

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of August 16, 2010

Chairman Dick Gandt called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Board members present, in addition to Chairman Gandt, were Martha Morrison, Nancy Luther, Eldon Goodhue 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 Topsfield Cable Evelyn Hammond and Walter Harmer, Tri-Town Transcript Brendan Lewis

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Gandt announced that the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss the Police Union Contract and would not return to Open Session.

Chairman Gandt announced information regarding the upcoming primary election to be held on September 14th at St Rose Church on Park Street.

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Business

Warrant for State Primary: Selectman Luther made a motion to approve the Warrant for the State Primary which would be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at St. Rose Church from 7AM to 8PM, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0.

Bicycle Race-August 28th : Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve the sixth annual Topsfield Circuit Bicycle Race scheduled for August 28th from 8AM to 1PM, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0.

Reserve Police Appointment: Selectman Luther made a motion to appoint Auxiliary officer David Castellarin to Reserve Officer effective Thursday, August 19, 2010 to expire June 30, 2011, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted: 5-0.

Sunday Licenses for the Fair: 1) Selectman Luther made a motion to approve Dean & Flynn, Inc D/B/A Fiesta Shows request for 36 Amusement Rides Licenses on two Sundays, October 3rd and 10th at the Topsfield Fair Grounds during the Topsfield Fair between the hours of 1PM-11PM, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted: 5-0.

2) Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve Dean & Flynn, Inc D/B/A Fiesta Shows request for 77 Amusement Games Licenses on two Sundays, October 3rd and 10th at the Topsfield Fair Grounds during the Topsfield Fair between the hours of 1PM-11PM, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 5-0.

Scleroderma Foundation Banner Request: Selectman Luther made a motion to approve a banner to be placed between Proctor School and Town Hall for the 6th Annual Walk-A-Thon to Cure Scleroderma from September 2nd thru the 13th, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 5-0.

MMA Statewide Essay Contest for 6th Graders: Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve giving the Massachusetts Municipal Association permission to invite the 6th graders at Proctor School the opportunity to enter into the 5th annual MMA Essay Contest and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 5-0.

Liaison Reports

Selectman Morrison reported that the revised draft of the Open Space Plan is posted on the website under the 2004 Open Space Plan.

Selectman Powers, as a member of the Recreation Committee, thanked all those families that attended the Summer Celebration Camp.

Selectman Luther announced that the Council on Aging will be holding its annual barbeque picnic August 31st at the Bee Building between 11:30 AM and 02:30 PM. RSVP's are requested by August 23rd.

Chairman Gandt provided an update on the Rail Trail project. Phase I from Washington Street to Summer Street is complete. The Rail Trail Committee is beginning construction of Phase II, which extends from Summer Street to Route 1, and will continue with Phase III, which extends from Route 1 to the Wenham town line.

Correspondence & Reports

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Herbicide Update: The Rail Trail needed to change the herbicide to treat the invasive species, Japanese Knotweed.

Fire Department Appointments: The Fire Chief has sent a list of personnel changes.

Thanks from Dr. Lockwood: Superintendent Darrell Lockwood sent a note of thanks for allowing him to speak at the August 2nd Meeting.

NRT Buses to park at Fair Grounds: The Zoning Board of Appeals has rendered a Decision regarding the NRT Bus Inc parking and refueling of buses at 207 Boston Street.

Invitation:

Council on Aging Barbeque & Picnic will be held on August 31st at the Bee Building between 11:30AM-2:30PM.

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of **\$189,227.16**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant FY11:	
015T	\$ 92,928.12
016	\$ 96,299.04

At 7:45 PM, Selectmen Powers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Police Union contract; seconded by Selectman Morrison. In a roll call vote, a yes vote was recorded for Chairman Gandt, Selectman Morrison, Selectman Luther, Selectman Goodhue and Selectman Powers. The Board would not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as written at the September 13, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

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.