

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of August 19, 2010

Chairman Dick Gandt called the meeting to order at 4:00PM. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Board will go into Executive Session at the end of regular session to discuss the Police Union Contract and will not return to Open Session

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Business

Chairman Gandt explained the purpose of the meeting was to approve and award four (4) contracts for Phase II of the Topsfield Linear Common. Chairman Gandt expressed his appreciation for the effort that was put into making these contracts for the Board's approval today.

Route 1 North toward Summer Street: Selectman Luther made a motion to approve K&R Construction of Boxford, MA for construction of drainage ditches and removal of excess topsoil on the Topsfield Linear Common from Route 1 going north for 1,000 feet in the amount of \$4,000, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 4-0-1. Selectman Goodhue abstained.

Summer Street going South toward Route 1: Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve K&R Construction of Boxford, MA for construction of drainage ditches and removal of excess topsoil from Summer St going south 1,000 feet towards Route 1 in the amount of \$3,800, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 4-0-1. Selectman Goodhue abstained.

Knotweed Removal: Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve Northern Tree Services of Athol, MA to apply herbicides along the Topsfield Linear Common to remove knotweed in the amount not to exceed \$2,000, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 4-0-1. Selectman Goodhue abstained.

Wetland Scientist Required: Selectman Powers made a motion to approve Wetlands & Land Management, Inc, of Danvers MA for wetland scientist services as required by the Conservation Commission for development of the Topsfield Linear Common from Summer St to the Wenham Town line in that amount not to exceed \$6,000, seconded by Selectman Luther; so voted: 4-0-1. Selectman Goodhue abstained.

At 4:40 PM, Selectmen Powers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Police Union contract; Selectman Morrison seconded the motion. 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.

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