

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of April 14, 2008

Chairman McArdle called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman McArdle were Richard Gandt, Steve Clark, Richard Carlson and Boyd Jackson. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder, and Board Secretary Donna Rich, were in attendance. Other persons present were Jane Schraffa and Evelyn Hammond of the Topsfield Cable, Brendan Lewis of the Tri-Town Transcript, Paul Burke, Chairman EXPO 2008 and Joe Geller, Chairman Rail Trail Committee.

Announcements: Chairman McArdle announced the following:

- Results of the winners from the exit survey drawing from the 2008 EXPO (see attached for winners).
- League of Women Voters is holding Candidate Night on April 16, 2008 to begin at 7:30 PM at the Proctor School Library
- Town Clean-Up is scheduled rain or shine to be held April 26, 2008 from 8AM to 12 noon. Check-in is at Town Hall and you are encouraged to adopt a street or neighborhood; supplies will be provided.
- The Water Department is sending out a flyer explaining what citizens need to know regarding the Water Use Restriction Bylaw that is in the 2008 Warrant.

Selectmen Minutes: Selectman Gandt made the motion to accept the minutes as written of March 31, 2008; seconded by Selectman Jackson; so voted 5-0. Selectman Gandt made the motion to accept the minutes as written of the Working Session of April 2, 2008, seconded by Selectman Jackson; so voted 5-0. Selectman Gandt made the motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Session of the Working Session of April 2, 2008 and to hold until all matters are resolved, seconded by Selectman Jackson; so voted 5-0.

GENERAL BUISINESS

Old Business

Special Olympics Ride with the Champions: Selectman Gandt made a motion to approve the Special Olympics 2008 Ride with the Champions, Saturday, September 13, 2008 with the start and finish to be at the Fair Grounds, seconded by Selectman Carlson; so voted 5-0.

New Buisness

Appointment of Bob Morgan to the Rail Trail: Selectman Carlson made a motion to table the appointment of Bob Morgan at this time, seconded by Selectman Clark; so voted 4-1, Chairman McArdle abstained.

Fire Station Exterior Window Replacement Project: Selectman Gandt made the motion to award the contract for the Fire Station Exterior Window Replacement Project to Northeastern Commercial Services of Pittsfield, MA in the amount not to exceed \$10,300, seconded by Selectman Jackson; so voted 5-0.

CROP Walk: Selectman Gandt made the motion to approve a CROP Walk, hosted by Trinity Church, on October 26, 2008 beginning at 1PM and to follow a 3-mile loop starting and ending at Trinity Church, seconded by Selectman Clark; so voted 5-0.

Insurance Committee Resignation: Dale Johnson has tendered his resignation as a member of the Insurance Committee effective April 1, 2008.

BOS Meetings Scheduled: It was unanimously agreed to keep the meeting schedule as it stands and to hold the annual re-organization of the “new” Board until the May 27, 2008 meeting when Selectman Jackson will be present.

Town Administrator’s Report:

Please see attached report.

Correspondence & Reports

Correspondence

- Underwater bridge inspection reports from MA Highway for Rowley Bridge St, Salem Rd and Asbury St, all over the Ipswich River, have been received.
- An anonymous letter has been received regarding the sanitary conditions at a local hair salon.
- CNI-Bob Morgan has sent a letter to the Editor of the Tri-Town Transcript.
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council has sent information regarding electing procedures for municipal seats on the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
- Main Street Foundation is looking for feedback, via an exhibitor exit survey, on EXPO 2008.
- CNI member James Callahan has submitted perfecting language for their Rail Trail Article that is in the Warrant and supporting estimated costs related to the Trail.
- A letter was received from Stand Together Act Responsibly regarding Governor Patrick’s lack of funding for the PILOT program for state-owned land.

Reports

Board of Assessors has submitted minutes of March 14, 2008.

Conservation Commission: memo releasing funds remaining in the Dunkin Donut account, letter regarding the enforcement order on 102 River Rd to the Esposito’s, memo to the Commissioners from the Administrator explaining the 2008 Warrant articles as they relate to the ConsCom, Order of Conditions for 7 Birch Lane, Extension of Order of Conditions for Ipswich Rd Rehabilitation Town Project, minutes of Dec. 12, 2007 and monthly report of March 2008.

Fire Department has submitted monthly report of March 2008.

Open Space Committee has submitted minutes of December 17, 2007.

Police Department has submitted monthly report of March 2008.

Rail Trail Committee has submitted minutes of January 21, 2008.

School Committee has submitted minutes of February 27 and March 6, 2008.

Treasurer/Collector has submitted monthly report of March 2008.

Town Accountant has submitted monthly report of March 2008.

Selectman Gandt addressed the citizens and thanked them for returning the Surface & Groundwater Survey. There have been roughly 270 returned representing 15% of the population. If you hadn’t received the survey you are asked to contact the BOS office and they will provide a copy of it. Selectman Gandt addressed the citizens to inform them that the 2008 Warrant will be in the mail April 25 and went on explain the types of articles that are contained in the Warrant (list attached). Selectman Jackson stated the importance of the Warrant and attendance at the Annual Meeting to be held on May 6, 2008.

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of \$ 280,672.73 . The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant #FY08:	
083T	\$ 78,608.32
084	\$ 202,064.41

At 8:15PM, Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn, Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as written at the April 28, 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting.