

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

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

Read and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion Mr. McCormick to approve the regular session meeting minutes from March 21, 2012, seconded by Mr. Quist, all in favor

John Scannell Update Wachusett Earthday

Mr. Scannell joined the Board and report that collections continue weekly and one Saturday a month with little incident. The hazardous waste collection back in November was much busier than anyone expected and they did experience a little back up. Wachusett Earth Day is working with DCR on erecting a building. They are planning to do so without going back to the communities for funding and have applied for a number of grants. As we get closer, they will meet with Police, Fire and the Building Inspector.

Mr. Rucho mentioned that he had a discussion with Mr. Gaumond in regards to rubbish and paper at the site. Mr. Scannell advised that as soon as he received the email from Mr. Gaumond staff went out and removed a lot of trash from the buffer in front of the site. Mr. Rucho questioned whether items are left open on the weekends. Mr. Scannell explained that the closest containers were for styrofoam and cardboard and they are covered. He is not sure where the trash came from. Mr. Rucho asked if there was a website with information on prices and hours. Mr. Scannell advised that all of that is posted on wachusettearthday.com. Mr. Gaumond also sends out a blog. Mr. Rucho questioned whether items such as grill tanks are left on the site for a while. Mr. Scannell explained that they stay for a while and the vendor picks them up. The Boy Scouts donated a shed and electronics which were originally outside are now in a container provided by the vendor.

Mr. Phillips reported on a discussion he had with Wachusett Earth Day and Senator Chandler. Wachusett Earth Day wanted to allow additional towns use of the facility and DCR indicated that they would honor the original agreement for Wachusett communities only or add additional communities should West Boylston wish to go that route. Mr. Phillips was open to discussing the request if there would be some benefit to the Town of West Boylston. Since nothing was offered, the proposal is going nowhere.

Mr. Gaumond thanked DCR for their work on the rail trail and River Road. They have worked on chipping and clearing both areas. Mr. Phillips inquired as to equipment DCR has which the town could use in an emergency such as gators. Mr. Scannell indicated that they do have a gator and bigger emergency items in their building on Route 12 which the Fire Chief has access to if he needs it. The gator is located on River Road and they would definitely be able to assist as they have two ATVs as well.

It's a Celebration Committee

Celebration Committee members Peter Rotando and Jack McCormick joined the Board with It's a Celebration Committee member Mychelle Phillips. Mr. McCormick explained that we have the Celebration Committee, which is appointed by the Town Administration and we have the It's a Celebration Committee which is a separate entity which privately raises money to carry on celebrations

within the town. He will speak on behalf of the It's a Celebration Committee, which is a five-member group, responsible for installing the banners on the light poles and that is how they raise their money. Last year at Christmas time when the trees went up on the Common the Municipal Light Plant did a number of trees and It's a Celebration did the trees on the Common close to the Masonic Temple. They paid for the installation of a plug timer on the big tree, paid for 99% of the wood to cover the plugs on the ground and did the big tree. On Memorial Day they provided a bagpiper, which they intend to do this year. They will also donate to the Jr. High Band who will participate in the parade. They plan to raise more and more money. The Municipal Light Plant puts the banners up for the Committee. Their goal is to raise money to have a town celebration either this year or next year. Anyone who wishes to purchase a banner, or just make a donation, could call him at 508.835.3707.

Jack McCormick explained that the Celebration Committee runs Memorial Day. For years the town provided a \$2,000 budget. When that went away they had meat raffles and this year they have some money left over, It's a Celebration provided a donation and the Fire Department donates all the flags at the cemetery every year. The job of the committee is to run the organization and make sure everything is set up for Memorial Day. This year they will have a chorus sing God Bless American and the Star Spangled Banner. He noted that there is a lot of organization and they do not have any money to do much of anything.

Mr. Phillips noted part of the reason for this meeting was to give people an idea of what the committee does because we need more volunteers and more funds. A lot of people approached him within the past two years and asked why we do not have something more and he says it takes people and funds. If we can raise funds and get enough money we will have something in the fall. Jack McCormick advised that Memorial Day costs run \$2,000 to \$2,200. The Fire Department provides coffee and donuts and the Bandstand Committee donates a portable toilet facility. We need more people. Mr. Phillips noted that we not only want to increase the number if we want to continue we need people to volunteer and help out.

Mr. Rucho pointed out that the Arts Foundation puts on programs and we have concerts on The Bandstand. We have things going on and it is great to have more stuff but you need more people and we have the Recreation Programs, which offer a lot more choices now. Mr. Phillips stressed that you need a lot more people to get things done. Mr. Rucho noted that the Arts Foundation has a lot of workers. Mr. McCormick suggested forming sub-committees. Mr. Rotando feels one of the problems is that times have changed and a lot of people go away on Memorial Day weekend. We need to have a draw. Mr. Phillips suggested expanding the activities for Memorial Day weekend. Jack McCormick stated that the Memorial Day parade has always been a solemn ceremony honoring those who have died. In the last year or so we have experienced a bigger than usually crowd due to the down economy. He recalled the old 4th of July parades, doll carriage parade and soap box derby. The weekend also included a bike race, entertainment at night and fireworks. Mr. McCormick suggested planning a schedule of activities for Memorial Day weekend next year with a bond fire and give people a reason to stay around. Jack McCormick noted that the American Legion has a chicken barbeque on that weekend and you also have Little League games.

Mr. Rucho noted that there are four vacancies on the town's Bandstand Committee and he suggested merging that with the Celebration Committee and form one committee. Mr. Phillips would like to see more people come out to volunteer and help the committee with the activities.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to accept the sum of \$2,350 in donations on behalf of the West Boylston Bandstand Committee for the 2012 Summer Concert series

Motion Mr. McCormick to accept the sum of \$2,350 in donations on behalf of the West Boylston Bandstand Committee for the 2012 Summer Concert series, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

2. Review Report from Police Department on new incident at Reservoir Motor Lodge

Mr. Gaumond provided the Board with a report from the West Boylston Police Department dated March 27th, which discusses two issues of illegal activities going on at the Reservoir Motor Lodge. The first is a tattoo business and in Massachusetts you need to have a permit issued by the community to do tattooing and we also had some unreported dog bites. People were bitten by dogs and neither the police nor the Animal Control Officer were notified and the person who was bitten did not get medical treatment.

Mr. Phillips noted a story in the newspaper about a strangulation which occurred at that establishment. He questioned if that will come before the Board. Mr. Gaumond advised that it is an active case and depending on how it plays out, it may come before the Board. Mr. Phillips explained that the Board had a disciplinary hearing last evening and revoked the license at the Reservoir Motor Lodge. He suggested scheduling another hearing for the first meeting in May as he anticipates that the owner of the establishment will appeal the Board's decision and if that is the case, by adding this it is an opportunity to strengthen our case.

Mr. Gaumond expects to know if the decision will be appealed by April 17th as that is the date the license will be revoked. The Board meets on the 18th and one of the items will be a report to the Board on how the closing went or a briefing on dealing with potential litigation. In the event that they appeal this, another disciplinary hearing could very well be helpful in the town's case. Discussion ensued as to the best date for the hearing.

Motion Mr. McCormick to schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, May 30th, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, all in favor.

3. RFQ for On-Call Professional Engineering & Environmental Consulting Services

Mr. Gaumond has gone out to bid for our on-call Engineering Contract as our contract with LEI is coming to a conclusion.

4. Consider designating Board member to participate in review of RFQ for Engineering Services

In the past a member of the Board has participated in this process. Mr. Quist offered to serve.

Motion Mr. McCormick to designate Mr. Quist as the Board's designee to participate in review of RFQ for Engineering Services, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

5. 2012 Yard Waste Recycling Schedule

The new schedule is out and will be posted on the town's website together with Rules and Regulations for using the site.

MEETINGS, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m. dedication of the Gateway Sign on Route 12

Mr. Gaumond reports that our first Welcome to West Boylston sign, a project of the Economic Development Task Force, has been installed and we are in the process of planning for the installation of our second Welcome to West Boylston sign off of I-190 going south on Route 140. He commended the members of the Economic Development Task Force for their efforts. Mr. McCormick thinks the signs look great and asked if flowers or shrubs are needed for a planting underneath them. Mr.

Gaumond explained that the committee is reviewing a policy similar to the Board's Adopt an Island/Square Policy to raise money which will go towards the continuation of the sign program.

2. On Saturday, April 7th we will have our rescheduled Easter Egg Hunt. You need to be pre-registered for this event.

3. Mr. McCormick reports that on April 14th the Boy Scouts will have their annual Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Temple.

SELECTMEN REPORTS

Mr. O'Brien reports that on Saturday he attended the Health Fair held at the school and he commended the Town Administrator and Nancy Lucier for the efforts on the program which he thought was well organized and well attended. It was much more involved than he expected it to be. Mr. McCormick noted that he also attended and concurs with Mr. O'Brien's comments.

Mr. Quist has been made aware of speeding issues on Huntington Highway. Mr. Gaumond will bring advice the Police Department. Mr. Phillips noted that residents have the ability to go onto the West Boylston Police website and input that type of information. Mr. Rucho suggested putting out the trailer pulled speed limit sign.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion Mr. McCormick at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rucho, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: April 18, 2012

Nancy E. Lucier, Municipal Assistant

Allen R. Phillips, Chairman

John J. O'Brien, Vice Chairman

Christopher A. Rucho, Clerk

Kevin M. McCormick, Selectman

Steven R. Quist, Selectman