

Members present: Kevin McCormick Christopher A. Rucho
Steven Quist John O'Brien
Members absent: Allen Phillips

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

Read and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion Mr. O'Brien to approve the meeting minutes from March 16, 2011, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Motion Mr. O'Brien to approve the meeting minutes from March 29, 2011, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Motion Mr. O'Brien to approve the meeting minutes from March 39, 2011, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept donation from Harold N. Keith Post 204 in the amount of \$1,500 on behalf of the Memorial Day/Celebrations Donations Account

Motion Mr. Rucho to accept donation from Harold N. Keith Post 204 in the amount of \$1,500 on behalf of the Memorial Day/Celebrations Donations Account, seconded by Mr. O'Brien

2. Accept donations from the public in the amount of \$1,473.75 on behalf of the Library for payments for lost or damaged books and other materials, payments for the use of printers and copiers, money given in support of the library's annual Adopt-a-Magazine fund drive, and donations given to support the general needs of the library.

Motion Mr. Rucho to accept donations from the public in the amount of \$1,473.75 on behalf of the Library, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Rucho noticed that the amount should have been \$1,473.87.

Motion Mr. Rucho to amend the motion by changing the amount of the donation to \$1,473.75, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Vote on the amended motion- all in favor.

3. Concurrence on the April re-appointments for the Town Administrator

Motion Mr. Rucho to concur with the following reappoints presented by the Town Administrator:

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:	Bradford C. Dunn	4-30-2011 (3 yr.)
BOARD OF HEALTH:	Beverly Salate	4-30-2011 (3 yr.)
VETERANS AGENT:	Neil Norum	4-30-2011
CONSERVATION CMSN.:	Leonardo Angiulo	4-30-2011 (all 3 yr.)
	John Hadley	2011
	Mark Meola	2011
	William Chase	2011
COUNCIL ON AGING:	Gail E. Radcliffe	4-30-2011 (all 3 yr.)
	Maureen Osthues	2011
CULTURAL COUNCIL:	Winifred Hesemeyer	4-30-2011 (all 3 yr.)
	Patricia Barrie	2011

MEETING**BOARD OF SELECTMEN****APRIL 6, 2011**

	Pauline McCormick	2011
	Ellen K. Philbin	2011
ASSISTANT ANIMAL INSPECTOR:	Steven Jones	3-31-2011 (1 yr.)
ASSISTANT ANIMAL INSPECTOR:	Robert Barrell	3-31-2011 (1 yr.)
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:	Charles Witkus	3-31-2011 (1 yr.)
FENCE VIEWER:	Michael Mard	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
EARTH REMOVAL BD.:	David Eckhardt, Con Com	4-30-2011 – extend to June 30,
2011 until after election	Robert J. Barrell, Jr., BOH	2011
	Steven Quist, BOS	2011
	Lawrence Salate, Pl. Bd.	2011
	Robert Ash, Water	2011
ASST. HAZARDOUS WASTE CO-ORDINATOR:	Allen R. Phillips	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO C.M.E.M.S.C.:	Christian Koppetsch	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
AMBULANCE REP TO CMEMSC:	Charles Borowy	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
ASSIST EMERGENCY MGMT. DIRECTOR.:	Allen R. Phillips	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
CERT COORDINATOR:	Matthew Schircliff	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
HISTORICAL CMSN.:	Kim D. Hopewell	4-30-2011 (all 3 yr.)
	Barbara M. Deschenes	2011
CONSTABLE:	Peter Rotando	4-30-2011 (all 1 yr.)
	Robert Rosenlund	2011
	Dennis Minnich	2011
	Thomas M. Balvin	2011
	Matthew Saunders	2011
	Francis Glynn	2011
	Anthony Papandrea	2011
MATRON:	Mary E. Almstrom	4-30-2011 (all 1 yr.)
	Abbi E. Parkinson	2011
PEG PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR:	Charles Greenough	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
TOWN COUNSEL:	Leonard Kopelman	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
TOWN COMMON & BANDSTAND USE ADVISORY CMTE.:	M. Patricia Barrie	4-30-2011 (all 1 yr.)
	John F. McCormick	2011
ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR:	Richard Breagy	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
WIRING INSPECTOR:	Michael J. Capone	4-30-2011(1 yr.)
ASSISTANT WIRING INS:	Dennis Dean	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
PLUMBING/GAS INSP:	George W. Mioglionico	4-30-2011 (1 yr.)
TRANSPORTATION CMTE.:	Kevin McCormick ex off	4-30-2011
PARKS FACILITIES CMTE.:	James O'Day resident	4-30-2011 (all 1 yr.)
	Vacancy resident	4-30-2011

	Patrick Crowley resident	4-30-2011
	John O'Brien BOS rep	4-30-2011
	Christopher Rucho BOS rep	4-30-2011
	Robert Monk Pk rep	4-30-2011
	Patrick Inderwish Pk rep	4-30-2011
INSURANCE ADV. CMTE.:	Michael J. Kittredge, III	4-30-2011 DPW Union (1 yr.)
	Paula Menendez	2011 School Teachers Union
	Marcia Cairns	2011 Gen. Gvt. Employees
	David Richardson	2011 Police Union
	Cande Kristoff	2011 School Administrative
	Barbara Deschenes	2011 Retirees
	Patricia Fanning	2011 Municipal Light Plant
AGRICULTURAL CMSN.:	Peg Rotti	4-30-2011 has some income (3 yr)
	Lynn Fallavollita	4-30-2011 no income
SUSTAINABILITY CMTE.:	Patrick Brown	4-30-2011 (all 2 yr)
	Amanda Hopkins	4-30-2011
	Marc Frieden	4-30-2011
	Jason Kunst	4-30-2011

Motion seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor

4. Consider April re-appointments for the Board of Selectmen

Mr. O'Brien requested the Board table this item until their next meeting so that Mr. Phillips can be present, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

5. Announce vacancies on town boards & committees

Mr. Gaumond announced the following vacancies: Conservation Cmsn. Associate 1 vacancy, Council on Aging 1 vacancy, Cultural Council we have 5, which is the minimum, maximum is 22 Parks Commission 1 vacancy, Parks Facilities Cmte. 1 vacancy, Town Common & Bandstand Use Advisory Cmte. 3 vacancies, Transportation Cmte. 1 vacancy, Town-Wide Planning Committee 2 vacancies, Municipal Buildings Advisory Cmte. 1 vacancy, Cable TV Advisory Cmte. 2 vacancies, Community Preservation Cmte. 1 vacancy, Shared Services Committee 2 vacancies, Naming Committee 2 vacancies, Agricultural Cmsn. 1 vacancy – someone who does not derive income from farming, Sustainability Cmte. 3 vacancies, Finance Cmte. 2 vacancies, Personnel Board 2 vacancies, By-Laws Committee 1 vacancy, and Zoning Board of Appeals 1 vacancy for Associate Member.

Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis

Sheriff Evangelidis joined the Board. The Board congratulated him on his election and he thanked the Board for having him in. As the host community he would like to continue the strong relationship we have and as a former legislator having represented seven towns, he thinks he is pretty well turned into the concerns of the area. He is excited about the job as Sheriff and looking to making a positive contribution. Right now he is working on a lot of issues and understands that his primary job is the care, custody and control of the inmates. His goal is to see people who come into his facility serve their time and those who leave he wants to make sure they are least likely to repeat offend. The goal is to get everybody on the same page. Everything should be geared to who can we reach as an inmate. In the past there has been a lot of politics in the job and he is trying to eliminate that. He has an open door any time. In the past he worked with together with Mr. Gaumond on the sewer trunk line and other sewer issues. Recently he spoke with Mr. Gaumond about how to promote efficiency and

green energy, and using wind turbines. He has the oldest county facility in the state and they have to focus on a lot of maintenance issues. They are looking at erecting a turbine which will be providing a fraction of what they use. They will come back to the town once they have a site. He is open to the project and would love to work with the town on it. People are excited and think it is a great idea. With regard to their inmate work crews, he has been in contact with the town and will make them available. Some of the things they can do is shovel fire hydrants and he has found that inmates respond well. He is in the process of doubling the work crews. When the town has a need he encourages us to contact him. They have a triad program, a senior based program in 22 communities in Worcester County. They work with senior centers and bring programs in on scam artists and numbering homes. He is putting in place an iris scanning systems for use with seniors with Alzheimers. They have a command unit they can turn over to the community, which can lock everyone into the same system. In addition, they have a reverse 911 system, which the town can take advantage of as long as it has to do with public safety they can send out a reverse 911 call. They also have a crime stopper system which allows you to call an anonymous tip line for crimes. He is going to try to sell this system to all the communities in the county. Currently the City of Leominster is using it. He is excited about the face to face campaign. It is a computer based system which can take a photo of a child's face and it shows you how it would look if you abused a drug like methamphetamine. He has had private people donate the money to buy this piece of equipment. They purchased the equipment and use it at the schools. If we are interested, he can bring it into the schools. Anything he can do to help the community stay safe, and he pledges to bring the equipment to every schools that wants it. When he sees a prisoner leaving his facility and walking out the door with no place to go he stops them and talked with them. He has heard stories of people walking out of the jail and starting to knock on doors for a ride, which is unacceptable for a host community. The last thing the town needs to have the jail become a burden and he is aware of that.

Mr. Rucho asked about the use of the facility for a lock up and questioned whether he spoke to the Police Chief regarding that. Sheriff Evangelidis noted that this is a big issue for towns the size of West Boylston. We need to come up with a solution. He is still looking to accommodate and one of the things that is an issue is sometimes they get people in that will bring a liability to them. He would be open to a conversation. He added that Gardner is considering putting in a new station with additional cells for a regional lock up. In the Sheriff's Department they would provide staff for the weekend, which could help fund the staffing. He asked the Board to ask him that next year and the year after when he comes back here. He has a working group on that he would love to be able to address this in two years.

Mr. O'Brien added that we look forward to working with you and have the same goals. He would like to discuss some kind of compensation for host communities. Sheriff Evangelidis stated that he would be in full support of that and would love to have that conversation. Mr. McCormick congratulated him on and thanked him for his help already this year on Tivnan Drive. The town ended up with a road we did not we were getting and between now and next year maybe we can resolve this. Sheriff Evangelidis stated that it was a result of bringing a good relationship with me that I could use in this position. He would love to continue to push the legislature to have the state take over the road. Mr. Quist thanked the Sheriff for coming in and the Sheriff encouraged the Board to call him if they need him and he will come right down.

Municipal Buildings Advisory Committee

Mr. Quist, Chairman of the Municipal Buildings Advisory Committee explained that the last time his committee came before the Board they requested approval to send out an RFP for a building

which might be suitable for town hall. They received one response from the Bethlehem Baptist Church. He now would like approval from the Board to pursue this and begin negotiations with them. Mr. Rucho also serves on the committee and added that they would like to look at owning a property rather than renting. The next step would be to try to negotiate a price the Committee would feel more comfortable with than what it is at now. He added that people say this is not the best location for a building and we have heard that for six years. He thinks it is a better location than where we currently are. Mr. McCormick has no problem if they negotiate. He does not think this is where the town hall should be. He suggested a phased in project at the Pine Grove. He was on the building committee before and we offered the people one choice. We have not had a town hall one since 1932 when it was located at the MLP site and burned down. To him, we need to build it in the right place and do it right. He added that he was in favor of the building across the street from town hall, however, it was the wrong location.

Mr. Rucho added that the Committee had hopes that other proposals might come forward. Mr. McCormick is concerned about the right opportunity and if we are only going to have one town hall, it needs to be in the right spot. Mr. Rucho thinks 127 Hartwell Street is not the spot we should be in. The Bethlehem Baptist Church site could also be temporary. Mr. McCormick thinks people will not agree to build another building if we purchased the Bethlehem Baptist Church site. Mr. Quist believes a lot of this is fact finding, what can we do and offer. He would like the opportunity to talk to them and negotiate. Mr. O'Brien does not see any harm.

Motion Mr. O'Brien to allow the Municipal Buildings Advisory Committee to go forward in their fact finding and negotiations, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

6. Request from ClaynCookie Cafe, 26 West Boylston Street for a Common Victuallar License

Mr. McCormick recused himself. Mr. Gaumond explained that we have a new business in town and it came to his knowledge that they started their business without getting the required Common Victuallar License. We have response from the Building, Department, Board of Health, Treasurer/Collector, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Town Clerk that they are in compliance. They were unable to attend the meeting this evening as they offer night classes. Mr. Gaumond recommends approval pending notification from the Fire Chief.

Motion Mr. Rucho to approve a Common Victuallar License for ClaynCookie Café pending notification from the Fire Chief, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, all in favor. Mr. McCormick returned to the meeting.

7. Consider request from the DPW for an intradepartmental transfer of \$5,000 from Salaries & Wages; \$2,000 to Purchased Services and \$3,000 to Supplies

Mr. Gaumond noted that the DPW has had some considerable cost over runs with their Purchased Services and Supplies budget. At the last meeting we took care of the overruns for fuel, repairs to our municipal fleet, and catch basin problem. He is still working on updating the list Mr. Rucho requested. They were unable to complete that list due to a sewer issue this week. Utility costs have gone up, they had \$8,000 in repairs to the catch basin truck and \$10,000 to the International. He will meet with the foreman on completing a comprehensive list of repairs. This request is to move funds to Purchased Services and Supplies from Salaries and Wages to cover those repairs. Mr. Rucho questioned how much has already been transferred. Mr. Gaumond advised that to date, we have transferred \$15,000 to deal with the catch basin clean up. Initially Mr. Westerling was going to request a Finance Committee Reserve Fund transfer for the clean up and Mr. Gaumond suggested moving

funds from Salaries and Wages as that line item had capacity due to our ability to charge off snow removal salary costs to our snow and ice budget. He will work with the Administrative Assistant at the DPW and the Town Accountant with regard to the balances in the accounts and if needed, he will transfer funds at town meeting.

Motion Mr. O'Brien to approve the transfer request, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

8. Acknowledge list of warrant articles for May 16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting

Yesterday was the deadline for people to submit articles for the town meeting warrant. We did not have any petitioned articles this year. They are in no particular order and will be discussed at the Board's next meeting.

Motion Mr. Quist to accept the articles, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, all in favor.

9. Consider accepting report of the Town Administrator on his RFP for Financial Services and direct him to begin negotiations with FAA for a successor agreement

On March 25th Mr. Gaumond held a public RFP bid opening for financial services. Present was himself and Mrs. Lucier. We received one response from our current provider, FAA. Copies of the proposals were left in the Board's mail slots. The town voted to privatize financial management services about eight or nine years ago when they brought in FAA. They serve as our Finance Director and statutory Town Accountant. The arrangement has worked for the town and has saved funds particularly on the benefit side. He asked the Board to review the proposal and if they are in agreement to request the Town Administrator to begin negotiating a successor agreement with FAA.

Motion Mr. Rucho to instruct the Town Administrator to begin negotiating a successor agreement with FAA, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

10. Consider LIP application for local units at Angell Brook

Mr. Gaumond noted that this has been ongoing for some time. There was an agreement with the Town of West Boylston and Angell Brook for two affordable units. In order for us to finalize that process the Board has to agree. Angell Brook has filed the appropriate paperwork with the Dept. of Housing & Community Development. The application has been reviewed by Town Counsel, changes were requested and have been included. There were a lot of things that needed to be resolved and it is finally done. This will add two units of affordable housing to our stock. Town Counsel and Mr. Gaumond recommend the Board sign the document.

Motion Mr. Rucho to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen as the Chief Executive Officer of the Town to sign the Support for the LIP application, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board discussion on placing an override question on the ballot for town purposes

Following the meeting with the School and Finance Committee, Mr. McCormick requested this agenda item. The sole purpose is to ask Mr. Gaumond if he felt that the town's side of government would need an override. Mr. Gaumond replied no. Mr. Rucho believes the key part of the question is do we need one. Mr. McCormick wants to know our answer for our side. Mr. O'Brien asked for clarification of the time line. Mr. Gaumond explained that the time line is flexible and depends on town meeting. He believes we are late in the game to go to the May town meeting with an operational override. He does not have revenues to support any other budget other than what he has put forth. If an attempt was to override next year's budget he would recommend a special town meeting after the vote is taken. Mr. McCormick asked about putting this on the June election ballot. He would rather not

have the expense of a special election. It was previously agreed that the Board would meet on April 14th should anybody want to come in and request an override. Mr. Gaumond does not believe there is sufficient time to get information out. The meeting will be cancelled should no one come forward.

2. Board discussion on DPW Director position

Mr. McCormick explained the purpose of this agenda item is to decide what we are going to do and he noted that the Board previously held an informational meeting on this matter. Mr. Rucho thought the discussion at that meeting was very good and wishes we could start the process of trying to merge something to save money. He suggested moving forward with a Director position now and three years from now have something in place and start that discussion a lot sooner. The posting has been out and applications have come in. He would like to hire a Director and give him a three-year contract and in the meant time we could look at the structure. The Water District said they would like to move forward with water and sewer billing and we talked about all the reasons why it could not work. He would like to move forward with the Director position now. Mr. O'Brien agrees. He would encourage the Board to move forward. He felt the information meeting was good and enjoyed the public input. Both Mr. McCormick and Mr. Quist concur.

Motion Mr. Quist to instruct Mr. Gaumond to go forward and finish the process for the Director's position, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, all in favor.

Michael Kittredge of 24 Worcester Street questioned how many applicants applied. Mr. Gaumond advised around 20.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Town of West Boylston participated in a regional grant application to study regional health services and a grant was approved up to \$15,000 to study this program.

Mr. Gaumond noted that the Board asked to notified each time we receive a grant.

2. April 9, 9:30 a.m. – Appointee Coffee – for all who hold appointed positions in town.

3. April 13, 7:00 – Planning Board public hearing for proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaws to coordinate the Incentive Zoning section with the newly-adopted Residential Cluster Zoning Bylaw and the creation of the West Boylston Housing Production Plan

4. April 30, 10-3:00 p.m. – DCR "Earth Day at Wachusett Reservoir" event at DCR Headquarters, 180 Beaman Street

5. May 1, 1:00 – 2011 Little League/Softball Parade

6. June 11 – Ride for a Reason Bicycle Tour charity bike event to benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Worcester

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Quist inquired about the status of the Fire Chief's residence. Mr. Gaumond advised that the Chief lives in the Town of West Boylston. He had a problem where he was living as the first floor of the house flooded and was without electricity. He does not know the status of the remodeling and assumes the kitchen has been replaced.

SELECTMEN REPORTS

Mr. McCormick attended the Town Wellness/Safety Fair on Saturday, March 26th. He thanked everyone who participated, about 300 people attended and there was a lot for people to learn at the exhibits. The event goes towards our goal of more community activities and it was good for the community. He met Clara Savage of Common Pathways who provided the town with the grant which paid for the event.

Motion Mr. O'Brien at 8:20 p.m. to enter into executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30a, section 21, part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, seconded by Mr. Rucho. Roll call vote: Mr. Quist yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. O'Brien yes, Mr. Rucho yes. Mr. McCormick stated that discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Board may reconvene in open session.

Motion Mr. Rucho at 8:35 p.m. to come out of executive session and reconvene in open session, seconded by Mr. Quist. Roll call vote: Mr. Quist yes, Mr. McCormick yes, Mr. O'Brien yes, Mr. Rucho yes.

Mr. McCormick announced that the Board has reconvened in open session.

Motion Mr. Rucho to accept the contract between the Police Union and the Town of West Boylston and sign the document, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Rucho at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: April 20, 2011

Nancy E. Lucier

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Steven Quist, Clerk

Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

John J. O'Brien, Selectman