
Present: John F. Fairbanks, Laila J. Michaud, Joseph E. Flanagan

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Office at Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Ms. Michaud moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2010. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion and proposed an amendment of the minutes to include “Board members agreed to accept Mr. Fairbanks’ offer to vacate his seat on the MUOC.” Ms. Michaud seconded the motion to amend. The amendment and minutes, as amended, were unanimously approved.

Board Members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

May 24, 2010	Accounts Payable #70	\$106,978.41
May 24, 2010	Payroll #71	\$164,348.37

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

Ms. Michaud moved the Board permit John Fairbanks to sign payroll authorization forms for scheduled step increases for two part-time police officers and one dispatcher. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

Old Town Hall

Betsy Hannula and a group of volunteers have offered to paint the bottom half of the front, the columns, and the window boxes of the Old Town Hall. They have also offered to plant and care for the window boxes. Issues of liability were discussed and Karen Murphy will check into this. John Fairbanks moved to authorize a volunteer group organized by Betsy Hannula to paint the front of the Old Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Laila Michaud. The motion passed unanimously.

Graffiti on the side of Old Town Hall was discussed. Ms. Hannula asked that the Spanish American monument be attended to. The Town Hall Reuse Committee was discussed. Mrs. Murphy will inquire of Town Moderator John Bowen as to the membership and status of this committee.

Historical Commission Appointment

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to appoint Roni Beal to the Historical Commission.

Antenna Tower Donation

Chief MacAloney reported that one of the abutters of the Academy Hill Barn was not in favor of locating the antenna there. The Memorial Committee and the Historical Commission would like it to be relocated to the rear of the building. Chief MacAloney noted that this would increase the cost and suggested other locations for the antenna including the Ellis Road water tank, and the Goodridge Drive water tower. DPW will be contacted to determine if they would be interested in having the antenna in one of these locations.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Meet and Greet Action Items

Karen Murphy prepared an action plan from the Board's Meet & Greet session of May 8th. The Board reviewed the action items #1-10, and determined if further action was to be taken. The remaining items will be on the Agenda for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Memorial Committee Appointment

Andy Sears has volunteered to serve on the Memorial Committee as the Planning Board representative. This will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Gazebo Landscaping

The Historical Commission has reviewed the plans and does not have concerns with the improvements including replacing the overgrown shrubs with low maintenance perennials and bushes. Maintenance people will do the work.

NEW BUSINESS

Procurement Policy Revision

The Board of Selectmen determined that it was not necessary to come before the Selectmen for a minor change to the financial policy for purchasing/procurement.

Continuation of Articles

Board members were in receipt of two requests to extend appropriations. Mr. Fairbanks noted that in accordance with town bylaw, articles are in force for three years and may be extended for one year. Mr. Fairbanks made a motion to vote in favor of extending the following articles for one year, Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Special Town Meeting of February 26, 2008
Whitman River Pumping Station / Sewer Upgrade Professional Services

Fall Town Meeting of November 27, 2007
Building and Site Assessment

Wachusett Mountain Rehabilitation Project

Bill Wintturi has offered to attend a Selectmen's meeting to update Board members on this project.

Controlled Substances

Don Barry, the Board of Health, and the Police are working together to coordinate a Medication Take-Back policy.

Building Commissioner Position

The Building Commissioner Search Committee has identified two finalists for consideration. Some members of the Committee want to change direction and explore other options including hiring a part-time commissioner or regionalizing the department to include an overall land use department. A motion was made by John Fairbanks and seconded by Joe Flanagan to disband the Building Commissioner Search Committee and to form a new committee to study the organization of the various Land Use departments. The motion carried.

Memorial Committee

Board members were in agreement that the Memorial Committee would be asked to pursue the creation of a Memorial Garden on the same site as the Azarian Barn on Academy Hill Road. It was noted that there is currently no funding in place for this project and any plans or work to be performed would have to be on a volunteer basis at this time.

8:25 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board meet in executive session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. It was noted that the Board would adjourn directly from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Flanagan, Clerk
(Prepared by S. Kalagher)

