

Members present: Kevin M. McCormick Steven Quist
Valmore H. Pruneau
Members absent: Allen R. Phillips Christopher A. Rucho

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

Read and acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion Mr. Pruneau to approve the regular session meeting minutes for the June 3, 2009 regular session seconded by Mr. Quist all in favor.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to approve the executive session meeting minutes for the June 3, 2009 regular session seconded by Mr. Quist all in favor.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to approve the regular session meeting minutes for the June 10, 2009 regular session seconded by Mr. McCormick. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Pruneau and McCormick yes; Mr. Quist abstains.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to approve the executive session meeting minutes for the June 10, 2009 regular session seconded by Mr. McCormick. Vote on the motion – Messrs. Pruneau and McCormick yes; Mr. Quist abstains.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for a Transient Vendor & Common Victualler's License from Captain Ron's Catering

Mr. McCormick recused himself. Ronald LaFlash joined the Board to request a Transient Vendor and Common Victualler License to sell hot dogs and miscellaneous food items at the band concerts on The Common. The application was sent to the various town departments, including the Treasurer/Tax Collector, Building Inspector, Police Chief, Fire Chief and the Board of Health, all of whom indicated no problem or issue with the request. The Parks Commission was also notified.

Mr. Pruneau asked Mr. LaFlash if he intended to cover all the concerts. Mr. LaFlash indicated that he planned to try. He may have some conflicts and if it is not him, it will be his wife, who has also completed food safety training. Their unit is self-contained. Due to the fact that there is no quorum of the Board to act on this request, the Board will defer action and vote on the request at their meeting next Wednesday. Mr. Phillips asked Mr. LaFlash to notify the office should he end up with a conflict and be unable to cover the concert. Mr. McCormick returned to the meeting.

2. Concurrence on the appointment of the Paul Bohson to the Town-wide Planning Committee as the Finance Committee designee effective June 18, 2009 for a term to expire on June 30, 2010

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

3. Concurrence on the appointment of Christopher Bailey of Rutland as a Special Police Officer for detail assignments only for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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

4. Concurrence on Police Detail Officers as recommended by the Chief of Police for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Motion Mr. Pruneau to concur with the appointments, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

5. Request from Council on Aging for change of Alternate Signatory from Fran McHugh to Joanne Vaudreuil

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

6. Vote to accept gifts on behalf of the Beaman Memorial Public Library in the amount of \$1,658.00
This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

7. Announce that the Town of West Boylston has received the 2009 Trailblazer Award/Grant from the National Center for Civic Innovation in the amount of \$5,000 and vote to authorize the Chairman to sign our acceptance on behalf of the town

Mr. Gaumond informed the Board that the town is the proud recipient of the Trailblazer Grant Award from the National Center for Civic Innovation which comes with a grant award in the amount of \$5,000. He intends to use a portion of the grant to provide surveying capabilities to the town's website to allow for citizens' input into the performance measurement program. The only requirement of the grant is that the Town Administrator attend two expense-paid national meetings and either speak or listen to presenters speak on this program.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to accept the award and authorize the Chairman to sign our acceptance on behalf of the town, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor. Mr. McCormick congratulated Mr. Gaumond on receiving the award.

8. Vote to accept the Pay-as-You-Throw Implementation Plan for the Town of West Boylston

The Pay-as-You-Throw trash program begins on July 1 and the bags are now available in stores. They will be at Stop and Shop on Friday of this week. Our town's website has information on the program and a mailer was sent out to each residence. Mr. Gaumond thanked Irene Morin, Eva Gambaccini, Barbara Arsenault and Marilyn Kanerva who volunteered to do the mailing for the town. He also thanked Nancy Lucier for pulling everything together. Beginning July 1 should a resident not use a town approved trash bag for their trash, the hauler will not pick up their trash. Mr. Pruneau concurred that Nancy Lucier did a great job.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to accept the Pay-as-You-Throw Implementation Plan for the Town of West Boylston, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

9. Consider authorizing funds for stump removal/grinding

Mr. Gaumond has heard from a resident of the town who is very concerned over the town tree stump, which has been left on her front lawn. We have never removed stumps of town trees once the tree has been removed and the cost is about \$500 per stump. Thus far we have removed about 40 or so town trees which were damaged as a result of the ice storm, however, we are only half way done. There may be another 100 trees this could impact. Stump grinding expenses would not be reimbursed by FEMA and Mr. Gaumond informed the resident that he does not have a plan to remove the stumps, and would speak with the Board on this issue.

Mr. Pruneau recommends looking at each individual case and the location of the tree on the lot as it may be in the area of a stone wall and present more of a challenge. Mr. Quist suggested getting prices on grinding before the Board makes a decision and he recommends taking this item under advisement until that time. Mr. Gaumond will ask Mr. Westerling to get some prices and include it on an upcoming agenda. Mr. Pruneau would like three to four prices from the contractors.

10. Review information from MassRecycle and consider supporting Resolution in Support of Updating the Massachusetts Bottle Bill

All municipalities received information from MassRecycle requesting support on updating the Massachusetts Bottle Bill to include water, sports drinks and teas to keep them out of the waste stream. The Board would not have a problem supporting this request.

Motion Mr. Pruneau to support the Resolution in Support of Updating the Massachusetts Bottle Bill, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

11. Review correspondence from DCR re: repair of the portion of the Mass Central Rail Trail on Town of West Boylston property

At the last meeting of the Board Mr. Gaumond mentioned that the repair of the rail trail project had a three-way financing plan to complete the repairs, which involved Wachusett Greenways, DCR and the Town of West Boylston. Unfortunately DCR who was offered to donate the gravel needed, has notified the town that they do not have the material to donate. At this point, Mr. Gaumond and Mr. Westerling still have to work on what the plan of attack will be. He will bring forward a plan in the next few weeks. Mr. McCormick would rather not spend any of the town's money until we have everyone involved who had offered to be involved.

12. Acknowledge Receipt of ½ Year Update for 2009 Town Goals & Objectives

The update was given to the Board and Mr. Gaumond welcomes comments from the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Present information on reducing lot size requirements for sewer areas in town & set date for meeting with town boards

It was agreed to schedule the joint meeting on August 5th with the Planning Board, Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss the topic.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Announce that the Open Space & Recreation Plan for the Town of West Boylston has been approved and will be distributed to town departments

Mr. McCormick would like to send a letter of thanks to the Open Space Implementation Committee for their work on the plan.

2. Announce that the town has received a State 911 Support Grant in the amount of \$21,820

This grant will support our E-911 system. The Board extended their thanks to the Police Chief for his work on this grant.

3. June 24, 2009, 7:00 – Municipal Buildings Committee meeting

4. July 8, 7:00 – Planning Board Meeting on Site Plan Review for the American Red Cross of Central Massachusetts

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Quist would like to discuss bringing FIOS into town with Verizon. He asked for the status on the Tivnan Drive project. Mr. Gaumond has a pre-bid conference on June 26th at 1:00 p.m. and proposals are due on July 6th. Mr. Quist would like to do something to control roadside vegetation and poison ivy in town. Mr. McCormick mentioned that a lot of times the state does something. Mr. Quist would like to sell extra town surplus property. Mr. Gaumond will provide the Board with a complete list of all town property and the Board could ask all the departments if they have a need for a particular parcel. We would also need town meeting approval to do that.

Mr. Pruneau commended Mr. Gaumond, the highway department and the Police Department for the excellent job they did on the brush pick up. Mr. Gaumond commended the residents for their patience during this time and thanked the Board for their kind words.

Motion Mr. Pruneau at 7:45 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 litigation, and the Board will not be going back into open session, seconded by Mr. Quist. Roll call vote: Mr. Quist yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, and Mr. McCormick yes.

Motion Mr. Pruneau at 8:30 p.m. for the Board to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Quist. Roll call vote: Mr. Quist yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. McCormick yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Pruneau at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: August 5, 2009

Nancy E. Lucier

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Valmore Pruneau, Vice Chairman

Steven Quist, Selectman