

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

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

**Read and acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the open session meeting minutes of January 21, 2009, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the executive session meeting minutes of January 21, 2009, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Consider expanding Shared Services Committee by one more member – currently 7**

Mr. Gaumond informed the Board that one of the residents in town has been a faithful attendee of the Shared Services Committee meetings. He suggested expanding the committee to the current members and they agreed.

Motion Mr. McCormick to expand the Shared Services Committee from 7 to 8 members, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

**2. Concur with the appointment of Michael Fishbein, 34 Brooks Crossing to the Shared Services Committee effective February 9, 2009 for a term to expire on April 30, 2010**

Mr. Gaumond noted that Mr. Fishbein has attended more of the meetings than some of the members of the committee.

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

**3. Concur with the appointment of Andrew Sontag, 70 Campground Road to the Sustainability Committee effective February 9, 2009 for a term to expire on April 30, 2011**

Mr. Gaumond explained that this is the first individual he has been able to meet with who has shown an interest on being on this new committee. He will bring forth another name at our next meeting.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING: AMBULANCE RATE HEARING**

Mr. Phillips 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 4, 2009 at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of considering an increase in ambulance rates. The meeting will be held in Conference Room #1 of town hall, 127 Hartwell Street, West Boylston. For additional information, or to review the proposed changes, please contact Fire Chief Richard Pauley, Jr., at (508) 835-3233. All interested persons, groups, and agencies are invited to attend. Leon A. Gaumond, Jr., Town Administrator advertised on January 21, 28, 2009. Mr. Phillips recused himself and turned the meeting over to Mr. Pruneau.

Fire Chief Richard Pauley and Captain Dean Kochanowski came before the Board. This is an annual exercise and the Chief is proposing a 5% increase in the rates to follow the recommended industry standard which recommends our rates be set at 30% over Medicare rates as this allows us to obtain the maximum reimbursement.

Captain Kochanowski explained that we have a third party, Comstar, who does our billing. They recommend that we begin to bill for non-transport or a refusal. When an ambulance responds to a call the town is paying individuals to respond and should someone refuse to go to the hospital they will be charged \$100 as a way to recoup some of the costs incurred by the department. Comstar works with three other communities who do the same thing and the prices range from \$50 to \$250. The cost is covered by their motor vehicle insurance. It would be for calls when people are injured and supplies are used. Mr. DiPietro questioned the percentage Comstar gets for the billing services and he also voiced concerned with people on Medicare who do not have a Medicare supplement. Captain Kochanowski advised that Comstar charges 5% and on a lot of calls involving Medicare patients they only get 1% of the Medicare payment which they do not go after. Mr. DiPietro reported that Comstar pursued him for payment for his trip to the hospital. He also questions why the town cannot bill the client directly. Captain Kochanowski told Mr. DiPietro that he should have called the Fire Department and he would have called Comstar and spoken to the appropriate individual. He also noted that third party billing is easier because of the laws and stipulations involved. Mr. DiPietro suggested doing an interview with the Banner on Medicare coverage for seniors. Chief Pauley noted that the department receives three or four calls a month from people with questions about their bill. They have also met with our Comstar representatives a few times to ensure we are all on the same page.

There is no one present to speak to this issue.

Motion Mr. McCormick to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Pruneau, McCormick, Rucho yes; Mr. DiPietro abstain.

Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the new rates as presented, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Pruneau, McCormick, Rucho yes; Mr. DiPietro abstain. Mr. Phillips returned to the meeting.

### **Ice Storm Debris Update**

Mr. Gaumond asked to carry this item over until a later date as this afternoon he had a good meeting with the Department of Conservation and Recreation who is working with the towns of Boylston, Holden and Shrewsbury on a joint procurement for debris removal, hangers and leaners and chipping. DCR has offered assistance to the towns and is awaiting additional information on a Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Gaumond noted that his office gets many phone calls on the brush and we are taking things carefully and slowly because of the Asian Long-horned Beetle and we have no location to bring the brush to. DCR is working with us on a site and Mr. Gaumond urged everybody to be patient. He expects to have additional information back in days and will include it on the next agenda for the Board.

### **SENATOR CHANDLER AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & RECREATION – Discussion of land swap**

Senator Harriette Chandler, Representative James O'Day, Jonathan Yeo and John Scannell of the Division of Water Supply and Protection joined the Board. Mr. Gaumond noted that the town has had an on-going issue with the DCR land they had to give up which they used as a ball field. Several months ago Senator Chandler mentioned that we needed to find a solution on losing this field. Mr. Gaumond thanked both Senator Chandler and Representative O'Day for attending the meeting this evening.

Senator Chandler noted that this has been a long standing issue for the town as the loss of recreational lands was a tremendous loss. On January 12 the town sent a letter to Commission Richard Sullivan, with copies going to our legislators and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. DCR reviewed their land holdings in the Town of West Boylston and is proposing a land swap of 12.2

acres of DCR property on Prospect Street, which is relatively flat and clear of trees, and in return the Town of West Boylston will transfer to DCR, River Road and portion of the Wachusett Rail Trail owned by the town.

John Scannell, Regional Director, reported that when DCR met with the town the message they heard was the town is land poor and what is the Commonwealth's disposition policy. This transfer will also increase the protection of the Wachusett Reservoir. The parcel on Prospect Street is 12.6 acres, adjacent to the golf course, the piece closest to the road, and it is the flattest portion of the property. In return DCR will get the first portion of the rail trail and River Road. DCR has met with Mass Water Resources Authority and showed them that they will be gaining control of two pieces of property for the protection of the water supply. Mr. Yeo explained that the parcel of Prospect Street is very flat and you could also put in a small parking lot and the benefit of no land clearing is required. Rep. O'Day asked if the parcel had any environmental constraints such as tributaries. According to Mr. Yeo, this parcel is distant from any tributaries and on a scale of one to seven with seven being most needed it is rated as a one for water supply protection. They would be interested in knowing the town's development plans and would work with the town on a parking lot. Mr. Scannell stated that there are no wetlands within 100-feet.

Mr. Phillips asked if the land had been tested. Mr. Yeo explained that when DCR purchases land they do a site assessment as the Commonwealth cannot purchase land that has an issue. Mr. Phillips requested a copy of the site assessment. Mr. Scannell noted that River Road is not in good shape and runs in close proximity to the river. The Commonwealth is the only abutter and they would close the road. No other property has direct frontage on River Road. As the road goes into Holden, Mr. Phillips asked whether we need to do anything with the Town of West Boylston. Mr. Scannell believes that would be a legal question and Senator Chandler has not heard of anything. Mr. Yeo pointed out that it is used as a cut through, there is not a lot of traffic and when it is closed they would install a gate so the MWRA can get up to their facility. They will continue to allow public access and people could hike or fish, and they have yet to work out the details of the gate. They would also plow the road and have their rangers patrol it.

Mr. DiPietro asked what was intended for the rail trail. Mr. Scannell stated that their intention would be public access and they do not allow dogs on their property at any locations. That would be the significant difference. They would still be working with the town and Wachusett Greenways. Mr. DiPietro asked who would be responsible for maintenance. Mr. Scannell explained that right now Wachusett Greenways has an agreement to participate in the maintenance, and they would expect that would continue. Mr. Pruneau asked about the fire training facility at the entrance. Mr. Scannell indicated that he could have a conversation with the Fire Chief as he does not think it would be a big deal and we could negotiate something. It would still be cooperative maintenance and DCR would expect it to stay that way. Mr. DiPietro noted that he was co-executor of the Prospect Street parcel formerly owned by Antanarella and he recommends adequate soil tests be done. Mr. Rucho questioned if DCR had staff who could check the land. Mr. Scannell replied that they could find ways to do some investigation. Mr. McCormick suggested giving DCR a copy of the letter from the Open Space Committee relative to the property. Mr. Pruneau noted that although his name is mentioned in the letter, he did not ask for the letter. His only concern is that an analysis be done to make sure there are no problems. Mr. McCormick asked if there would be a deed restriction on the property. Mr. Yeo indicated that the parcel would need to stay as recreation and open space. Mr. Rucho asked about constructing concession stands and a parking lot. Mr. Yeo thinks it could be figured out. Rep. O'Day suggested a field house with restrooms. Mr. Scannell feels an enclosed bath facility might be an issue.

Mr. Pruneau thanked everyone for their support and efforts to getting us to this point. Mr. Phillips thanked everyone for their work on this. He would like to have some soil samples done on the

property and wants to make sure that everybody knows this has to go to a town meeting vote for approval. Senator Chandler pointed out the fact that this also has to go through the legislature. Mr. Phillips opened the meeting up to comments from the audience.

Bob Dunn, 18 Scarlett Street asked about the acreage we would give up. Mr. Phillips indicated that it would be 20 acres of damaged roadway and 13 acres of rail trail. Mr. Dunn recommended also testing ground water when the land is tested as he would be interested in whether it is a drainable, usable field. Mr. McCormick pointed out that the town does not have any funds to develop this field and noted that the town was given a quote of \$1.4 million to repair River Road. Mr. Phillips mentioned that CPA money could be used for field development. Mr. DiPietro reported that they did water testing, 30-60 feet, and it was 70% gravel and 30% sandy clay base.

Bruce Peterson asked why did DCR take the Prospect Street property to begin with. John Scannell stated that it was purchased for watershed protection, as it is a 35 acre field that went to Malden Brook at the base of the hill. It was the landowner, who drew the property line where he wanted to. Mr. Gaumond offered to work with DCR on the water sampling.

#### **SENATOR CHANDLER, REP. O'DAY, DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & RECREATION & WACHUSETT EARTH DAY – Discussion of Wachusett Earth Day Site**

Mr. Gaumond explained that the Board had multiple conversations about the Wachusett Earth Day Project for a regional recycling and household hazardous waste collection center with five other communities being involved. This evening we are meeting to discuss a compromise position. Colleen Abrams of Wachusett Earth Day joined Senator Chandler, Rep. O'Day, Jonathan Yeo and John Scannell. Senator Chandler would like to see a decision on the proposal. Mr. Scannell explained that when we met last summer there were a number of questions and concerns and he provided information to the Board of Selectmen last August.

Following the meeting in July, Mr. Scannell and one of the DCR engineers did a lot of research on these types of facilities around the Commonwealth. Mr. Yeo stated that a regional recycling center will be a great benefit to the Town of West Boylston and it is a great opportunity for the residents and the five other communities. It is a way to keep things out of the water supply. DCR's plan is to move ahead with this and in their partnership program provided a second round of funding that will be beneficial for the Town of West Boylston. Ms. Abrams explained that the Wachusett Recycling Resource Center is free, open to all, provides crafts and teacher supplies for the seven towns who participate and is open three days a week.

It was agreed to take the issues one at a time. West Boylston would be open for recycling collection one day a month. Mr. Scannell explained the original intent was to be open two to three days a week, and he has concern is that should the facility only be open one day a month it would create greater traffic concerns on the road. They could do drop off by appointment. Although Mr. Yeo understands the concept of getting off to a slower start so the town and the neighbors understand how it will work he feels one day a month is too little and he would have concerns over traffic. You want people to recycle and he suggested a one-day a week range. Mr. McCormick feels that would be reasonable. Mr. DiPietro asked Ms. Abrams how often she did this when she was at the school. She indicated that it was done twice a year. Mr. DiPietro used that service, feels she did a great job and he thinks it would create a traffic jam if opened one day a month.

Mr. Rucho asked if the other facilities are state run. Mr. Scannell reported that most are municipal based, such as North Brookfield with three or four towns participating and is open two days a week, Blackstone accepts materials from six communities and is open three days a week. Ms. Abrams indicated that most facilities are open two days a week. Mr. Phillips would like a list of facilities. Mr. Yeo noted that DEP has a list and some are run by volunteers in residential

neighborhoods as in Newton. He would like to start off slowly and open one day a week. Mr. Phillips would like to review all the points and the Selectmen will make their final decision at a later date.

The second point is the facility would be open two days a year for household hazardous waste collection. Mr. Scannell pointed out the fact that DEP is pushing communities to try to have permanent facilities where they store household hazardous materials on site. DCR told them that would not happen on this site, and DEP would like monthly collections. His concern is Wachusett Earth Day received a grant of \$50,000 for collections four times a year. They are willing to go back to DEP and try to get them to agree to a reduced schedule in the first year. DCR is not opposed to the two collections as long as DEP grants their approval and it does not jeopardize the \$50,000.

Mr. DiPietro recommends moving the hazardous waste collection site down the road to the other property owned by DCR as everything is up gradient. Mr. Scannell indicated that they did look at a number of locations and that spot is over a medium yield aquifer. Mr. DiPietro suggested monitoring wells be installed. Mr. Yeo feels it make sense to have the two facilities run together and the hazardous waste collection is designed so that there will be no releases, it has been going on for years and we will not have a release on this site.

The next issue is there would be no construction of structures until after their first year of operation at which time the applicants must come back to the Board of Selectmen to discuss how the first year went. Mr. Phillips noted that originally there was an intent to build a structure. Mr. Scannell explained that Wachusett Earth Day had a trailer donated to them. They would have no problem with no buildings on the premises. They would want to have appropriate containers and they are not permanent. They have no problem coming back in to talk about how things went.

The next point is all Town Bylaws and building codes would be followed. Mr. Scannell explained that the Commonwealth would be responsible to the state Building Inspector for things on their property. They are willing to sit with the Police Chief and Fire Chief for input before construction moves forward. Mr. McCormick wants to ensure that they abide by such things as the town's set back requirements. Mr. Scannell is open to looking at the plan to address any concerns. Mr. Rucho stated that he is hearing you are willing to discuss, but not saying you will follow them. Mr. Yeo feels we can work a lot of the issues out. Mr. Phillips feels it is a private project and the town wants things done in a certain manner with some oversight. Mr. Yeo feels this is a state project on state land with a partner on the project. Mr. Pruneau feels we can work together on this.

Ms. Abrams explained that Wachusett Earth Day's approach is to leave a substantial buffer on the street, each town has a site team member and there are a lot of protections. Their intent is to have multiple layers

The next issue is the project coordinators, Wachusett Earth Day and DCR would be responsible for any trash and spill clean ups. Mr. Scannell has no argument with this. Rep. O'Day voiced concern that somebody comes around a corner and a paint can lands in a neighbors from yard and the neighbor is then responsible. Mr. Scannell explained that the Commonwealth would be working to be responsible neighbors on that street, and the liability falls with the person dumping the material. DCR rangers will patrol the site very regularly, and they are now on regular patrol of Huntington Highway. Mr. Yeo indicated that they did ask this question at the other facilities and there have not been any problems. Mr. Phillips is concerned about things being left should the facility be closed. Mr. Scannell reported that Blackstone had one incident in this last year. They have all had similar comments that they have not had problems.

The next issue is the state will continue to monitor the water concerns in the area. Mr. Scannell would like clarification on this. Mr. Phillips noted concern over tests for well water the residents use. Mr. Scannell explained that single day collections for hazardous waste are by licensed haulers and the waste is removed at the end of the day. Mr. Yeo pointed out that drainage would not go down towards

the houses it goes under the road to the detention basin on the other side. He is not sure what they would be looking for in testing the well before. Maybe it is at the beginning and after a year or two and they could work with the neighbors on those issues. Mr. DiPietro questioned the depth of the ground water. Mr. Scannell reported an 18 minutes perc and 400-feet from a stream and several hundred feet away from the other properties. Mr. Pruneau suggested monitor wells. Mr. Scannell indicated that they will put in monitoring wells to catch things early.

The last issue is the Town of West Boylston would be allowed to participate at no charge to the community. Mr. Scannell reported that the original construction phase is over \$300,000. It is private fund raising and grants. West Boylston's contribution was \$21,000 and the annual cost is \$1,400. DCR will cover the \$21,000 for West Boylston and it would only make the town responsible for the additional assessment of \$1,400. There would be a board made up of one member of each community. Some items are free to dispose of and some will cost to dispose. The operating cost would be set on an annual basis by the board. The hope is that the center will be self-sufficient and function with volunteers and some help from DCR. Rep. O'Day asked about statistics on the facility, they start with a group and how does the membership go. Mr. Scannell stated that they are not interested in being bigger.

Mr. Phillips asked for follow-up Board questions. Mr. DiPietro would like to see hazardous collections not happening between October 15 and April 15 when the ground is frozen. Mr. Scannell hopes that they can resolve the issues in a short time line to see this go forward. Senator Chandler suggested to DCR that they arrange a tour so the Selectmen can see how this is done as she would like to see this go forward. Mr. Phillips opened the floor up to resident questions.

Danielle Erickson, lives on Raymond Huntington Highway, is concerned that if everything goes through on a trial basis for one year should there be a problem you could stop it after that. Mr. DiPietro suggested having a Board of Health employee at the site when it is open. Mr. McCormick pointed out that they have been doing these collections for years and many years ago they had them in West Boylston at the fire state and there were no problems, the town participated and now they would like a permanent location. In theory they could build this tomorrow and we are trying to get as much input as we can. With regard to whether we could stop them after one year, Mr. McCormick feels we couldn't stop them today.

Senator Chandler would like to have an evaluation at the end of the year to see how successful this has been. Mr. Phillips also agreed that right now DCR can build the facility and the town could go to court to stop it. For the town's best interest he recommends working with DCR and Wachusett Earth Day to come up with a compromise. He has looked into some of the recycling sites on his own and they are not all bad. He would prefer a compromise rather than going to court.

Mindy Esteves of Raymond Huntington Highway thanked the Board of Selectmen for standing up for the people of the town. She stated that she is against the project, has a well and is concerned for her children. She finds trash in her wetlands and has not seen the rangers on patrol. She thinks it is a great idea, but everybody in this room will not be impacted as the neighbors are as it will lower their property values. The drainage goes into a pond next to her house close to her well.

John Regan, of DEP, stated that he is familiar with the project. He had the pleasure of talking with Mr. Scannell and Ms. Abrams. Although it is conditionally exempt from site assignment that exemption would go away and the DEP would get involved and put out a cease and desist should there be a problem. In seven years he has yet to see one of these facilities have a problem. They do inspect them even though they are exempt.

Bruce Peterson asked when DCR acquired the property and for what reason. According to Mr. Scannell the DCR acquired the property in the late 1990s to protect the water supply. Mr. Peterson stated his perception is that if DCR takes property they should not build something on it as people

feel nothing will be built on it. Mr. Yeo feels this project will protect the water supply and noted that DCR does pay a PILOT for all of these properties. Mr. McCormick would like to schedule this discussion soon. Ms. Abrams reported that six towns have contributed towards the first year in this fiscal year and there will also be small additional assessments this year. DEP is facing cut backs and they are saying if we are not going to use the money this year they will pull it by June 30<sup>th</sup> as that is the deadline to have base construction completed. It was agreed to schedule this on the agenda for March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Phillips invited the group to the meeting and noted that he would like to discuss abiding the town's bylaws.

**JOHN REGAN, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION – Reuse of Landfill**

Mr. Regan advised the Board that it is completely up to them on what they would like to see the landfill used for. He has seen permitted athletic fields, cell towers, not right on the cap. He has seen model air plane clubs and fire works. The biggest project he saw was a Jordan's Furniture and Home Depot as the town sold the property. It is up to the town to try to market the property, and then you go into the permitting process. To penetrate the cap involves a major permit as we have to protect what is in there. There is also a minor post closure permit. Another use is a solar collector field and there is some grant money available for that. The Mass Renewable Energy Trust has about \$2.5 million annually in their fund and they would help facilitate that. In Brockton they have bright lights built on their facility. The EPA has grant funds for solar or wind projects. Southeast Region will be putting on a seminar on getting the ball rolling on some of these things. How you use your landfill is completely up to you. All DEP is concerned about is that it is monitored properly. Mr. DiPietro asked Mr. Regan to check to see if a license or permit was issued back in 1999 or 2000 for a mini transfer station on the site.

Mr. Pruneau questioned how you would connect the vent pipe for a ball field. According to Mr. Regan the engineers know a lot of tricks that can be used for gas wells. He is also prepared to help out as much as he can and there are some consultants who specialize in post closure landfills.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

4. Concur with the appointment of Gerald Condon. 28 Lexington Drive as Constable effective April 1, 2009 for a term to expire on December 31, 2009

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

5. Consider request from Town Clerk to designate Town Hall as a "back up polling location" and designate the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church as our permanent polling location

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve the request and designate Town Hall as a back-up polling location and designate the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church as our permanent polling location, seconded by Mr. McCormick, all in favor.

6. Vote the Conveyance of the Easements and Utilities for Olde Century Farm Road and Garside Drive

Mr. Gaumond explained that town meeting has approved the Order of Layout for the roads and this is the last step that is required to complete the process.

Motion Mr. McCormick to vote Conveyance of the Easements and Utilities for Olde Century Farm Road and Garside Drive, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

7. Discussion on Shared Dispatch

Mr. Gaumond reported that the Shared Services Committee has discussed a couple of items to move forward with. They include moving forward regionalizing schools and if there is a benefit to doing this in the near future they will have a discussion with the School Committee. The second item

being discussed is shared dispatch and they are moving forward with a feasibility study with the towns of Rutland and Oakham. Mr. Gaumond is working on a grant proposal with the Rutland Fire Chief. There is a desire to try to find ways to save money and it is a lengthy process and involves an analysis of communication system. One of the issues was to gauge whether the Selectmen would be interested in going forward with a shared dispatch.

Mr. Rucho questioned the status of the proposed Paxton facility. Mr. Gaumond does not believe that ever got off the ground. All members think it would be a good idea to revisit shared dispatch again.

Motion Mr. McCormick to continue to discussed a shared dispatch center, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

8. Vote to accept donations and gifts in the amount of \$46.75 on behalf of the Council on Aging

Mr. Gaumond explained that the Council on Aging received an anonymous donation.

Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the gifts in the amount of \$46.75 on behalf of the Council on Aging, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

9. Suggested Goals and Objectives for the Fire Chief

Mr. Phillips recused himself. Mr. Gaumond explained that he is in the process of preparing his performance review for the Fire Chief and encouraged the Board to provide him with any suggested goals and objectives for the chief for next year. His evaluation is due on February 11. Mr. Pruneau indicated that that he had some discussions with the volunteer and permanent men and he will forward his suggestions to Mr. Gaumond. Mr. Phillips returned to the meeting.

10. Financial Disclosure forms for Snow Plowers

Mr. Westerling is requesting the Board vote to sign Financial Disclosure forms for Matthew Shircliff and Kevin McKee to allow them to filling for absent drivers. It does not represent an increase in snow and ice removal costs

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the Financial Disclosure for Kevin McKee who also works for the Cemetery Department, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the Financial Disclosure for Matthew Shircliff who works for the Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Vote on the motion- Messrs. Pruneau, DiPietro, Rucho and McCormick yes; Mr. Phillips abstains.

11. Consider request from Municipal Coalition for Affordable Housing to support legislation to provide communities alternatives to Chapter 40B

This legislation would empower municipalities to create their own housing subsidy programs under 40B and set terms for friendly 40B projects. It also refines the definition of limited dividend organization and strengthens the enforcement of that element of the statute. It infuses smart growth and other planning principles into the statute and it gives municipalities the option of working with other communities to develop regional housing plan and permits the trading of housing credits among members of regional housing planning districts. It also creates a new Municipal Incentive Housing Trust Fund and establishes a Chapter 40B Integrity Study Committee charged with recommending reforms to prevent fraud and abuse in the account and reporting of profits in Chapter 40B projects.

Mr. Gaumond received a notification from Patricia Halpin, as a private citizen, recommending we endorse this. Both the Planning Board and Housing Partnership were asked to comment. Mr. Phillips requested tabling this until the next meeting as the copies in his agenda package were illegible.

**MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. February 5, 2009– 7:00 p.m. Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee – Middle/High School Media Center/Library



2. February 8, 1:00 p.m. – Pack 151 Blue & Gold Banquet at the American Legion Post 204  
Both Messrs. Phillips and DiPietro indicated their ability to attend.
3. February 11, 6:00 p.m. – Informational meeting on State Aid to public libraries at Templeton Town Office Building
4. February 28, 9-3:00 p.m. – SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) exercise in the High School Cafeteria and choose representative to attend for Board of Selectmen  
Mr. Gaumond explained that we are scheduled to release the five year update on the town's Master Plan. The Town-wide Planning Committee is beginning the process of planning its first update and in preparation of that update they are inviting interested people and organizations in the Town to participate in a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) exercise. He extended an invitation to the members of the Board to attend. At this time, Board members have other commitments and should their plans change they will let him know.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Phillips requested the Board consider bylaw to allow the town to pay overtime wages to salary employees during federally declared States of Emergencies

None of the other members of the Board have a request this evening.

Mr. Gaumond noted that Mr. DiPietro asked him to talk with Recycle Bank, which is used by the Town of Everett. He suggested scheduling the Regional Director of Recycle Bank in on the agenda and inviting in the SWAT. Mr. Phillips noted that the Board received an invitation from SWAT to attend their meeting, however, the invitation was offered the day of the meeting. In the future, he would look a little more advanced notice.

Mr. Gaumond reported that the Shared Services Committee discussed the possibility of merging towns, and the idea came up about the Town of Boylston. Mr. Phillips reported a discussion he had about this with Boylston at the MMA and they would be looking at the feasibility of that. They are interested in sharing the services of the library, DPW and dispatch. Should the library be discussed, Mr. Gaumond recommends inviting the Library Trustees in to speak with the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Phillips would like to wait until we have a solid issue to discuss. Boylston proposes to have the Town Administrators meet, come up with ideas and then have the Chairman get together prior to having a full board discussion. Mr. Gaumond reported that that there was a suggestion of a joint study group. Board members indicated an interest in going forward.

Motion Mr. McCormick at 9:45 p.m. for the Board to enter executive session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23b, Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations, and the Board will not be going back into open session, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. DiPietro yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

Motion Mr. McCormick at 10:22 p.m. for the Board to come of executive session, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. DiPietro yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. McCormick at 10:25 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy E. Lucier

Approved: February 18, 2009

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Allen R. Phillips, Chairman

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Valmore H. Pruneau, Vice Chairman

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John B. DiPietro, Sr., Selectman

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Kevin M. McCormick, Selectman

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Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman