

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

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

Read and acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the meeting minutes for the May 18, 2009 regular session seconded by Mr. Pruneau all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the regular session meeting minutes for the May 20, 2009 regular session seconded by Mr. Pruneau all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the executive session meeting minutes for the May 20, 2009 executive session seconded by Mr. Pruneau all in favor.

Presentation Of Certificate Of Appreciation From The Massachusetts Army National Guard

Mr. Gaumond presented the Board with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Massachusetts Army National Guard. The Certificate is signed by Sergeant Major Peter Guiod and Lieutenant Colonel George Harrington and is an expression of their appreciation for the support and assistance the town provided to their soldiers who manned the shelter during the ice storm event last December. Fire Chief Richard Pauley is also in attendance this evening and the Certificate, which will be hung in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, will also be shared with the Chief and the volunteers who helped at the shelter.

Town Moderator David Sweetman, Re: Regional School District Committee

Mr. Sweetman joined the Board and recognized the Board's success in reaching a positive outcome on the brush debris collection. The crew was working in his neighborhood and they did a great job. He noted that at the May 18 town meeting the town voted to accept the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws to go forward and form a Regional School District Committee. Mr. Sweetman has begun the process and he appreciates the support provided to him. A press release has been released to the Telegram and Gazette and The Banner, which indicates that interested individuals should fill out an Application to Serve on a Town Board and send it to him.

Mr. Sweetman feels that the committee has a wide range of options as we have two regional school districts around West Boylston. Thus far he has received eight letters of interest. In the next week or so he will contact everyone who has expressed an interest, give them the references of the Mass General Laws and the press release which defines the application process. He is looking for people who have negotiation and communication skills, with education and financial backgrounds. They also need to be accountable and open. Their first task is to define the business requirements, what is needed and what must be done to get it. Applications are due by June 12th. Mr. Sweetman has also communicated with other Moderators to get help from them. He asked the Selectmen if they had any questions, comments or suggestions.

Mr. Phillips asked Mr. Sweetman if he intended to meet with the Shared Services Committee. Mr. Sweetman indicated that he plans to attend their meeting next Monday at 6:30 to get their perspective. Mr. Phillips noted that the Shared Services Committee discussed excluding some town departments from serving on the Committee. Mr. Sweetman pointed out the fact that according to the law, one member of the Committee has to be from the School Committee.

Mr. Quist asked who the Committee would be accountable to. Mr. Sweetman replied that ultimately it is the town. He plans to have open meetings and expects this to be a sensitive issue which

will lead to lively debate. He also feels it is prudent to make a presentation at town meeting under Article 1, which is the report of the town's Boards and Committees. Mr. Quist questioned whether there is any way of measuring progress and checks and balances. Mr. Sweetman feels that town meeting is the ultimate on checks and balances, and the Committee is autonomous. Mr. Phillips feels there should be a reporting structure that reports back to the Shared Services Committee, then to the Board of Selectmen and then onto town meeting. Mr. Sweetman noted that all the committees appointed by him as the Moderator, are fully autonomous. Mr. Phillips recommends the makeup of the Committee should include a member of the Finance Committee, School Committee and one citizen representative. Mr. Sweetman intends to set a start date and a deliverable date.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Municipal Buildings Committee.**

Mr. McCormick reported that the Municipal Buildings Committee met last Wednesday and was given a petition to bring back to town meeting the article to purchase the building at 150 Hartwell Street. The petition is required to have 200 signatures and is 44 short. Mr. McCormick noted that the Board on its own could call a special town meeting, and Mr. Phillips recommends returning the petition to Chuck Hudson so that he could get the remainder of the signatures. He would rather have the request come from the town and not the Board of Selectmen. Mr. McCormick will continue to work with the Municipal Buildings Committee on preparing to bring the article for the building to town meeting. Mr. Hudson indicated that he was told that he only needed 150 signatures. The Town Clerk checked with the Secretary of State's Office and was told that 200 signatures are required. Mr. Hudson will return the paperwork to the Town Clerk once he gets the signatures. A gentleman from the audience asked if this could wait until the October town meeting rather than calling a Special Town Meeting. According to Mr. McCormick, we are trying to move forward as quickly as possible as the building may not be available in October.

Mr. McCormick spoke with Finance Committee members Ray Bricault and Chris Berglund at the Municipal Buildings Committee meeting and they indicated an interest in being involved.

Motion Mr. Phillips to expand the Municipal Buildings Committee by one to include a member of the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

2. Concurrence on the June appointments of the Town Administrator

Motion Mr. Phillips to concur with the following June appointments of the Town Administrator:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Charles Witkus

ASSIST. ANIMAL

CONTROL OFFICER: Steven Jones

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Michael Daley

TOWN ACCOUNTANT: Leslie Guertin

TOWN-WIDE PLANNING

COMMITTEE: (3 yr.) Michelle Harris

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Mark Brodeur

OPEN SPACE Robert Tashjian

IMPLEMENTATION CMTE.: Barbara Wyatt

Jim Edmondson

Vincent Vignaly Pl Bd

Brian Bjorklund

David Eckhardt Con Com

CABLE TV AD. CMTE.

Brenda Bowman
Raymond DeSanti

Jason Kunst
Louise Howland
Barbara Deschenes

**LOCAL HOUSING
PARTNERSHIP:**

Frank Jansen
Patricia Halpin, Pl. Bd.
Susan Meola
Michelle Harris
Sandra Menard
Andrew Feland

**COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION CMTE: 3 yr.**

Brenda Bowman
Christopher Rucho
Patricia Halpin Pl Bd
Patrick Crowley

**AFFORDABLE
HOUSING TRUST:**

Roger W. Hall, Jr.
Steven Quist
Michelle Harris
Brenda Bowman

Motion seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

3. Review and approve the June appointments of the Board of Selectmen

Motion Mr. Phillips to appoint James Morrissey to the Personnel Board for three years and Raymond J. Bricault, Jr. and Patrick Crowley to the Finance Committee for three years, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

4. Concurrence on the reappointment of Vincent Vignaly, 50 Newton Street to the Earth Removal Board as the Planning Board's Designee effective May 22, 2009 for a term to expire on April 30, 2010

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

5. Announce Vacancies on Town Boards & Committees

The following vacancies are Town Administrator appointments: Parks Commissioner 1, Town-Wide Planning Committee 1, Transportation Committee 2, Economic Development Cmte.1, Affordable Housing Trust 1, Naming Committee 1, Agricultural Cmsn. 1, Sustainability Cmte.1, Town Common & Bandstand Use Advisory Committee 1, Cable TV Advisory Committee 3.

The following vacancies are Board of Selectmen Appointments: Personnel Board 2, Finance Committee 1, By-Laws Committee 1.

6. Report on Wellness Program

Annually, Mr. Gaumond reports to the Selectmen on the activities of the town's Wellness Program for their input on how we could improve the program. We are in the middle of year two and he is looking for suggestions on how to improve the program. He has been working with the Board of Health, Council on Aging, and Insurance Advisory Committee. The Healthy Living Program incorporates both citizens of the town and employees of the town and focuses on physical activity, health education and healthy choices. He asked for citizen and Board feedback on the monthly themes. May was stress reduction and walking month, this month is bike and driving safety. Next month is skin

cancer awareness month. In September we will introduce a new topic entitled Senior Health Awareness. Mr. Gaumond invited comments from the Board who have nothing at this time.

7. Review Repairs to the West Boylston Rail Trail

As a result of beaver damming on a portion of the rail trail, the trail suffered a major break. Mr. Gaumond met with officials from Wachusett Greenways and John Westerling relative to the repairs. The cost for that restoration is estimated at \$33,600. Wachusett Greenways will do private fund raising to help pay a portion of those repairs, and DCR will donate 1,300 yards of gravel which is a \$10,500 value. The Town of West Boylston does have a rail trail maintenance fund with a balance of over \$17,000. Mr. Gaumond recommends authorizing up to \$11,000 from this account to make this repair.

Mr. McCormick questioned how we could ensure that the beaver would not return and do the same thing. Mr. Gaumond indicated that steps have been taken to deal with the beavers. Mr. Phillips asked if this would be any cost to the town. According to Mr. Gaumond it is private funds. Mr. Pruneau asked if any town equipment would be used. Mr. Gaumond noted that we will use some of our labor. Mr. Pruneau voiced concern over stretching out our manpower, which is at a minimum. Mr. Rucho stated that a lot of people use the trail and like it, and he hopes the repairs can be accomplished before the nice weather. Mr. Gaumond has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with the head of Wachusett Greenways.

Motion Mr. Rucho to authorize up to \$11,000 for repairs to the rail trail, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

8. Vote to accept Slope Easement as voted at the 2009 town meeting under Article 27

Motion Mr. Phillips to accept the Slope Easement as voted, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider joining Mass Coalition for Jobs and Growth

Motion Mr. Phillips not to take any action on this invitation, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Announce that Town Administrator Leon Gaumond, Jr. has received Credentialed Manager designation from the ICMA

Mr. Phillips noted that Mr. Gaumond is involved in various organizations and as a town we appreciate his efforts.

2. June 26, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – Pre-bid conference for Tivnan Drive RFP

Mr. Phillips asked if the Tivnan Drive subcommittee will be brought back. According to Mr. Gaumond, we could establish the subcommittee again or bring the project back to the entire Board.

3. Mr. Gaumond reminded everyone that pay-as-you-throw begins on July 1. Trash bags will be in stores on June 12th. Yesterday he did a television show with Mr. Westerling and the Chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Team, which will be airing over the next few weeks. Bags are available in sleeves of ten and the website will be updated regularly. Mr. Rucho requested Mr. Gaumond have the program broadcasted on the educational channel.

4. The next meeting of the Municipal Buildings Committee is scheduled for June 10th at 7:00.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No one has anything this evening.

Motion Mr. Phillips 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. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. Quist yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Phillips yes, Mr. Rucho no.

Motion Mr. Phillips at 9:00 p.m. for the Board to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Pruneau. Roll call vote: Mr. Quist yes, Mr. Pruneau yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. Phillips yes and Mr. Rucho yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Phillips at 9:00 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pruneau, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Lucier

Approved: June 17, 2009

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Valmore Pruneau, Vice Chairman

Allen R. Phillips, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

Steven Quist, Selectman