

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

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

**Read and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the regular session meeting minutes of December 15, 2010, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the regular session meeting minutes of December 22, 2010, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor.

The Board welcomed Boy Scouts Edward Salate, Christopher Dunne, David Dorman, and Nick Hackett of Troup 151. They scouts met with Mr. Gaumond earlier this evening and discussed constitutional rights that are afforded as American citizens. The scouts lead the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

**Building Inspector – Flood Plain Management**

Building Inspector Mark Brodeur joined the Board. He reports that for some time we have been under review from FEMA on new flood plain mapping which is being accomplished through FEMA. We have been back and forth and some changes have been made. They are hoping to finalize these in May or June and then we will have the final colored flood plain maps. We will have to make some changes to the Zoning Bylaws as recommended by FEMA, and the information is contained in the Board's agenda package. Mr. Brodeur would leave it to the Planning Board to see how much of this is applicable to the Town of Wet Boylston. He feels with the presence of Vinny Vignaly on the Planning Board he is competent to make those decisions. He recommends that we forward this information to the Planning Board to make a determination and hold the required public hearing. Mr. Philips questioned whether the information will be online and Mr. Brodeur advised that it will. Mr. Brodeur added that the flood plain area in town is limited to the flats near the Baldarelli sand pit on Route 12.

Mr. Gaumond noted that we started this review process about two years ago and he agrees with Mr. Brodeur's recommendation. Any changes to the Zoning Bylaws need to be adjudicated by the Planning Board. In the document there is a sample Health Amendment which the Board of Health would need to review. Mr. Brodeur feels the only area which will concern the Board of Health is the flats on Route 12 at the Condominiums. The information will be forwarded to the Board of Health.

Motion Mr. Rucho to refer the matter to the Planning Board for their action, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Update on Regional Health Incentive Grants**

Mr. Gaumond recognized Barbara Mard and Bob Barrell of the Board of Health who are in the audience this evening. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Department of Public Health has received a federal grant to help develop regional public health districts. It will be operated by the state Department of Public Health and they are allowing a group of cities and towns to apply for planning grants and maybe in year two or three we could apply for implementation grants similar to what we are doing with the regional dispatch initiative. We would share staff and resources to improve the scope of public health. Mr. Gaumond attended a meeting with Ms. Mard and he has reason to believe that there will be an application coming out of Worcester and other communities, including

Shrewsbury. They have had some initial planning meetings and he feel making a recommendation to begin this process to participate in the planning process would be worthwhile. It allows us to look at our combined health departments and figure out strengths and weaknesses. He does not know if this is a cost savings measure to the town. There are, however, two reasons to look at this. The first is saving money and the second is being able to provide services and programs we currently do not provide through the Board of Health. He added that small towns are usually reactionary basis. We have tried to develop a Wellness Program. Those are the kinds of ways we can start to see some real benefit for. This will allow us to participate in the planning stage which does not bind us down the road. He recommends we move forward and submit our name.

Motion Mr. Phillips to allow the Town Administrator to move forward and submit the Town of West Boylston as a participant in the planning phase for a regional public health district, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor. Board of Health Chairman Bob Barrell indicated that he is in favor of taking this step.

**2. Designate MMA Voting Member for Annual Meeting**

Every year at this time, Mr. Gaumond brings the designation form to the Board. Should the Chairman not attend the MMA, he can designate someone to represent the town. Mr. O'Brien indicated that he will be attending.

Motion Mr. Phillips to designate Mr. O'Brien as the town's MMA voting member for the annual meeting, and Mr. Gaumond as the alternate, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

**3. Consider request from New Balance Reach the Beach Relay to hold a relay race on May 20, 2011**

The request has been reviewed by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and DPW Director and there are no issues.

Motion Mr. Phillips to approve the request to hold the relay race going through the town on May 20, 2011 and issue a Certificate of Vote to New Balance Reach the Beach Relay, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

**4. Consider adding new category to Selectmen's agendas entitled Selectmen Reports**

Mr. Gaumond provided the Board with a memo proposing the addition of a new category entitled Selectmen Reports to Selectmen's agendas. Members often have numerous projects they are working on that other members and the public may wish to be aware of.

Motion Mr. Phillips to add the new category of Selectmen Reports to the first agenda of each month, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

**5. John Scannell, Earthday Updates**

John Scannell would like to know if the Board still wanted to meet every quarter or less or more frequently for updates on the Earthday Center. Mr. Phillips would like to meet twice a year to discuss not only Earthday, but other DCR issues and advise Mr. Scannell ahead of time of the other issues. Mr. Rucho agrees with twice a year. Mr. McCormick suggested putting a list together which improves the lines of communications and meet twice a year. The Board agreed to meet with Mr. Scannell in February and again in August.

**MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Zumba and Zumba Gold classes start on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the 3 Rivers Building
2. Gardening classes start on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Middle/High School
3. Firearms Safety – Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>
4. All-day Scrapbooking Crop will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the First Congregational Church
5. January 21 & 22, MMA Conference in Boston

6. Christmas Tree recycling by the DPW – January 20<sup>th</sup> the DPW will be chipping trees, which can be dropped off January 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-3:30 in the posted area against the guardrail near the public sand pile.
7. Mr. Gaumond reminded the Board that they need to sign the warrant this weekend as it contains the payment for the Kent property which needs to be sent to Town Counsel.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

When the town receives a grant, Mr. Quist would like a closure report provided to the Board on the status of items obtained by the town as a result of the funds.

Mr. Rucho noted that the Board requested a 'dead end' sign be installed at River Road. He requested a status report. Mr. Gaumond offered to look into that. Mr. Rucho would like to discuss the clearing of sidewalks. Recently a new sidewalk was installed in town and our DPW is clearing it. Mr. Gaumond reported that he had a conversation with Mr. Rucho relative to the Supreme Judicial Court ruling on the maintenance of sidewalks during storms and putting burdens on property owners to maintain sidewalks. The Board has discussed this in the past and he also thinks we should look at it again. Mr. Rucho commented that he was unaware that the Town would be responsible for clearing those sidewalks and recommends the Board include it as a future agenda item.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. Phillips at 7:32 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: January 19, 2011

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Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

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Allen R. Phillips, Vice Chairman

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Steven J. Quist, Clerk

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Christopher A. Rucho, Selectman

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John J. O'Brien, Selectman