neill. For tickets call the Senior Center at 508.835.696
2. The town has received a mini-grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards for the purpose of creating a Sidewalk Master Plan for the Town of West Boylston. Mr. Gaumond thanked the Transportation Committee for their work on this.
3. September 24, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. Municipal Buildings Committee Meeting
4. September 26, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. – special meeting of the Board to sign the warrant for the October 15, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Gaumond would also like to schedule an executive session for this evening.
5. September 27, 2007 – 6:30 p.m. – Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Information and member Selection Meeting at Princeton Town Hall
6. September 28, 2007 – Municipal Law Forum in West Springfield
7. October 2, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. – Initial Meeting of the Community Preservation Committee
8. October 3, 2007 10:00 a.m. – Rutland/Holden Trunk Sewer Working Group Meeting at DCR in West Boylston
9. Central Mass Metropolitan Planning Organization is requesting a member of the Board attend their Information and member Selection meeting at the Princeton Town Hall annex on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30. Mr. McCormick offered to attend.

Motion Mr. Phillips to nominate Mr. McCormick to attend and represent the Board, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

10. On October 1, 2007 there will be a public information meeting on the Tivnan Drive Project at 7:00 in the Mixter Building. All citizens and interested parties are invited to attend. Board members asked if it would be possible to conduct the meeting at the Middle/High School. Mr. Gaumond will see if that is an option.

SELECTMEN'S REQUEST AND NEW BUSINESS

None of the members have anything this evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: October 3, 2007

Nancy E. Lucier

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Allen R. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Valmore H. Pruneau, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman