

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Proctor School Library
Minutes of April 29, 2013

Chairman Eldon Goodhue called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Board members present, in addition to Chairman Goodhue, were Martha Morrison, Dick Gandt, Laura Powers and Ken Vogel. 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 Topsfield Cable representative Joel Richardson, Memorial/Veterans Day Committee Chairman Alan Grenier, Rail Trail Chairman Joe Geller along with four senior interns from Masconomet Regional High School Scott Gilfeather, Simon Tardiff, Marco Caserta and Nick Migliaccio and Giusti, Hingston and Company Richard Hingston, and Town Accountant Pam Wood.

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Business

Memorial Day Parade: Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve a parade permit to the Memorial/Veterans Day Committee for The annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2013, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Selectman Morrison expressed her thanks to the Faithworks Group for sponsoring the Town Clean-Up that took place on Saturday, April 27th.

Selectman Gandt reminded residents that the Town Election would be held on April 30th at St. Rose Church on Park Street, along with the State Primary.

Selectman Powers announced that on May 2nd Topsfield Ladies Night second annual Spring Fling would be held downtown from 6PM-9PM. This is an opportunity for the Ladies to support the downtown stores, that would remain open until 9PM.

Selectman Vogel reminded citizens that the Town Meeting would be May 7th at Proctor School beginning at 7PM. Please remember to bring a copy of the Warrant that was delivered last week to the meeting.

Selectman Powers announced that Summer Camp enrollment is now open for children entering 1-7th Grade in the Fall of 2013. The form can be found at www.topsfieldrecreation.org and on the Town website as well.

Selectman Morrison announced that the Topsfield Boy Scout Troop 81 would have its annual Mother's Day Flower, Shrub and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the Topsfield Common. The rain location will be upstairs in the Emerson building.

Donations will be gladly accepted on Saturday, May 4th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Emerson Center. Please no car seats, tires, skis, exercise equipment, suitcases, computer/electronic equipment, gas grills, stuffed animals, encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines.

Selectman Gandt reported that the annual Metal and White goods pickup would be May 15, 16 and 17. Place household metals such as stoves, dishwashers, etc. at curbside by 7AM for pickup. No stickers are required for items. If you have an item containing Freon, please call 978-887-1500 to register the item prior to pick-up.

Selectman Morrison announced that there would be a special concert 350th Celebration in Words and Music concert to be held on May 19th at 5PM at the Congregational Church Meetinghouse.

Selectman Gandt reported that the Board of Selectmen would be meeting Wednesday, May 1st at 4PM with legal counsel to obtain a better understanding of the new laws associated with alcohol and also on May 2nd to have a site walk at 10:30 at 362 Boston Street in preparation for the transfer of the property.

APPOINTMENT:

7:40PM Giusti, Hingston and Company - Richard Hingston provided a review of the Town Audit his firm conducted. Mr. Hingston distributed a summary of an Act providing retiree healthcare benefits reform House Bill 59 that is pending in the Legislature. Mr. Hingston reviewed the Town's Health Insurance for Retirees, Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund and Snow and Ice Expenditures. The Town's free cash was briefly discussed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Business (continued)

Rail Trail: Selectman Gandt made a motion to approve and sign a license, "Access Agreement Entry Permit" and for the chairman to sign the cover letter with National Grid for the use of the 2 mile utility corridor from Washington St. to the Boxford town line which would be used as a recreational trail, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0. Selectman Powers asked if Kopelman & Paige PC had reviewed the documents, and it was reported that they had been involved since the beginning. Joe Geller introduced the four senior interns from Masconomet Regional High School Scott Gilfeather, Simon Tardiff, Marco Caserta and Nick Migliaccio and explained what tasks they would be responsible for during their internship tenure. Joe then reviewed the area of the trail and what could be expected over the next few months.

Old Business

Police Chief Contract: Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve a contract for the Chief of Police Evan Haglund for a term of one year from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014 which includes language relative to MGL chapter 41 section 108L included, seconded by Selectman Vogel; so voted: 5-0.

New Business (continued)

120 Hill Street-Lot 2: Selectman Morrison made a motion to not exercise the option to purchase the land at 120 Hill Street-Lot 2 under MA General Law Chapter 61A, Section 14 and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Selectman Vogel; so voted: 5-0.

Camp Banner: Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary to hang a banner promoting the summer camp program from May 28th thru June 7th, seconded by Selectman Vogel; so voted: 5-0.

Masco Scholarship Committee: Selectman Vogel made a motion to appoint Paula Burke to the Masconomet Scholarship Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2013, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0.

Town Administrator's Report:

- 281 Rowley Bridge Road Unit 15-Selectman Gandt made a motion to accept the research of DHCD Local Initiative Program certifying Robert Kanter as the eligible purchaser of Unit 15 at Amberwood Condominium and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted: 5-0.
- Attended a MAPC meeting with Roberta Knight relative to the casinos at Suffolk Downs and a slot machine facility in Danvers and reviewed information provided.

Minutes

Selectman Powers made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Working Session of March 25, 2013, as written, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted 5-0.

Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 1, 2013, as amended, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 5-0.

Selectman Powers made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Executive Session of April 1, 2013 as written and to hold until all matters are resolved, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted 5-0.

Correspondence & Reports

Reports

North Shore Vocational School submitted minutes of February 14th and an agenda of April 11.

Invitation

The Board is invited to SeniorCare's, Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event to be held on May 23rd between 2-4PM at the Danversport Yacht Club.

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of \$ **114,392.46**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant FY13:	
087T	\$ 84,469.74
088	\$ 29,922.72

At 8:53 PM, Selectmen Morrison made a motion to adjourn and Selectman Vogel seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as written at the May 13, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Per the Open Meeting Law, the documents that were either distributed to the BOS before the meeting in a packet, or at the meeting were:

1. Agenda
2. Police Chief contract document
3. Preliminary BOS Minutes – 3/25/13, 4/1/13, executive session 4/1/13.
4. 120 Hill Street Lot 2 documents
5. Memorial Day Parade Permit request
6. Camp Banner Request
7. Rail Trail National Grid Agreement documents

8. Masconomet Scholarship Committee Appointment request
9. NS Vocational School minutes and agenda
10. Senior Care Tea Invitation
11. Summary of House Bill 59 submitted by the Town Auditor
12. Sale of Unit 15 at 281 Rowley Bridge Road documents

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.