

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

Mr. McCormick convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Read and acceptance of Minutes From Previous Meeting:

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2008 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the meeting minutes of March 19, 2008, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Reorganization Of The Board Of Selectmen

Motion Mr. Pruneau to nominate Mr. Phillips to serve as Chairman for the upcoming year, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to nominate Mr. Pruneau to serve as Vice Chairman for the upcoming year, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to nominate Mr. DiPietro to serve as Clerk for the upcoming year, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Board Of Health

Bob Barrell, Chairman of the Board of Health joined the Board to discuss the pandemic and their budget for fiscal year 2009. He thanked Dick Chapman, who is not seeking reappointment, for his work on the Board of Health. He noted that the mission of the Board of Health is to provide for the health and welfare of the residents of West Boylston. They render a number of services which include restaurant inspections, enforcement of the state sanitary code, inspections for hotels/motels, public swimming pools, tattoo parlors and retail stores. They also do septic abandonment inspections, tobacco product enforcement and they are emergency responders. He understands we are in a tough position this year and they have been working to cut some of their costs. Barbara Mard, secretary to the Board, has been trained to do restaurant inspections. They are also involved with regional preparedness agreements. The department charges a reviewing permit fee and look for grants to fund the Board of Health. They can be reactive or pro-active. They also have prepared numerous deliverables in preparing for a pandemic as when a pandemic happens we cannot expect to get much assistance from the state. They have certain steps to follow and have identified the high school as an emergency dispensing site. The members have gone through many trainings and have obtained specialty equipment, radios a digital camera, and a laptop from Homeland Security as they are considered first responders.

If a pandemic strikes we anticipate 2,500 to be sick, 85 hospitalized and 20 deaths. The Board of Health's job is to get out the medicine necessary for the epidemic. They will coordinate with the Fire Department and the Mass Department of Public Health to ensure the health of our community.

Celia Hartigan, member of the Board of Health, noted that they were in the town budget for many years. They voluntarily withdrew from the budget because they had an excess of money in their revolving fund. Now the revolving fund has dwindled down due to the lack of septic systems. The only need funding for their one employee. Mr. Barrell would like \$16,000 and the ability to keep the revolving funds. Each year they have more and more mandates, and they have to do reports to the state for contagious diseases. This week he dealt with beavers, cockroaches and lice. The state will

now be licensing massage therapists, which accounts for \$1,500 of their fees. He noted that a pro active Board of Health requires a lot of training. Board members attend monthly trainings and these funds will cover the current staffing level. They are not expanding or increasing current staffing levels. At some point the hours will have to increase, however, they can get by this year.

Mr. Pruneau questioned how many houses are still on septic. Mr. Barrell does not know, however, in the sewer district 150 have not connected. They also did 250 sewer abandonments last year, which takes time and mileage. They do not want to tax people any more and need the help of the public works department to get that number. Mr. DiPietro asked of the 150 not connected, how many have applied. Mr. Barrell does not know. Mr. DiPietro noted that there was a mandate to connect from the Board of Health. Mr. Barrell agreed that there was a mandate, however, he is not sure how many have applied and he could get that number from the DPW. Those who have not connected were sent out reminder notices that they have to connect. Barbara Mard, Secretary to the Board of Health, indicated that John Westerling's department has the list of all those who need to connect with the stub information and the paperwork is completed with Keri Miknaitis, the Administrative Assistant of the Sewer Division. They have not provided her the list. Mr. Barrell noted that the Board of Health has a pretty good idea about abandonments. The Board of Health takes in \$15,000 in fees and they are looking for a total of \$29,000 with fees as 82% of their line item covers their secretary.

Mr. Barrell indicated that he has spoke with the Fire Chief and coordinated with the School Department for emergency dispensing. They are also part of the Worcester Region of the Medical Reserve Corps. He encouraged medical people who wished to volunteer to contact Barbara Mard. Mr. Phillips questioned whether we would get enough people from Worcester if there is a pandemic and noted that there is also grant funding available. Mr. Barrell does not know if there will be enough people and agreed to look into grant funding. Mr. DiPietro asked about help from 180 Beaman Street. Mr. Barrell indicated that he contacted them and spoke with an attorney. Should we get jammed up they might be able to step in for a short term and do some inspections, however, they will not write a check. Mr. Barrell noted that a lot of the Boards of Health are in the same situation with funds.

Mr. Phillips thanked the Board of Health for coming in and the Board will take their request under advisement.

Ed Ramstrom, Motorcycle Safety Sign Request

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. He noted that Massachusetts has 170,000 licensed motorcycles, and this year we have had two fatalities. The signs will remind people that in the warmer weather motorcycles are coming out. Last year they put up 2,000 signs. He would like to erect the signs on The Common and on Woodland Street near Pinecroft Dairy at the start of the season until June. Mr. Pruneau feels the location of The Common will be a problem with the Bicentennial events which are being planned. He suggested another location, and Mr. McCormick offered the police/fire station. Mr. Ramstom noted that last year the DPW took the signs down prior to him removing the signs and he asked to be notified when they need to be taken down. He hopes to take them down for June 1. The Board instructed Mr. Ramstrom to see the Building Inspector for the sign on his property.

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the installation of the three signs, one at the Public Safety Complex and the other on Woodland Street near Pinecroft Dairy and one at his home until June 1, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

Michelle Halvorsen, Welcome Home From Iraq Sign Request

Ms. Halvorsen joined the Board. She explained that her son Keith Halvorsen will be coming home from Iraq on April 25th. She would like permission to install a sign over Central Street from April 25 to May 12. She has spoken with Connor Sign who are making the sign and arranging to have the sign installed.

Motion Mr. McCormick to grant the request to install the sign over Central Street from April 25 to May 12, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Historical Commission, Demolition Delay Bylaw

Barbara Deschenes and Greg Zakarian, member of the Historical Commission, joined the Board to discussed their proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw. Mr. Pruneau questioned using the age of 50 years old for the structure. Ms. Deschenes explained that the age is mandated by the state. It would preserve buildings listed on the National Historic Register or buildings with historic or architectural significance. Should it be determined that a structure should be preserved the Commission would notify the Building Inspector and no demolition permit shall be issued until 12 months after the date of determination by the Commission. The bylaw is modeled after towns similar in nature and size of West Boylston and about 125 towns have this bylaw.

Mr. Pruneau feels that some people may view this as a stumbling block. Ms. Deschenes does not think the bylaw is going to see much action. Mr. McCormick voiced concern with somebody telling him what he can or cannot do with his property and the fact that at some point there will also be a fee attached to it. He is also concerned that it has to be a determination by the Historical Commission that the structure is of historical significance. He does not think he should have to ask somebody. Ms. Deschenes pointed out the fact that this is only if you want to demolish the building. Mr. Gaumond asked if there were any other bylaw models looked at. Ms. Deschenes indicated that a number of bylaws were reviewed by the Historical Commission and the one being proposed is used in Stockbridge. Some of the bylaws reviewed were more restrictive, within a six to twelve month time. All they are trying to do is prevent the demolition of a structure with historical value and she does not think we will get one request a year. Mr. Gaumond suggested discussing this with the Building Inspector and scheduling this for inclusion on the October town meeting warrant as the May warrant is getting rather lengthy. Mr. Philips would like an opportunity to review the other Demolish Delay Bylaws the Commission looked at.

John K. Westerling, Director Of Public Works

1. Pay-as-you-Throw discussion

Mr. Westerling provided the Board with Pay-as-you-Throw models for West Boylston. Model B allows two bags, large and small, Model C allows two sizes for bags and giving out 50 free bags, Model D giving coupons for 50 free large bags and Model E based on two sizes of bags and coupons for 20 free large bags.

Mr. Westerling suggested trying to live with a thirty gallon trash bag for one week. The DEP recommends six months to one year to educate people. The numbers take into account the current numbers on tonnage, disposal rate and demographics of the town. It does not take into account the municipal buildings.

Mr. Westerling noted that the only override vote in West Boylston was for trash collection. He will be meeting with the SWAT next week and have them prepare their recommendation for the April 16th meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

2. Chapter 90 Requests

Mr. Westerling is recommending the town use \$3,100 of our over \$400,000 in Chapter 90 funds to purchase a three-wheel crosswalk painter. The current system used to paint the crosswalks and stop lines is not only inefficient, it is very labor intensive as they are painted by hand with a three-man crew using hand rollers and pans. This item will reduce the operation to a two-man crew and take only twenty minutes per crosswalk. He views this as a beneficial use of our Chapter 90 funds especially with the Bicentennial Year of the town upon us.

Motion Mr. DiPietro to authorize Mr. Westerling to use \$3,100 use of Chapter 90 funds to purchase a crosswalk painter, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. Mr. Westerling will check to see if there are any other paint vendors in the area other than Franklin Paint. Mr. Pruneau asked if any of our surrounding towns have this piece of equipment. Mr. Westerling explained that most communities paint their crosswalks and stop lines when they do their center line painting. According to the distributor of the crosswalk painter, we will use half the amount of paint we presently use and it is water-base. He could have the unit in by mid May. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

4. Stamped Crosswalks

Mr. Westerling requested the Board's approval on the use of \$25,000 of Chapter 90 funds for stamped crosswalks. The process is the company removes a two-inch depth of concrete, pours in the hot bituminous, which could be any color, and before the material hardens they stamp it and it becomes a part of the roadway. They could also paint the white bars on either side of the crosswalk. Mr. Rucho questioned whether this would be the most important thing to spend our Chapter 90 funds on. Mr. Westerling explained that we are awaiting the results of the Pavement Management Study being done by Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission. Once that has been completed, we will generate a priority list to upgrade our roads. He pointed out the fact that \$400,000 would not begin to cover all the costs for our existing infrastructure. Mr. Rucho suggested holding off until we get the report. Mr. Westerling noted that the roads he selected, from Edwards School to the Library, for the seven stamped crosswalks were all recently resurfaced with the final phase of the sewer construction. They have a seven-year life and the sidewalks have a ten-year life. Mr. Pruneau also voiced his concern over the integrity of the road, and he would rather not spend funds unless the integrity is good to maximize the life. Mr. McCormick also feels there are more pressing projects to use Chapter 90 funds on.

Motion Mr. Rucho to pass over the request until we get more information on the Pavement Management Study, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor.

5. South Street Resurfacing

Mr. Westerling explained that the town owns a very small portion of South Street in front of St. Pierre Chain. We do not do any work on that portion other than filling in pot holes. Shrewsbury plows it when they are plowing the street. He was approached by the Town of Shrewsbury to see if we wanted them to resurface the area when they were resurfacing the portion of South Street in their town as the road was very poor and was beginning to compromise the plowing equipment. Mr. Westerling felt the \$6,210.00 was a good use of our Purchased Service funds and he would like to seek reimbursement through on Chapter 90 funds. Mr. DiPietro feels this was a good service to have provided.

Motion Mr. DiPietro to approve seeking reimbursement of \$6,210 in Chapter 90 funds for resurfacing of South Street, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. It was noted that Chapter 90 can be used for any sized sections of shoulder to shoulder overlaying.

6. Vote to accept the layout of Merrimount Road Extension and refer to the Planning Board

Mr. Gaumond reported that the Selectmen are anticipating a petitioned article for the acceptance of Merrimount Road. The Board is required to vote its intention to lay out Merrimount Road Extension and forward the petition for acceptance and the roadway acceptance plan to the Planning Board.

Motion Mr. McCormick that the Board of Selectmen vote its intention to lay out Merrimount Road Extension as a town way, as shown on the layout plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plan Merrimount Road Extension, West Boylston, Massachusetts," dated November 2, 2007, prepared by Andrysick Land Surveying, and that the Board of Selectmen forward the layout petition and plan to the Planning Board for its comments and recommendations pursuant to G.L.c. 41, §§ 81G and 81I, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Mr. Westerling explained that he will make his final inspection of the road before town meeting and make his recommendation at town meeting. It is a small road with two catch basins and no water mains.

7. Intraoffice Transfer Request

Mr. Westerling requests an Intraoffice Transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from Salaries and Wages to Supplies. He noted that he has had a lot of activity with fleet maintenance in addition to making major repairs to our street sweeper. Mr. DiPietro asked about oil sampling. Mr. Westerling advised that they samplings are being done.

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

8. Review Brush/Yard Waste Facility Schedule

Mr. Westerling provided the Board with his proposed Yard Waste Schedule. They will accept grass and leaves and the chipper will also be at the site for small branches.

Motion Mr. Rucho to accept the schedule as presented, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. Mr. Westerling noted that his department rebuilt the conveyor system inside the street sweeper. If the engine holds up, he expects to get several more seasons out of it.

9. Announce that John Westerling has successfully completed the Design and Construction Contracting certification seminar

Mr. Gaumond announced that Mr. Westerling has successfully completed the Design and Construction Contracting certification. It is a three-day seminar which allows the participants to understand a broad array of principles and requirements applicable to design, public works and public building construction contracts. It gives us another expert in town in this area. This has been one of Mr. Westerling's goals over the last several years, and Mr. Gaumond thanked him for his commitment of time in getting the certification.

Mr. DiPietro asked about the oil sampling. Mr. Westerling explained that they have done several samples and he offered to get those results to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Expedited Local Permitting Law Chapter 43D

This item was carried over from the last meeting as it was raised by Mr. DiPietro. The information was sent to the Planning Board, Economic Development Task Force and the Building Inspector to review and provide comments. The Building Inspector has no objection to the proposal as it has no impact on building permits or the review process involved. The program was presented to the Planning Board last year to maximize the potential for development on Routes 12 and 190 and to modify the impact to include the gateway to West Boylston. The Planning Board at that time had no

interest and we had no other land area that could be applicable to the program as written. We now have the new commercial area north of 190 which is large enough to be involved in the program. A portion of the area is impacted by the Cohen Bill and a limited review would save time.

The Planning Board supports the concept but sees difficulties in its implementations as there appears to be multiple steps and the process seems to be more appropriate for larger metropolitan municipalities with larger tracks to be developed. They also believe that the process before their Board is under three months.

Mr. Rucho reported that he did bring it up at the Economic Development Committee, however, they didn't have an opportunity to discuss it. Mr. DiPietro brought forward the information as a result of a conversation he had with Central Mass Regional Planning Commission. As the process of acceptance on Chapter 43D requires town meeting approval, Mr. McCormick suggested deferring action until the October town meeting. Further discussion will be on an August agenda and Mr. Rucho will bring it back to the Economic Development Committee. Mr. DiPietro will try to get the minutes from the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission discussion on the subject.

2. Review Calendar Year 2007 MWRA Operation & Maintenance Charges for Rutland-Holden Trunk and Trunk Relief Sewers

At the last meeting of the Board Mr. McCormick requested a couple of the letter which was sent in 2007 as he now serves on the steering committee and water to review the letter prior to sending a similar letter out. He requested a copy of the back up from the original letter. This item will be on the next agenda.

3. The Board of Assessors requested the Board reaffirm its vote on the tax rate, which was taken on February 6, 2008.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to reaffirm the Board's vote on February 6, 2008 to adopt a single tax rate for all types or properties, residential, open space, commercial and industrial, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Concurrence on April 2008 appointments of the Town Administrator

Motion Mr. McCormick to concur with the following April 2008 appointments of the Town Administrator, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:	Bradford C. Dunn
VETERANS AGENT:	Neil Norum
CONSERVATION CMSN.:	Ryan Killman and William Chase
COUNCIL ON AGING:	Margaret Rotti, Janice U. Myers and Maureen Osthues
CULTURAL COUNCIL:	Winifred Hessemeyer, Patricia Barrie, Judith Fortin, Pauline McCormick, Andrew Feland, Heather Feland and Ellen K. Philbin

ASSISTANT ANIMAL

INSPECTORS:	Steven Jones and Robert Barrell
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INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:	Charles Witkus
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FENCE VIEWER:	Michael Mard
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FIRE REP. CENTRAL MASS

REPRESENTATIVE:	Dr. Andrew Garrett
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GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO

C.M.E.M.S.C.:	Christian Koppetsch
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AMBULANCE REP TO**CMEMSC:****HISTORICAL CMSN.:****INSURANCE ADV. CMTE.:**

Dean Kochanowski

Kim D. Hopewell and Barbara M. Deschenes

Michael J. Kittredge, III Sts. & Pks.

Mary Ann Anderson School

Marcia Cairns Gen. Gvt.

vacancy school secretarial

vacancy alt school

David Richardson police

Cande Kristoff school administrative

Barbara Deschenes retirees

John McCormick alt. retirees

Jacalyn M. Pruneau alt. Gen. Gvt.

vacancy alt. Police

vacancy School cafeteria LaComfora

Patricia Fanning MLP

CONSTABLE:

Peter Rotando, Robert Rosenlund, Dennis Minnich, Thomas M.

Balvin, James Bartlett, Francis Glynn, and Anthony Papandrea

Mary E. Almstrom and Abbi E. Parkinson

MATRON:**PEG PROGRAM****CO-ORDINATOR:**

Stephen A. Howland

TOWN COUNSEL:

Leonard Kopelman

TOWN COMMON &**BANDSTAND USE ADVISORY****CMTE.:**

M. Patricia Barrie, John F. McCormick and Richard Townsend

ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Richard Breagy

WIRING INSPECTOR:

Michael J. Capone

ASSISTANT WIRING INSP.:

Dennis E. Smith

PLUMBING/GAS INSP:

Todd Raymond

ASSIST. PLUMBING INSP.:

George W. Mioglionico

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS CMTE.

Valmore H. Pruneau, John B. DiPietro, Sr., Roger W.

Hall, Michael Vignaly, Sr., Bruce Peterson, Allen R. Phillips,

Kevin M. McCormick, Christopher Rucho, John Hadley,

James Dugan and Michael Maljanian

Mr. Phillips recused himself. Motion Mr. McCormick to concur with the following appointments of the Town Administrator, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

HAZARDOUS WASTE**CO-ORDINATOR:**

Richard J. Pauley, Jr.

ASST. HAZARDOUS WASTE**CO-ORDINATOR:**

Allen R. Phillips

EMERGENCY MGMT.**DIRECTOR:**

Richard J. Pauley, Jr.

ASSIST EMERGENCY MGMT.**DIRECTOR.:**

Allen R. Phillips

RIGHT-TO-KNOW

COORDINATOR: Richard J. Pauley, Jr.

FOREST WARDEN: Richard J. Pauley, Jr.

Mr. Phillips returned to the meeting.

2. Review and approve April 2008 appointments of the Board of Selectmen

Motion Mr. Pruneau to appoint the following April 2008 appointments of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

BOARD OF APPEALS: Matthew Colangelo

Philippe W. Chevalier

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Kim Hopewell, Town Clerk

David Sweetman, Moderator

Gregory Zarkarian

David Mercurio

Andrew J. Gambaccini

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Chairman, Planning Board

REGISTRARS: David B. Brown

3. Review information from the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission regarding Keno-to-Go

The State Lottery Commission is reaffirming its commitment to the 351 towns and is proposing selling KENO tickets at all existing agents who currently sell game tickets. They are offering to come out to communities if we would like further information. If we are opposed, we could write them a letter to opt out.

4. Request for Reserve Fund Transfer for Town Hall Purchased Services in the amount of \$10,000

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. The balance in the Reserve Fund is \$16,000. The funds will be used to pay for our May rent and we will fix the budget to avoid the need for further transfers at the May town meeting. Vote on the motion – all in favor.

5. Concurrence on the appointment of Stephen Paige, 299 Goodale Street to the Shared Services Committee effective April 4, 2008 for a term to expire on April 30, 2010

Mr. Gaumond announced that the last vacancy on the Shared Services Committee will be served with the Board's concurrence on this appointment. Mr. Paige has been one of the people who began the idea of the Shared Services Committee at town meeting.

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

6. Review correspondence from Police Chief Dennis Minnich regarding violation of the newly accepted Manager's Policy by Reservoir Motor Lodge

The Reservoir Motor Lodge has been charged by the Police Chief for failing to properly identify guests who were staying at the establishment, which is in violation of the newly accepted and amended Manager's Policy. Mr. Phillips feels it would be appropriate to hold a public hearing. Mr. Rucho believes the license should be suspended for two days as that was from the previous violation. Mr. Phillips feels a public hearing needs to be held to give them an opportunity to respond.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to schedule a public hearing on the violation, seconded by Mr. DiPietro.

7. Vote to accept donations given to the Beaman Memorial Public Library

Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the donations in the amount of \$2,250, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Phillips, DiPietro, Rucho and McCormick yes; Mr. Pruneau abstains.

8. Budget Discussion

Mr. Gaumond distributed version 2.3 of the budget which includes a column for dollar and percentage difference. It also allows the use of a greater percentage of the National Grid monies, which is not in accordance with the policy.

Mr. Phillips would like the Board to digest the information and if agreeable with the changes, they will be forwarded to the Finance and School Committees as well as the department managers. Mr. Gaumond noted that he still needs to fill in information under the DPW budget. School Superintendent Tom Kane is interested in reviewing the numbers so that he can be prepared for the April 8th meeting.

The open-ended items include the Library, Municipal Light Plant street lighting cost and trash. As the Board was split on its recommended cut to the Library, Mr. Gaumond took the average and cut \$15,000. The budget being proposed makes no changes to street lights or trash. Mr. McCormick recommends cutting an additional \$5,000 from the Library to bring it to level funding from last year. Mr. Rucho agrees.

Motion Mr. McCormick to reduce the Library to level funding, another \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Rucho. In discussion, Mr. DiPietro questioned how many people this cut would reduce. Mr. Gaumond explained that the decision is up to the Library Trustees as it may impact library hours or materials. Mr. DiPietro is concerned that he heard last week that there are ten part-time employees on staff, seven of which receive health insurance benefits. Mr. McCormick feels the additional \$5,000 cut will fund other priorities that need funding.

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

Mr. Gaumond is still in the process of compiling a list of all the articles for the May town meeting. To date we have 51 articles, with over \$120,000 in funds being requested. Anything that might be funded will be through the use of Overlay Surplus and we have not yet received letter from the Board of Assessors indicating what is available. Any funds not expended will be available for the fall town meeting.

Mr. McCormick recommends the Board discuss Pay-As-You-Throw for trash. Mr. Phillips does not feel the Board has sufficient information. Mr. Gaumond noted that the Department of Environmental Protection recommends six to twelve months of lead time for this type of program. An option suggested by Superintendent Kane was to be fund trash for six months and implement the program January 1. Mr. McCormick would like the Board to take a stand on the issue. Mr. Rucho does not think we should take money out of the budget as we do not know what the figure would be. Mr. Phillips agrees with that approach. Mr. DiPietro questioned whether the Board has the legal right to pull trash from the budget as it was an override. Mr. Gaumond believes we can, however, it is a policy decision and the Finance Director is available to help with an underride. Mr. Rucho feels we should ask for an underride. Mr. Gaumond noted that we could reopen the budget in October and re-distribute funds. All options will be laid out by the SWAT, who will be invited in to the next meeting. Mr. Rucho does not want to rush this and suggested mandatory recycling.

Motion Mr. McCormick for the Board not to remove trash from this budget at this time, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Mr. McCormick would like to invite the Municipal Light Board in to meet with Selectmen at their April 16th meeting to discuss the street light budget.

As the possibility of an override came up at the joint meeting, Mr. McCormick asked his fellow Board members for their thoughts, as he could not support an override. Mr. Phillips indicated that he could not at this time. Mr. Rucho would rather wait until after the meeting on Tuesday, and both Mr. Pruneau and Mr. DiPietro indicated that they are not in favor of an override.

Mr. DiPietro asked if the town looked into a lease/purchase of our own packet as we could assign it to the DPW and they could assign one man to pick up and dump by 3:00 in the afternoon. Mr. Phillips suggested Mr. DiPietro bring his idea to the SWAT. Mr. Rucho voiced his concern over including additional people on the payroll.

Members of the Board indicated that they are fine with the budget draft. Mr. Gaumond will forward it to the Finance and School Committees for review. He also included some training cuts for the Police Department and the DPW.

Motion Mr. McCormick not to approve the additional \$3,500 being requested by the Board of Health, and to fund the budget at \$12,500 and allow them to keep their revolving fund, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. Mr. Gaumond noted that they did say they would be looking at their fee structure.

9. Discussion regarding agenda subtitle for Selectmen's Requests and New Business to Future Agenda Requests (AP)

Motion Mr. Rucho to agree to the title change of Future Agenda Requests, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Announce that the Town has received the 2008 e-Government Award with Distinction for its commitment to open government by posting key government records on its Website

Mr. Gaumond presented the award to Mr. Phillips to accept on behalf of the town. He also commended the Town Clerk and our Computer Consultant, Karen Paré for all the time and effort they put into improving the town's web site. This was a town goal two years ago.

2. Schedule date for Saturday Morning Annual Coffee with Your Appointment Authority

April 12 or 19 would work for the Board. We will check with the Town Clerk to make sure she is available.

3. April 8, 2008, 7:00 – Joint meeting with Finance and School Committees

4. April 9, 2008, 7:00 – Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Messrs. Pruneau and Rucho will be unable to attend this meeting.

5. April 10, 2008, 8:30-11:00 – MEMA Region III/IV, EMD Quarterly Meeting, The Oaks in Agawam

6. June 5, 2008, 8:15-3:30 – New Officials Finance Forum at Hogan Campus Center of Holy Cross

SELECTMEN'S REQUESTS AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCormick asked when the sign on The Common for the arts fundraiser will be coming down.

No one else has anything to bring up this evening.

Motion Mr. Rucho at 9:45 p.m. for the Board to enter executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23b, Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and the Board will be going back into open session, seconded by Mr. McCormick. Roll call vote: Mr. DiPietro yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

Motion Mr. Rucho at 10:15 p.m. to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. Roll call vote: Mr. DiPietro yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Rucho at 10:15 to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: April 16, 2008

Nancy E. Lucier

Allen R. Phillips, Chairman

Valmore H. Pruneau, Vice Chairman

John B. DiPietro, Sr., Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

Kevin M. McCormick, Selectman