

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

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

Read and acceptance of Minutes From Previous Meeting:

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the meeting minutes of August 6, 2008 as written, seconded by Mr. DiPietro, all in favor.

Boston Post Cane Presentation

Beverly Goodale, Chairman of the Historical Commission introduced her fellow Commissioners Kim Hopewell, Neil Norum, Barbara Deschenes, Greg Zarkarian and Dennis Parker. Nancy Barakian is unavailable this evening. Mrs. Goodale outlined the criteria for selecting the recipient of the Boston Post Cane. The recipient of the Boston Post Cane is the oldest living person in West Boylston based on the Town Clerk's records and may be male or female. The recipient is to have been a non-nursing home resident in West Boylston five years or more prior to receiving the cane and the final selection will be made and approved by the Historical Commission and they present the name to the Board of Selectmen. At this time Mrs. Goodale presented the cane to Mr. Pruneau.

Greg Zarkarian explained the history of the cane. In August of 1909 the Boston Post sent a cane to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to be presented to the oldest living male citizen of the town and 692 canes were distributed. The ebony canes have a 14-karat gold head.

Mr. Norum noted that our recipient Eric Carlson was born in Sweden 98 years ago and moved to the United States at the age of 6. He attended Boston University and earned three degrees. He and his wife were married for 68 years and had three children. They both had a deep appreciation for music. He moved to Briarwood twelve years ago and his wife organized a chorus. Mr. Pruneau presented Mr. Carlson with the Boston Post Cane. Kim Hopewell presented Mr. Carlson with a Certificate for the Boston Post Cane on behalf of the Historical Commission. Mrs. Goodale presented Mr. Carlson with a tie pin which is a replica of the Boston Post Cane.

Eric Carlson stated that when he turned 90 he received an elaborate certificate signed by the President and the Massachusetts Legislature and Senator Harriette Chandler. He is intrigued by the word old and if you look up the word coot an old coot is an amusing and eccentric person. He thinks that fits him pretty well. He enjoys collecting books and has 2,200 in his collection which he hopes to reduce to 1,000. Between the ages of ten and fifteen he spent every afternoon skiing and skating. His wife was his best hobby and kept track of him to ensure he ate the right foods. He reads the daily New York Times and people shower him with magazines, food and cookies. He has no complaints about his age and is happy to be in West Boylston. He is also sorry the Asian Longhorned Beetle is invading us. His closest neighbor has a beautiful maple tree which has the beetle. He asked what is it he should do with the cane. Mr. Gaumond noted that the Historical Commission will tell him all about it afterwards.

Mrs. Deschenes explained that when the cane is no longer of any use to him it is mandated that it be returned to the West Boylston Historical Commission so they may continue to keep the tradition alive. Mr. Carlson read that in case of death of the holder of the cane the cane was to be returned to the Board of Selectmen. He asked what happens if I do not die and I believe in reincarnation.

As Chairman of the Parade Committee, Mr. Rucho extended an invitation to Mr. Carlson to participate in the parade scheduled for September 21. Mr. Carlson questioned how many of the Briarwood Cottages are in West Boylston. Mrs. Hopewell offered to get that information.

Public Hearing, Re: Consider Adopting An Investment Policy

Mr. Pruneau opened the public hearing and Mr. Gaumond 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, September 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering adopting an Investment Policy. The meeting will be held at The Municipal Office Building, 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. Allen R. Phillips, Chairman, advertised August 6, 13, 2008.

Mr. Gaumond explained that the policy was written by our Finance Director in cooperation with our auditing firm. One of the things the Board asked Mr. Gaumond to work on this year was strong fiscal policies. Scott McIntire of our auditing firm found the document to be strong, clearly written and meets the requirements of Mass General Law. The purpose of the policy is to formalize policies to ensure the security, safety, liquidity and yields of invested town funds and reduce risk in managing the town's short and long term investment needs. Section two deals with investment of Trust Funds and requires the safety of principal, yield of investment and liquidity of the investment. Both the Finance Director and the Treasurer/Tax Collector have found the policy to be in fine format.

There is no one present to speak on the policy. Mr. Rucho asked if this is a new policy. Mr. Gaumond explained that this is one of the policies requested in the Special Act and he will have more policies moving forward.

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

Motion Mr. McCormick to adopt the Investment Policy, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Asian Longhorned Beetle Update

Mr. Gaumond informed the Board that we have received reports of the Asian Longhorned Beetle being in Worcester. They have delineated the Restricted Zone and today a Reverse 911 message went out to all the homes in West Boylston requesting residents to report any evidence of the bug. Today at 3:30 they found the first beetle within the borders of West Boylston in the 500 block of Prospect Street. They continue to search for more evidence that the beetle is here. As more are found we will move the Restricted Zone. All trees and branches need to remain within the Restricted Zone, and the Municipal Light Plant is aware of the Zone. As of right now it is important that everyone knows that the brush dump will be temporary closed and we are working with the USDA and the state to find an alternative site. We will also be looking at establishing a brush dump within the Restricted Zone. We have had a very good working relationship with the USDA and the City of Worcester. Mr. Pruneau asked about notice to people who transport fire wood. Mr. Gaumond noted that we are airing a DVD and the public meeting which took place in Worcester as well as covering it in The Banner and the Telegram and Gazette. The beetles prefer birch, maple, willow, and horse chestnut trees. Our website has an entire section on the beetle. Everything south of Goodale Street and Route 140 is in the Restricted Zone.

Mr. Rucho noted that the City of Worcester offered to let us use their brush dump. According to Mr. Gaumond we are working with the City of Worcester, however, their site only takes wood products they do not take grass or leaves. Our biggest fear is people will unknowingly violate and bring in stumps. The plan is not to cut down any trees until after the first frost.

Public Hearing, Re: Request From Municipal Light Plant To Install Two Light Poles On Newton Street

Mr. Pruneau opened the public hearing and Mr. McCormick read the following public hearing notice. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Boylston will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 2, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., on the petition of the Municipal Lighting Plant to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public ways: 2 Poles – Newton Street, pole numbers 27 and 28 and stub pole opposite 28. The public hearing will be held at Conference Room #1, 127 Hartwell Street, West Boylston, MA, Allen R. Phillips, Chairman, August 13, 2008.

Brad White, Manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant and Darren Goodnow joined the Board. According to Mr. Goodnow they have a situation on 18 Malden Street where the service to the house is on poles that are badly rotted, and as a result we lost the wire a couple of times. Mr. White explained that the location of the poles is all overgrown and it is easier to go down Newton Street to give power to the house. It would also give better access to the poles. There is no one present to speak on the request.

Mr. Gaumond noted that Mr. Westerling has reviewed the plan and he does not see any negative consequences and recommends approval of the request. Mr. White advised that he did receive a call from the one person who lives on Newton Street who was concerned the work was being done because Dr. Ebert's property was being subdivided. He informed the resident that was not the reason. The resident also asked for a street light and was directed to contact the Board of Selectmen with the request.

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

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the request to install the poles, wires and fixtures, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Don Jacobs, Update On Classification And Compensation Study

Mr. Jacobs joined the Board together with Personnel Board members Rick McCarthy and Amy Pasquale. He met with the Selectmen last month on the initial phase of the project and at that time we discussed the process followed on how to compare positions using the 13 evaluation criteria. This evening we are talking about compensation. What drives the process is to develop a Classification and Compensation Plan on what the employee is required to do. It is based on the job description which includes minimum qualifications and essential functions of the position. He also recommends the town continue to do what they are doing based on merit and employee performance. He will be recommending a salary structure competitive with the market place with compensation as it relates to the position. Mr. Jacobs prepared charts for non-union positions. Within the structure you have a minimum and a maximum salary range and within that you have a market range minimum and maximum range. He recommends the town adopt a compensation policy to adopt this type of structure. When you hire a new employee it is a policy of the town of West Boylston to start them off within the hiring range and the policy should also say based on the qualifications the town reserves the right to hire above the market range. Another factor is retainage. The employee is only able to grow to the maximum of the market range. According to Mr. Jacobs the range structure does not necessarily need to change the way you have done in the past. Going forward you do not need to increase the range structure they would grow to the maximum of the market range and above that they only grow based on performance.

According to Mr. Jacobs the overall objective is enable employees to know they are being paid competitively. The Fire Department Salary Range Structure prepared by Mr. Jacobs is different than the non-union positions as what drives this process is how positions are being manned in the department. According to Mr. Jacobs the range will change if the position is no longer competitive with the market place. Periodically the town will need to survey the market place with communities

you are comfortable comparing those positions to. It is not an automatic update and should be done every three or four years. This will give the town more control as going forward it will be what you can afford and you can explain to employees whether they are being paid fairly or not. You have to define the word competitive and develop policies to tell employees how they are being treated.

Mr. DiPietro just recently learned that the MMA published a 2008 Benchmark Salary Survey of 221 communities, 219 communities and 2 school systems including 62 positions. He thinks we should get a copy as he would be interested in seeing how West Boylston ranks. Mr. Jacobs feels the problem with the MMA survey is it is a bench mark survey. You may be comparing positions with the same name and they do different things and work a different schedule. In our survey we tried to compare comparable communities. Mr. Jacobs feels what really drives the process is what the town establishes as the minimum qualifications of the position.

According to Mr. Jacobs, where we go from here is to determine what the cost will be. If you are above the market range there would be no cost. Cost will be based on the step structure. Mr. Gaumond thanked the members of the Personnel Board and encouraged anyone watching with interest in serving on the Personnel Board to come forward as we have a couple of vacancies.

Public Hearing, Re: Consider Adopting A Reserve Policy

Mr. Pruneau opened the public hearing and Mr. Gaumond 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, September 3, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering adopting a Reserve Policy. The meeting will be held in the Municipal Office Building, 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. Allen R. Phillips, Chairman, posted August 20, 27, 2008.

Mr. Gaumond explained the purpose of the policy which is to formalize policies for the level of reserves and appropriate uses of the town's various reserves in order to reduce risk in managing the town's short and long term needs, and to improve financial planning and help to protect and preserve the town's financial position and credit rating. This was mentioned by a member of the Board during our retreat last year. The policy speaks to the General Funds, Other Reserve Funds, Free Cash Reserves, Betterment Debt Service Reserves, Wastewater Enterprise Fund Reserves and the Annual Budgeted Operational Contingency Reserves. It was also sent to the members of the Finance Committee and to the Finance Department. The Finance Director recommends the policy be adopted. The procedure dictates that after our annual audit the Finance Director and the Town Administrator will report where we stand in compliance with the policy.

The policy calls for the General Fund Stabilization Reserve to be maintained at not less than 5% of the annual general fund budgeted operating expenditure. It also speaks to the Capital Reserve Funds and how they are funded and utilization of Certified Free Cash. There is no one present to speak on the proposed policy and none of the Board members have any questions.

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

Motion Mr. McCormick to adopt the policy, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Mr. Gaumond thanked the Finance Director and the Treasurer/Tax Collector for their work on both the Investment and Reserve Policies and members of the Finance Committee who provided suggestions on the Investment Policy.

John Westerling, Director, Department Of Public Works

1. Review email from Steve Forsberg re: blocking off of tributary on his property

Mr. Forsberg joined the Board with Mr. Westerling. He lives at 44 Winthrop Street and has a drainage tributary which runs along the back of his property that was blocked off by his neighbor Jo Renn who lives at 52 Winthrop Street. It has been there since he moved in back in 1985. At that time he hired someone to dig it out and lay down crushed rock and a drain pipe and there was no problem. He never had a problem until recently. The house changed hands and the new owner had to repair the septic system. The truck went over the tributary and filled it in. Ms. Renn indicated she would not open it up again and Mr. Forsberg suggested she install a drainage pipe. Ms. Renn was not interested in doing that as it wouldn't look good and the house is up for sale. Mr. Forsberg installed a sump pump last year so that the water would not get into his basement. The big problem with the pump was the pipe would freeze up in the winter. When he went to install a deck on his house he looked at his plot plan and the tributary was drawn on the plan and it cannot be blocked off. He spoke with John Westerling, the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission and everyone believes she cannot take an action on her property and create a negative situation on his property.

Mr. DiPietro stated that he became familiar with this situation back in 1994 when he was on the Board of Health. The swale line was put in many years ago and the water would go behind the homes and dump onto the state property. Most of the home owners took care of the swale area so the water would flow. The contractor who built the four homes on Regan Circle would not fix it. The home owners tried to fix the problem on their own and John Wilson the former Superintendent of Streets and Parks corrected the situation and the water ran freely. Mr. Forsberg stated that he has spent \$5,000 on his property. Mr. DiPietro believes everything is documented in the Board on Health office.

Mr. Forsberg noted that in the last ten years seven homes have installed new septic systems because of the water problems. Mr. McCormick suggested speaking with DCR as the tributary flows to the reservoir. Mr. Pruneau advised that it is not a tributary it is a runoff. Mr. Gaumond believes this is a matter between two private citizens of the town and the Board of Selectmen does not have any jurisdiction to tell this person they are not doing the right thing. Mr. Pruneau noted that the contractor sold the back property to DCR. Mr. Gaumond believes the issue is between the two neighbors. Mr. McCormick would like to research what was done previously by the town.

Mr. DiPietro asked if this would impact Mr. Forsberg's leach field. Mr. Forsberg explained that he now has wetlands as a result of the water backing up onto his property. He also informed the Board of Health that the water had been diverted and is at the corner of his septic system. Mr. Forsberg is also concerned with the possibility of West Nile Virus. The Board recommends formally referring this situation to the Board of Health as it has a potential to impact Mr. Forsberg's septic system. According to Mr. Forsberg, David Eckhardt Chairman of the Conservation Commission did come out and view the situation.

2. Report on school parking lot fees

Mr. Westerling is reporting back on how much the DPW spends to maintain the school parking lot which include Major Edwards, Middle/High School and the back lot. In FY08 he spent \$4,900 on plowing and in FY07 it cost \$2,975, in FY08 it took two men two days to sweep the lots at a cost of \$590. In FY08 it cost \$5,500 to plow and sweep and in FY07 it cost \$3,600. According to Mr. Westerling it is difficult to put an exactly figure on sand and salt usage, however, he estimates it at hundreds of dollars. His department receives no compensation for these services.

Mr. Pruneau explained that a good portion of the funds collected for the parking fees is used to pay for a monitor to check the lot and the remainder; \$726 went to the Parks Commission. His concern is nothing is given back to the DPW and he would like to have a conversation with the School Department. He also thinks the Police Department could check the parking lot instead of a monitor.

As Mr. Westerling's costs will continue to increase, Mr. Pruneau thinks some discussion should be brought forward. Mr. Rucho suggested bringing it up at the monthly joint meeting with the School and Finance Committees. Mr. Gaumond suggested scheduling a separate meeting to discuss this issue as the topic for the monthly joint meetings is the budget and he does not think it fits into the agenda for those discussions. Mr. Gaumond offered to speak with Superintendent Kane and establish a meeting date. It was agreed to designate two members of the Selectmen to meet with two members of the School Committee with Mr. Gaumond and Mr. Kane.

With regard to snow plowing, Mr. DiPietro recommends Mr. Westerling break off four big trucks and send them to the school rather than plowing in tandem and that way he could open up the school in one hour. Mr. Westerling noted that the ability to do that depends on the timing of the storm. If it is an all night storm all the trucks are covering their routes unless the Board of Selectmen wish to adopt a change in the snow policy. Mr. DiPietro feels Mr. Westerling needs to find out what time school opens. Mr. Westerling stated that he does not have the luxury of pulling trucks off the road and sending them to the school. He uses a private truck for the school lots. Mr. McCormick suggested this topic be part of the DPW liaison meetings that Messrs. Pruneau and DiPietro have with Mr. Westerling. It was agreed that Messrs. Pruneau and Rucho will be the Selectmen designees to deal with the school parking lot fee issue. Mr. Gaumond will also invite the Parks Commission to that discussion.

3. Report on parks safety issues – fencing

Mr. Westerling has addressed all the fence safety issues with the exception of the left field outfield fence which has a curling and the posts are leaning. The estimate for the work was \$10,000 and he has scheduled a meeting with a vendor on a low-cost option.

4. Request from Richard Quimby, 265 Maple Street for reimbursement for expenses incurred in the installation of a grinder pump on his property

This afternoon Mr. Westerling spoke with Mr. Quimby who would like assistance from the town on the payment of his grinder pump. At that time he told him that the likelihood of any funding being available would be difficult. When the grinder pumps were being installed by the town, Mr. Quimby declined the pump he was offered as it was not required to connect to the system. Later he realized he had to comply with the Board of Health mandatory connection he had to pay for the pump. Mr. Quimby thought the town might have money left over.

Motion Mr. McCormick to deny the request, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

5. Request to the Water Commissions for abatement of water bill due to a leak

Mr. Westerling sent an email to the Water District informing them that the DPW detected a leak in their water line was the reason they received a high water bill for the little league field. The leak was never observed because the water was disappearing into the catch basin. He asked if the Water District had any abatement policies in place that would allow the bill to be abated due to the leak. Superintendent Michael Coveney responded and they do not have any policies for abating a water bill due to a leak. There have been cases where they have allowed the water to be charged at a lower rate with interest and late fees refunded. He suggested Mr. Westerling write a letter of explanation to the Commissioners with evidence of the leak.

As the Selectmen will be meeting with the Commissioners, Mr. Westerling asked if this could be added to their list of agenda items. The break was about five feet away from the catch basin and they didn't catch it. They are keeping an eye on the meter to ensure we do not have that much water

running through the meter. Mr. Pruneau asked if it possible to shut the valve off at the entrance as he is concerned with the pipes being able to maintain that constant pressure. Mr. Westerling feels that might be a good idea.

6. Chapter 90 request for Crack Sealing in the amount of \$60,000

As a result of Central Mass Regional Planning Commission's Pavement Management Study, Mr. Westerling is requesting approval from the Board to spend up to \$60,000 on crack sealing. He reviewed the roads with a seal coating company to find out how bad the cracks were. They selected road that were best suited for crack sealing including Raymond Huntington Highway, Stillwater Heights, North Main Street, Thomas Street, Prescott Street, Winthrop Street, Heritage Lane, the upper portion of Goodale Street, Lee Street, Brooks Crossing and portions of Henry, Woodland, Maple, Shrewsbury and Worcester Streets. Mr. Westerling would like to beat the winter weather and he plans to bid it on a lump sum for just the roadway. Some of the roadways are very old pavement and the crack seal with give them another five years.

Mr. DiPietro asked Mr. Westerling if he had seen any information on the Governor's \$350,000,000 Transportation Bond for Chapter 90, which he feels has everything in there you could possibly want. He suggested Mr. Westerling should take a look at it.

Motion Mr. McCormick to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$60,000 in Chapter 90 funds for crack sealing, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

7. Mr. Westerling explained that two months ago he was asked by Selectman Rucho why the Wiring Inspector did not condemn the lights at Goodale Park. At that time Mr. Westerling said the Wiring Inspector didn't condemn them because he wanted to do the job. Mr. Westerling wanted to clarify that the Wiring Inspector was at the park at the request of the Parks Commission to see if he could fix them on behalf of the Parks Commission and that is where the conflict arose. He was asked to do the job and therefore could not condemn the lights. Mr. Rucho commented that if the Parks Commission asked the Wiring Inspector to come up and look at the lights they should have asked him as the Wiring Inspector.

8. Update on Hemenway Property on Worcester Street. Mr. Westerling has received the final plan from Weston & Sampson and he will work with Mr. Gaumond to procure the installation.

9. The biofilter is ready to be delivered and we are procuring quotes for the installation. Mr. Westerling estimates the final cost to be under \$150,000, a \$24,000 savings.

10. Sewer Abatement Requests. The first request is from Andrew Surabian for 184 West Boylston Street, who did a pay off, in the amount of \$1,721.57. Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the abatement request, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor. The second request is from Robert and Catherine Crandall of 182 Worcester Street, Unit #5, who also did a pay off on their start up betterment and overpaid by \$84.99. Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the abatement request, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss the possibility of creating a Veterans' Memorial

At the Board's last meeting they suggested forwarding this to the Naming Committee for consideration. Mr. Gaumond does not believe this should fall under the criteria of the Naming Committee. Mr. DiPietro would like to pass over this agenda item.

2. Review information from Town Counsel re: fines in lieu of suspensions for motel/hotel violations

Town Counsel has reviewed the materials and in order to be able to impose a fine in lieu of a suspension in excess of the \$300 per violation, the Town would be required to file special legislation. Should the Board wish to go forward, Mr. Gaumond will request town counsel prepare an article for town meeting and the special legislation language.

Motion Mr. McCormick to request town counsel prepare an article for the warrant and the special legislation language, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

3. Expedited Local Permitting Law Chapter 43D (designate area)

At their last meeting the Board voted to include an article on the warrant to accept Chapter 43D the Expedited Local Permitting Law. In order to do that the Board now needs to designate which areas in town they would like to include as we will need to get the permission of the property owners and specifically mention the parcel in the warrant article. The Board also voted to have Mr. McCormick be the individual charged with that selection. Mr. McCormick suggested meeting with the Planning Board to get their input. Planning Board members Karen Paré and Patricia Halpin joined the Board.

Ms. Paré explained that the Planning Board has read the materials to determine where this could be applicable in town. The only areas they came up with that had the acreage requirement were Century Drive and the newly limited commercial/industrial area on Huntington Highway. There are also two small areas off of Hartwell Street. She questions whether this is the best way to go as we may be biting off more than we can chew. Every property owner needs to sign off and there is a lot the town is required to do within a fixed time. One of the things is you need to do it within 180 days. The Planning Board reviewed all of the applications which came before them. The Emuge project was completed in 96 days and two others were under 50 days. Four Special Permits took over 180 days, two of which were due to DCR review and Angell Brook was 182 days. Ms. Paré feels this would be worthwhile, although it will be a cost to the town as the town will appoint a administrative person who will need to develop procedures. You also have to change bylaws within 120 days of accepting 43D. Mr. Rucho noted that the Economic Development Committee spoke to the Planning Board on this.

Ms. Halpin distributed a graph on Site Plan Reviews and permits granted over the last 9 years. They looked at 29 permits, 20 took under 120 days, 5 under 180 days. Ms. Paré noted that often people say that in town it takes a long time to get a project permitted, however, she feels the record is pretty good. Mr. DiPietro asked what the Planning Board has done in the last six months to one year. Ms. Paré noted that they do not generate development and recent projects are Ernie's Car Wash and Honey Dew Donuts. Mr. DiPietro asked how long Gerardo's has been in front of the Planning Board. Ms. Paré advised that the project was approved a long time ago and the Planning Board suggested that he renew his permits and he did not. According to Mr. DiPietro, Boylston passed 43D and after it was passed Bob Kraft quickly came in with two projects. Ms. Halpin would like to find out what Boylston is doing. Mr. Pruneau noted that Boylston does not have the tributaries and run off we have in West Boylston.

Mr. McCormick feels we need to do more research as if adopting this is going to cost the town a lot of money he would rather not spend more if it is not going to gain anything. He is not sure we can complete this for the October town meeting and suggested putting some numbers to it. Ms. Halpin suggested having this being a shared services project. According to Ms. Paré there is some grant

money available for this. Mr. Gaumond noted that there is grant money directed towards professional staffing and it would give us access to PWED and CDAG grants. He also agrees with Mr. McCormick that we probably would not be ready for October. Once the Selectmen decide on the parcels we will need to contact the property owners and inform them of the benefits of the program as they have to give their permission. The Economic Development Task Force was very much in favor of the program and devoted a lot of their meeting discussion to it. He suggested inviting in Central Mass Regional Planning to do a joint presentation on the technical costs of 43D and invite in the property owners. Mr. McCormick will schedule a meeting with the Planning Board and Mr. Gaumond will contact Central Mass Regional Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Concurrence on the appointment of Charles Greenough as the Public Access Coordinator effective September 4, 2008 for a term to expire on April 30, 2009

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

2. Concurrence on the appointment of John DiPietro to the Parks Commission effective August 22, 2008 for a term to expire on April 30, 2010

Motion Mr. McCormick to concur with the appointment, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Pruneau, Rucho and McCormick yes; Mr. DiPietro abstains.

3. Concurrence on the appointment of the following individuals to the Naming Committee effective September 8, 2008 for a term to expire on April 30, 2010: Patricia Barrie, 72 Laurel Street, Roger Hall, 232 Fairbanks Street, Charles Hudson, 57 Franklin Street and Robert O'Connell, 28 Stillwater Heights Drive

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

4. Request from the Fire Chief to designate Captain Dean Kochanowski as an alternate signatory for payables and payroll for the Fire Department

Motion Mr. McCormick to concur with the request, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

5. Review correspondence from John Scannell Regional Director, Wachusett/Sudbury of the Department of Conservation & Recreation

Mr. Gaumond read into the record the following letter from John Scannell to the Board of Selectmen. "There has been a lot of information in the press over the last several weeks regarding our dealings and discussions about the Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center and other matters between the DCR and the Town of West Boylston. Unfortunately, I believe some of it has painted an inaccurate picture of the discussions that have occurred. Many comments have been attributed to me that have been misinterpreted as negative comments about either your Board or the Town of West Boylston. I can assure you that this was not my intent and is not an accurate reflection of my feelings toward either your Board or the Town of West Boylston. If this has caused ill feelings, I apologize. I will certainly be more thoughtful about my discussions in the future and, knowing that we will have ongoing dealings in the future, I will strive to do so with the highest level of professionalism."

6. Review and accept donations in the amount of \$808.45 for the Beaman Memorial Public Library

Mr. Pruneau recused himself and turned the meeting over to Mr. DiPietro. Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the donations, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor. Mr. Pruneau returned to the meeting.

7. Request from Shared Services Committee, What services is the Town willing to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement on?

Both Mr. Rucho and Mr. McCormick are open to discussing any type of sharing. Mr. Gaumond will relay that message to the Shared Services Committee.

8. Board input on goals and objectives for the Police Chief

Board members will forward the comments to Mr. Gaumond.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Announce that the next meeting of the Board, September 17, 2008 will be held at the Middle/High School

2. Announce that Chapter 249 of the Acts of 2008, An Act Relative to Administrative Oversight of the Hiring Process in the Town of West Boylston has been passed

3. Winter Energy Costs Task Force Public Hearings: September 3, 3-5 - Springfield, State House Bldg. September 4, 3-5 - Fall River, Fall River Heritage State Park, September 8, 5-7 - Haverhill, Haverhill Public Library, and September 9, 5-7 - Quinsigamond Community College

4. September 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Town Administrator informational session on improving our bylaws

Mr. Gaumond noted that the session is open to the public and he will refer testimony to the appropriate board.

5. September 8, 2008, 6:30 - meeting with DCR & legislators regarding field usage

6. September 9, 5-7 - Worcester, Quinsigamond Community College Congressmen James McGovern and Barney Frank will hold a public policy discussion on foreclosure

7. September 9, - 6:30 - Public Forum to discuss Greener Trash Management including Pay-as-you-Throw and other options at the Beaman Memorial Library

8. September 11, 9:45 a.m. - 911 Remembrance Ceremony at the Public Safety Headquarters

9. September 11, 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting of the MORE Board of Directors at Union Hall

10. September 25, 7:00 p.m. - next joint meeting of Board of Selectmen with the School & Finance Committees at the Middle/High School

11. September 29, 1-3:00 - Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission will conduct a Regional Local Boards Training for Regulators at the Hogan Campus Center at the College of the Holy Cross

12. October 20, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. - Semi-Annual Town Meeting at the Middle/High School

FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Mr. Rucho has nothing this evening

Mr. McCormick would like to schedule a meeting on lighting issues on The Common.

Mr. DiPietro requested a copy of the new drug screening procedures which were passed on August 25th. Mr. Gaumond noted that MIIA, our insurance carrier, is doing a program on this. Mr. DiPietro would like to include starting a program to reward employees and retirees for cost saving ideas on the next agenda. Mr. Gaumond offered to get some examples for the Board to review.

Mr. DiPietro congratulated Mr. Gaumond for achieving Credential Manager Candidate status from the ICMA.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. McCormick at 9:55 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: September 17, 2008

Nancy E. Lucier

Valmore H. Pruneau, Vice Chairman

John B. DiPietro, Sr., Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

Kevin M. McCormick, Selectman