

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. Phillips to approve the meeting minutes of January 9 and 16, 2008, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the open and executive session meeting minutes of January 16, 2008, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Phillips, Pruneau and Rucho yes; Mr. DiPietro abstains.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to accept a distribution from a litigation settlement for the Library

The Office of the Attorney General has sent the Library a Compact Disc Supplemental Distribution Library, Municipal Acceptance Form, which requires sign off by the Board of Selectmen. They will be receiving a cash distribution of at least \$300 as a result of a settlement on a 2002 antitrust suit brought by the Attorney General's Office. The funds have to be spent to supplement existing funding for music related programs or projects at the library. The library previously received a shipment of CD's in 2004.

Motion Mr. Phillips to accept the settlement distribution, and should it be over the anticipated \$300, he would like the figure reported back to the Board, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Public Hearing, Re: Community Development Block Grant 2008 Application

Mr. McCormick opened the public hearing and read the following notice. The West Boylston Board of Selectman will hold a public hearing on February 6, 2008 at 7:05 pm in the Town of West Boylston, at 127 Hartwell Street, Suite 101. This hearing will present the Town's proposal to apply for funding under the Department of Housing and Community Development FY08 CDBG CDF I grant application. The public hearing will solicit public input for the FY08 CDBG CDF 1 Grant application. FY08 CDBG CDF 1 grant activities may include; infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, public social services creation of affordable housing and/or planning activities. In accordance with the Town's commitment to provide programs that reflect the needs of the community, all persons or organizations wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to comment and are strongly encouraged to attend.

All interested persons are invited to attend and are encouraged to provide input regarding this application. The building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person requiring the services of a translator should contact the Town Administrator's Office at 508-835-3490 at least seven days prior to the hearing. Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of West Boylston, advertised January 23, 30, 2008.

Tim Hansen of Central Mass Regional Planning Commission joined the Board and distributed his presentation. Mr. Hanson previously met with the Board to discuss a community development proposal for an FY08 CDBG application for funding through HUD through DHCD. Last year West Boylston was classified as a CDF2 community, which allows the town to go after a larger amount of funds, however, it is a very competitive process. For a project to be eligible it has

to meet National Objectives which include it is a benefit to low and moderate income persons, prevention or elimination of blight or meet an urgent need. Housing rehab is an eligible activity and it also must be consistent with the community development strategy.

Mr. Hansen proposes a joint application with West Boylston and the Town of Millbury, with West Boylston being the lead community. He recommends a grant between \$800,000 and \$900,000, a 22 unit program, 11 units for each community. He met with Marcia Cairns in the Council on Aging, and they have begun the development of a waiting list. If you have a designated Target Area you get five bonus points. The rehabilitation program can be used for project such as rehab houses, de-leading, roofs, windows. If someone meets the income guidelines, the house would have a lead test and a scope of work would be put out to bid with a project cap of \$30,000. Millbury will be having their public hearing next week.

Mr. Gaumond explained that Mr. DiPietro raised housing rehab programs as an issue when he was first elected and asked Mr. Gaumond to investigate what was done in Lancaster. This program also has an affordable benefit to the town as it helps us gain numbers on our 40B units.

Mr. Pruneau questioned why the designated Target Area did not include Oakdale, as it a section of town with older homes. Mr. Hansen explained that they looked at density areas and the area selected contains a high level of seniors and homes that predate 1959. You are allowed 2% out of the Target Area and towns with a population of under 5,000 can designate the entire town as a Target Area.

Mr. Rucho questioned eligibility requirements. Mr. Hansen explained that applicants would need to meet HUD income guidelines, which are \$40,000 for single persons, and low income is \$29,000, which could be 100% eligible. Applicants do not have to be seniors. However, for the first two years you will see a lot of seniors apply. If somebody is a limited cliental, such as needed a wheel chair ramp, it would not be income qualified.

Mr. Phillips asked if there are any negatives or drawbacks to being involved in the program. Mr. Hansen advised that it is some times labor intensive. There is an 18-month cycle and usually the first couple of years are fairly easy. After a couple of years projects take longer. It does put a second mortgage lien on the house and you only have to pay back if you sell the property within 15 years. The repayment monies would stay in the town and be used for more units. Mr. Phillips questioned who chooses the units in town. Mr. Hansen explained that CMRPC would administer the grant, and they would take the waiting list and do it on a first come basis. They would also qualify the people. The \$800,000 to \$900,000 would come directly to the town and CMRPC's administration fee would be paid from those funds. The agency would bill the town direct.

Mr. Phillips questioned why Millbury was selected. Mr. Hansen explained that Millbury came to CMRPC in May and he was charged to look for CDGB. They wanted a small household rehab program. Holden is a CDF2 community. Millbury is a CDF1 community with interest and a good number. The goal is to each community 11 units at \$30,000 each and the grant deadline is next Friday.

If the Board has interest in the program, Mr. Gaumond requested they vote to approve participation, appoint an Environmental Review Officer who will sign off on behalf of the town, and designate one of the Board members to sign the grant documents as they come forward. Mr. DiPietro reported that when he was on the Board of Health in 1995 they had an enjoyable relationship with CMRPC when they partnered with them on the state septic grant. Everyone who submitted an application had their systems repaired sooner or later, and they used all the money in the program. At that time the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen was required to sign off on everything from the Board of Health.

No one is present to speak to the application. Mr. McCormick closed the public hearing.

Motion Mr. Phillips for the town to begin the grant process with CMRPC, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to instruct Mr. Gaumond to be the Environmental Review Officer, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to have the Chairman of the Board sign off on the documents, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Mr. Gaumond will include information on the process in his blog in addition to doing a television show. Mr. Hanson noted that once we get funded, CMRPC will do outreach. Mr. Phillips thanked Mr. Hansen for coming in.

Public Hearing: Re: Classification Hearing In Conformity With M.G.L. Ch 40, §56 To Establish Local Property Tax Rate Or Rates For Fiscal Year 2008

Mr. McCormick opened the public hearing and read the following notice. Notice is hereby given that the West Boylston Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 7:15 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at 127 Hartwell Street, in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 for the purpose of holding a Tax Classification Hearing so as to establish the local property tax rate or rates to be assessed to each of the following classes of property for fiscal year 2008, the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008: residential property, open-space property, commercial property, and industrial property. All interested persons, groups, and agencies are invited to attend and participate. Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of West Boylston, January 23, 30, 2008.

Principal Assessor Harald Scheid joined the Board with Assessor James Swalec. Mr. Scheid explained that the purpose of the hearing is to meet the statutory obligation of the Board of Selectmen to vote annually on whether to adopt a single or a dual tax rate. He distributed a spread sheet on various combinations of tax rates, and advised that \$13.09 appears to be the new rate. In order to yield a 4.25% decrease on the residential side, the commercial side would have to be raised 25%. The Board of Assessors recommends a single residential factor.

There is no one present to speak on the issue. Mr. McCormick closed the public hearing.

Motion Mr. Phillips to adopt a single tax rate for all types or properties, residential, open space, commercial and industrial, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Public Hearing: Re: Holiday Decoration Policy

Mr. McCormick opened the public hearing and read the following notice. Public notice is hereby given, in conformity with the requirements of the General Bylaws of the Town of West Boylston, ARTICLE XXIII - PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE, that the Board of Selectmen will meet on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of establishing a Holiday Decoration Policy. The meeting will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at 127 Hartwell Street, West Boylston. For additional information, or to review the proposed information, please contact the Office of the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator at 508.835.3490. All interested persons, groups, and agencies are invited to attend. Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman, advertised January 23, 30, 2008.

Mr. Gaumond noted that Mr. Phillips requested this policy be brought before the Board, and read the policy. "The Board is responsible for approving all requests to place holiday decorations on public lands or on/in public buildings. The Town asserts its total commitment to celebrate the winter holiday season without regard to any one or more specific religious traditions. West Boylston affirms that it is a fully inclusive community. The Board of Selectmen wishes to express its desire

to celebrate all religious and secular aspects during the holiday season. In that spirit, the Town affirms its desire to string lights and wreaths and other decorations on Town lands and buildings, without regard to any particular religion. Accordingly, the Town's policy is as follows:

1. Stringing of lights will continue at the commercial centers as above described and in accordance with the Town's historical practice.

2. The Town Hall and other municipal buildings and property may be decorated with garlands, wreaths and other secular decorations. In addition, separate spaces will be reserved for individuals to place symbols representative of specific recognized traditions, such as a lighted tree (Christmas), Menorah (Hanukkah), and Crescent (Muslim). These specific symbols are hereby pre-approved by the Board of Selectmen and will not be the responsibility of the Town for its maintenance or its placement. If others are proposed, the Board will consider whether they are symbols from generally recognized traditions. All symbols permitted will be of roughly equal size. They will be put up together and removed together, on dates selected by the Board of Selectmen or by the Town Administrator. They may be lighted throughout the period or for such lesser time as the tradition dictates. (For example, the Menorah is expected to be lighted during the 8 days of Hanukkah).

3. The interior of Town Hall and other municipal buildings will be decorated substantially in accordance with the above, that is, any department wishing to decorate will make a reasonable effort to include symbols of each religious tradition of roughly equal size and prominence if religious symbols are to be included.

4. No religious ceremony will occur on any town owned property.

5. Town funds are not to be expended for religious holiday decorations without permission of the Board of Selectmen and can only be granted with emphasis on religious diversity.

The Board of Selectmen recognizes it is not the Town Board in charge of all municipal buildings. Boards having jurisdiction of other town land and buildings will be informed of this policy, and encouraged to adopt it with the hope that this policy will be town wide and uniformly held, but is not required

Mr. Rucho asked whether there has been an issue. He also questioned the verbiage which has the Selectmen approving all the requests on decorations other than the three specifically mentioned equating it to the situation which exists with our sign bylaw. He further questioned whether the Parks Commission should be mentioned in the policy as they schedule activities on The Common. Mr. McCormick noted that the property is owned by the Selectmen and he doubts activities would be scheduled in the winter time.

Mr. DiPietro questioned whether there have been complaints. He is also not in favor of the language under section 3, articles of religious symbols being placed at town hall. Mr. Phillips feels it is an item used to celebrate the holiday season, and it could be a donated Menorah. He feels this policy will clarify things. Mr. DiPietro feels we have not had a problem yet, we are a small town, and he hopes we are not inviting trouble by passing this policy. Mr. Phillips noted that he didn't think the town would have a front page story on the T&G regarding its location of our voting place. He would like a policy in place should we have a complaint.

No one is in attendance to speak on the proposed policy. Mr. McCormick closed the public hearing. Discussion ensued relative to the definition of a lighted tree or a Christmas tree. Mr. Philips feels the policy will assist the Board in dealing with items around Christmas and strengthen our ability to put items up if we see fit.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the policy striking the word “substantially” from Section 3, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Public Hearing: Re: Non-Discrimination Policy

Mr. McCormick opened the public hearing and read the following notice. Public notice is hereby given, in conformity with the requirements of the General Bylaws of the Town of West Boylston, ARTICLE XXIII - PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE, that the Board of Selectmen will meet on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of establishing a Non-Discrimination Policy. The meeting will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room at 127 Hartwell Street, West Boylston. For additional information, or to review the proposed information, please contact the Office of the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator at 508.835.3490. All interested persons, groups, and agencies are invited to attend. Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman, advertised on January 23, 30, 2008.

Mr. Gaumond explained that now that we are with MIIA for our insurance coverage, one of the things we are doing is aggressively gaining MIIA reward credits. This policy is recommended by MIIA and gives the town written procedures and guidelines to deal with any complaint. It is a protection to the taxpayers and the town against future issues that may arise. Mr. Gaumond further noted that we have been actively working on gaining MIIA credits by attending seminars. At a future Selectmen’s meeting we will conduct public hearing training for the Board in addition to fair employment practices when agendas as not so heavy. Mr. McCormick reported that he attended a MIIA Ethics seminar while in Boston.

No one is present to speak to the policy. Mr. McCormick closed the public hearing.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to accept the policy, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

John K. Westerling, Director Of Public Works

1. Final betterment discussion

Mr. Westerling reported that due to the problem with sending out estimated third quarter tax bills, the final betterment figure will be on the fourth quarter bill. The final construction amount came in at or near the original estimate. He is purchasing a software program that is able to track our connection loans, betterments and payments. It will assist them with sending out the final betterment letters.

2. Woodland Street Biofilter Update

Town meeting appropriated \$180,000 for the biofilter. Mr. Westerling reported that the shop drawings are able to be submitted to Stantec our engineer, and it is about a twelve week manufacturing cycle. He will prepare the site for installation the end of May or early June.

3. Odor Control Note

Motion Mr. Phillips to sign the Odor Control Notes, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Mr. Rucho questioned whether we were making any progress on getting funding for the odor control device. Mr. Gaumond reported that we are requesting our legislative delegation include money in the budget for the entire cost of the unit for the town. We also have the agreement with the Town of Holden and we will be speaking with them to recoup a portion of the cost. Congressman McGovern did a site visit, however, as of right now, we have nothing. Mr. Rucho asked whether Weston & Sampson has been approached. Mr. Westerling and Chairman McCormick attended a meeting with DCR, Weston & Sampson Engineers, Weston & Sampson

Services and Rep. O'Day to discuss design issues and they also discussed whether the components installed were adequate. They were told that the engineering was never meant for long-term odor control and they could not anticipate how bad the odors would be. DCR stated that they did not think there was any lack of proper engineering. Rep. O'Day indicated that he would seek funding at the state level. At the meeting Mr. McCormick questioned why they didn't put money aside and they said that they designed what they were asked to design and nothing for the odor control.

Mr. DiPietro questioned whether Weston & Sampson actually designed the filter. Mr. Westerling advised that they designed the system in the pump station which is a spray system. Mr. McCormick asked whether we have received anything back from the meeting with Congressman McGovern. Mr. Gaumond stated that he received notification within the next week that one of the residents who was expecting a check of \$50 will be paid by DCR. He does not know whether the payment has been made yet. He did ask about the finances and easements. Mr. Phillips voiced his displeasure with the fact that Weston & Sampson met with the Board and tried to sell us additional chemicals for the system.

4. Snow and Ice Budget

Mr. Westerling reported that he sent an email to Mr. Gaumond on January 16 alerting him to the fact that we were quickly approaching the \$40,000 mark. As of Friday we were at \$180,000, \$78,000 over in our spending. Mr. Pruneau asked Mr. Westerling how his supply was for salt and sand. Mr. Westerling advised that he is doing better now than in December and he can make it through the next several storms. They have been called out over fifty times this winter. Mr. Phillips questioned whether any of the storms would be eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Westerling advised that they are not.

5. Baldarelli Brothers Issue

This item was passed over this evening.

6. Designate two Selectmen Liaisons to the DPW

As one of our goals is to make improvements to our DPW, Mr. Gaumond is requesting one or two members of the Board become liaisons so that they could meet with he and Mr. Westerling on a monthly basis. Messrs. Rucho, Pruneau and DiPietro indicated interest. As the meetings would be on Tuesdays at 11:00, that would not work for Mr. Rucho's schedule as he prefers a late afternoon or early evening meeting.

Motion Mr. Phillips to designate Mr. DiPietro and Mr. Pruneau as the Selectmen Liaisons to the DPW, seconded by Mr. McCormick. Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Phillips and Pruneau yes; Mr. DiPietro abstains and Mr. Rucho votes no.

7. Announce that John Westerling has achieved the rank of Roads Scholar by the Baystate Roads Program

The Board congratulate Mr. Westerling on attaining the rank of Roads Scholar by the Baystate Roads Program.

Mr. Rucho stated that he has an accounting of work done on the football field from November and asked if it was the final cost. Mr. Westerling advised that there are no other costs coming from the Municipal Lighting Plant, and he is not aware of anything from the DPW. Mr. Rucho asked where we could find \$10,000. Mr. Westerling explained that the funds came from the Parks Commission. Mr. Rucho voiced displeasure that town meeting appropriated \$30,000 for parks

safety repairs and the Parks Commission reduced fees, but they had \$10,000 extra. Mr. Rucho asked if the job was put out to bid and were quotes provided. Mr. Westerling explained that the project was the existing poles were leaning and deemed unsafe by the Building Inspector. They looked at two different alternatives and the Parks Commission decided to go with wooden poles, with the Municipal Light Plant providing the labor to install at no additional cost to the town. Eight, 50-foot poles were purchased from the Light Plant and the labor did not have to be bid. The next biggest item was the drilling as half the poles were in ledge. Two companies were interviewed by the Municipal Light Plant, however, only one was available and below the threshold for bidding. Other supplies were off the shelf supplies. The final item was the services of an electrician. Ed Arnieri was used as he has done extensive work in the parks. Mr. Westerling noted that under \$5,000 you use best business practices. Mr. Rucho feels that you could take a project like this and do it in pieces so you do not have to go out to bid. Mr. Gaumond noted that if we bid this as a project it would have cost us much more because the labor was free. Mr. Pruneau stated that he did not believe it should have cost us this much. His intension was to use exactly what we had, however, his understanding is they had to do additional because it did not pass code. He thinks there should have been more research. Mr. Rucho voiced displeasure over the fact that we have fencing that needs repair and the poles were repaired in three weeks. Mr. McCormick feels this conversation should be with the Parks Commission. Mr. Gaumond offered to schedule the Parks Commission into discuss this. Mr. Rucho is concerned about major issues with the parks and this was done and they lowered fees. Mr. Pruneau has no problem with the job.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider vote to endorse Plan of Parks Facility Committee and Parks Commission

This item will be passed over this evening.

2. Review letter from Dr. Robert Tashjian regarding barking dog hearing

The letter details how Dr. Tashjian will meet the requirements of the Board of Selectmen. If the Board agrees with the plan, Mr. Gaumond will advise Dr. Tashjian and the abutters as well. Mr. McCormick reported that he spoke with a couple of the abutters and they are satisfied with the decision.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to accept the letter, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion – Messrs. McCormick, Pruneau, Rucho and Pruneau yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Common Victualler's License for Parker's Candy Store, 9 Maple Street

Mr. McCormick recused himself. Susan and Ed Paradise joined the Board. They plan to reopen Parkers Candy Store, selling pop corn, soda, candy and maybe small retail items. The Police Chief and Treasurer/Tax Collector have no issues with the establishment. As the Fire Chief, Board of Health and Building Inspector have not yet responded, the vote to issue will be subject to their positive responses. The hours of operation will be Tuesday through Saturday 10-6; Sunday 12-5:30; closed on Monday. The grand opening will be on March 12th.

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the license request contingent upon positive responses from the Fire Chief, Board of Health and Building Inspector, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. Mr. McCormick returned to the meeting.

2. Review correspondence from MIIA on a 2-year Guarantee Proposal Offer for our property, liability and workers' compensation coverages and vote whether or not to accept

The town has received a proposal from MIIA offering us a reduction of 5% for each of the next two years should we stay with them for our insurance coverages. The Board previously requested we bid our insurance on an annual basis, and the only reason this is coming before the Board at this time is because we need to reply before February 15th. This is in addition to the MIIA rewards the town gets from attending the various seminars they offer.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to accept the proposal from MIIA, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

3. Consider bringing before the voters a \$2,360,000 debt exclusion to fund engineering fees associated with the Municipal Buildings Project

Mr. Gaumond explained that the Municipal Buildings Committee requested a warrant article and ballot question. Originally the figure was \$2,300,000, however, we did not include borrowing costs. The figure we will use will be \$2,400,000. The question, which has been reviewed by both bond counsel and town counsel will read as follows. "Shall the Town of West Boylston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design the construction, remodeling, reconstruction, extraordinary repairs, equipping and furnishing, and related site improvements of the town hall/senior center, department of public works building, police facility and fire facility?"

The funds will allow us to go out and obtain formal bid documents to use to go out to bid. The warrant article will also have a \$2,400,000 figure. This is the next step in order to move forward with the building projects.

Motion Mr. Phillips to place the following question on the April 1, 2008 ballot "Shall the Town of West Boylston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design the construction, remodeling, reconstruction, extraordinary repairs, equipping and furnishing, and related site improvements of the town hall/senior center, department of public works building, police facility and fire facility?", seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

4. Acknowledge receipt of warrant articles for the March 10, 2008 Special Town Meeting

The warrant will contain two articles; the first our traditional article to hear reports of committees and the second will be the article for the \$2,400,000.

5. Zoning Bylaw Changes

Motion Mr. Phillips to forward the proposed changes to the Sign and Site Plan Review Bylaws to the Planning Board for public hearing, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. February 7, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. Municipal Buildings Committee, at 127 Hartwell Street.

2. February 11, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. Municipal Buildings Committee. This will be a roundtable discussion at 127 Hartwell Street

3. February 13, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – School Cmte. Budget Meeting at the school.
4. February 14 & 15, 2008 – the 2nd of our Bicentennial Year Events A concert at the Oakdale Nursing Home (February 14th) and Knollwood Nursing Center (February 15th) with Flowers for the Residents Barbershop Men Of Song – 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
5. February 22, 9:00 a.m. John Agustus Hall, Focus group discussion Rutland-Holden Trunk Sewer Management
6. February 25, 2008 – Municipal Buildings Committee meeting at Fire Department
7. February 26 – Town Administrator's Budget Meeting, 127 Hartwell Street
8. March 6, Municipal Buildings Committee meeting at a location yet to be determined.
9. March 8th – Grand Ball at the Wachusett Country Club
10. March 13 – Town Administrator's Budget Meeting at the Beaman Library

SELECTMEN'S REQUEST AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rucho has nothing this evening.

Mr. Pruneau noted that the Bicentennial Committee may need bylaw changes for committee licensing requirements for vendors over and above what we presently have. Mr. Rucho noted that he has some information from other communities.

Mr. Phillips questioned whether the Finance Committee has designed a member to sit on the Shared Services Committee. Mr. Gaumond reported that Patricia Altomare plans to be the designee, however, he has not yet met with her.

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the appointment of Patricia Altomare to the Shared Services Committee, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor. It was noted that two vacancies remain on the committee.

Mr. DiPietro reported on the 43D Zoning Regulations which expedite permitting and allows businesses to be in and out. He feels it would be beneficial in the new industrial park off of I[190]. He would like to turn it into a 43D area. Mr. Gaumond recommends sending the suggestion to the Economic Development Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. He will revisit the issue with those boards to see if there is any interest. He think only a couple of communities have adopted this, however, he will research it. Mr. DiPietro feels one of the advantages if a \$100,000 grant and it gives businesses an answer within six months.

Mr. DiPietro asked if we have a biotech zone in town. Mr. Gaumond does not believe so. Mr. DiPietro reported on a program called New England Community Energy Program. It is under the USEPA and improves emergency efficiency in commercial and industrial buildings. If we could find a way to harness the wind or methane gas under the landfill. The EPA will train one person to become the Energy Efficiency Officer and there is a grant involved with that. Mr. Gaumond will share that information with the Municipal Buildings Committee.

Mr. Rucho reported that the Chief of Police provided him with information from the Mass Highway Department on closing the road for the parade. He will bring it forward at a future meeting.

The Board received an invitation to the Blue and Gold Banquet scheduled for this coming Sunday. Mr. Pruneau indicated that he would attend.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Phillips at 9:45 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: February 20, 2008

Nancy E. Lucier

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Allen R. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Valmore H. Pruneau, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

John B. DiPietro, Sr., Selectman