

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Working Session
Minutes of March 19, 2010

Chairman Martha Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:37AM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Martha Morrison were Richard Gandt, Nancy Luther, Karen Dow and Laura Powers. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder and Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Other persons present during all or part of the meeting were Ken Vogel, Masconomet School Committee member and Roberta Knight, Procurement Officer.

World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour: Selectman Powers made a motion to participate in World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour on March 27th by turning off the Town Hall lights at 8:30PM, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 5-0.

2010 Warrant: Chairman Morrison requested that Ms. Wilder have the Warrant reviewed by a grammarian to finalize that portion of the document and requested that the changes made be accepted by the Board.

The Board then discussed the Warrant Articles:

On Article 20th, Fire Department Defibrillator, there was discussion regarding the age of the present defibrillator (8 years old) and the life expectancy of a defibrillator (3-5 years). Further details were requested before final decision can be made.

Masconomet Budget Discussion: Selectman Gandt gave an update on the Masco budget certification meeting that was held on March 17th. Selectman Gandt noted that there was good representation from all three towns including Finance Committees and Boards of Selectmen. The message from the Masco School Committee was that any further reduction in funding would materially effect the education at Masconomet Regional School District. Mr. Vogel spoke to the expected 5% reduction of state aid in an amount of \$88,000. Chairman Morrison stated that it would be helpful for the citizens to have a list of those programs that would be eliminated in the event the budget didn't pass.

(continued) 2010 Warrant:

Article 17th Finance Team System Upgrade– Roberta Knight discussed the importance of this article and the probability of moving the expense of this article to the operating budget of Town Hall, the Board agreed.

Article 25th Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund-clarification was provided that no funding is required at this time.

Article 26th Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District – Ms. Wilder will contact the Superintendent to see if the wording should be updated to reflect the current acceptance by greater than 75%.

Article 27th Wetlands General Bylaw– it was asked to reference the chapter number in Roman verses Arabic numerals.

Article 39th Non-Criminal Disposition for the Board of Health - it was asked that the entire article be moved closer to the other non-criminal disposition articles (28th, 29th & 30th).

Article 35th Sale of Town Property – Ms. Wilder and Selectman Gandt are working on the language.

Article 38th Police Liability Reduction Training – Ms. Wilder and Selectman Luther will re-visit the article with the Police Chief and obtain quantifying information from MIIA on the benefit of the training.

Article 36th & 37th Re-certification for Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property Real Estate – Selectman Powers is obtaining further clarifying information from the Finance Committee.

Article 39th Non-Criminal Disposition-Board of Health – Chairman Morrison has stated that the violations have changed from a 4 to 3 tier format.

Article 40th Town Facilities for Solar Energy Projects – It was stated the Elementary Schools are interested and that other available town buildings should be also be considered. Selectman Gandt stated he is not in favor of the passage of the article.

Article 41st Bylaw for Stormwater Discharge – Chairman Morrison is assisting on the wording of the article with research obtained from other communities.

Beach Association: Selectman Gandt stated that the Beach Association is seeking a decision of the Board in reference to the insurance and the possibility of the Recreation Committee/Park & Cemetery Commission taking over the responsibility. Selectman Powers, a member of the Recreation Committee, noted that emails have been exchanged regarding the process which they follow in running programs. Answers had been provided to the Beach Association regarding CORI, payroll and other administrative items. Selectman Powers did say that the Recreation Committee by law cannot perform the CORI checks for the Beach Association as they are not the employer. It was noted that the beach is within the Town Forrest, and therefore is under the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Wilder noted that she is waiting for the license language from Town Counsel. Selectman Gandt introduced the possibility of a Warrant Article for this Town Meeting; other Selectman thought that the timing was too rushed, as the Warrant is closed and goes to print in 10 days.

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of \$ 1,152,058.20. The breakdown is as follows:

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| Warrant #FY10: | |
| 73T | \$ 79,198.91 |
| 73School | \$ 193,536.15 |
| 74 | \$ 879,323.14 |

At 9:52AM, Selectmen Powers made a motion to adjourn and Selectman Luther seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen’s Office

Approved as written at the May 24, 2010 Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

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