

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Working Session
Minutes of June 2, 2011

Chairman Laura Powers called the meeting to order at 4:04PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman Powers, were Martha Morrison, Dick Gandt, Eldon Goodhue 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 resident Jeanine Cunniff, Renewable Energy Green Communities Committee Chairman George Hall and member Bob Winship.

Dog Hearing: The Dog Hearing details were reviewed. It was noted that there were no complainants at the Hearing to validate the events leading to the hearing described. Selectman Gandt made a motion to accept the facts and recommendation of the Board of Selectmen sub-committee for the two (2) dogs residing at 4 Coventry Lane, seconded by Selectman Vogel; so voted: 5-0.

Parson Capen Preservation Project: The Board agreed that Selectman Gandt would have a conversation with Historical Society President Norm Isler regarding the request to waive the Inspectional fees for the project.

Green Communities Application: Selectman Morrison stated that the Board needs to adopt the Energy Reduction Plan and Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy at the June 6th meeting in order for the Green Communities Application to be submitted by the June 10th deadline. Renewable Energy Green Communities Committee Chairman George Hall and member Bob Winship were present to answer any outstanding question the Board may have in order to expedite adoption of the Plan and Policy on Monday night. Chairman Powers, and Selectmen Vogel and Goodhue had just received the documents and did not have an opportunity to review them prior to the meeting. George Hall went through the Energy Reduction Plan, noting that editing would occur over the next few days and they should expect a revised Plan to be sent over the weekend for final review and approval at the June 6th meeting. The primary goal on the application was to display a 20% reduction in energy, which Renewable Energy Green Communities Committee Chairman George Hall is confident the application demonstrates.

Selectman Gandt made a motion to notify MAPC that the Town of Topsfield is interested in the development of a contract that could be used by the town to engage an "energy services company" (ESCO), seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted: 4-1. Selectman Goodhue abstained due to insufficient knowledge of the topic.

At 5:47PM Selectmen Morrison made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss union contract negotiations; seconded by Selectman Goodhue. In a roll call vote, a yes vote was recorded for Chairman Powers, Selectman Morrison, Selectman Gandt, Selectman Goodhue and Selectman Vogel. The Board would return to open session.

At 6:14PM the Board returned to Open Session.

CLURPA: Selectman Morrison led a general conversation concerning the state's proposed CLURPA legislation. The Board agreed that a joint letter with the Planning Board should be drafted and sent to the legislature's "Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government".

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of \$ **419,878.14**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant #FY11:	
97T	\$ 79,442.01
97School	\$ 221,321.90
98	\$ 119,114.23

At 6:26 PM, Selectmen Goodhue made a motion to adjourn and Selectman Morrison seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as amended at the July 5, 2011 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

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