

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of August 30, 2010

Chairman Dick Gandt called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Board members present, in addition to Chairman Gandt, were Martha Morrison, Eldon Goodhue and Laura Powers. Nancy Luther was absent. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Gandt announced that the Board would go into Executive Session at the end of regular session to discuss the Police Union Contract and would not return to Open Session.

Selectman Morrison informed the citizens that Conservation Commissioner Jennie Merrill had revised the guidelines related to living with beavers in Topsfield and they have been posted on the Town's website.

Selectman Powers informed the citizens that the last Concert on The Commons Series featuring the Renowns was video taped by Walter Harmer and will be re-broadcasted on the local cable television channel in the near future.

Chairman Gandt informed the citizens that the Board met August 19th to approve several contracts related to Phase II of the Rail Trail construction and that the Board will meet on September 8th to continue discussion on setting of FY11 Goals.

Chairman Gandt announced that the Police Department will be sponsoring Movie on the Commons scheduled for September 18th and will feature "Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel". The movie will begin when darkness falls.

Selectman Powers announced that the August 22nd Concert on the Commons Series was rained out and the band agreed to re-schedule for September 12th, between 4PM-6PM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Business

Fall Foliage Classic Road Race: 1) Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve the Rotary Club's 31st annual Fall Foliage Classic Road Race to be held on October 17th with event activities starting at Proctor School, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 4-0.

2) Selectman Morrison made a motion to approve a banner to be erected October 7th – 17th in the area between Proctor School and Town Hall for the Rotary Club's 31st Annual Fall Foliage Classic Road Race, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 4-0.

United Nations Day Proclamation: Chairman Gandt read the United Nations Day Proclamation. Selectman Morrison made a motion to proclaim October 24th as United Nations Day and for the Chairman to sign, seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted: 4-0.

Bituminous Concrete Contract Amendment: Selectman Powers made a motion to approve and sign a Contract Amendment #1 with Aggregate Industries Inc. in the amount of \$200,000.00 to fund the Highway Department Road program for FY11, seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted: 4-0.

Liaison Reports

Open Space: Selectman Morrison reminds committees that their comments regarding the Open Space Plan are due by September 15th.

Masco Walk-Thru: Selectman Powers reminded members of the Masconomet High School Walk-Thru to be held on Wednesday, September 1st beginning at 6PM.

Town Administrator’s Report:

- Emerson Lease Update
- Sale of Town Property Update
- Finance Team computers Update
- Goal Setting for FY2011 Update
- Draft of 2011 Town Meeting Warrant Development Schedule distributed for comment

Selectmen Minutes:

- Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 27, 2010 as amended; seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 3-0. Selectman Goodhue abstained.
- Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 31, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 3-0. Selectman Goodhue abstained.
- Selectman Powers made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee of May 4, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted 3-0. Selectman Goodhue abstained.
- Selectman Goodhue made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 10, 2010 as amended; seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 4-0.
- Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 17, 2010 as amended; seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 4-0. .
- Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 21, 2010 as amended; seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 4-0.
- Selectman Powers made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 6, 2010 as amended; seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted 4-0.
- Selectman Powers made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 13, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Morrison; so voted 4-0.
- Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 15, 2010 as amended; seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 4-0.
- Selectman Morrison made a motion to accept the Executive Session Minutes of July 15, 2010 as amended; seconded by Selectman Powers; so voted 4-0.

Correspondence & Reports

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A letter was received regarding a dog being left in a car in extreme heat conditions and the owner seeing it somewhat differently.

Department of Environmental Protection has extended the permit expiration date to February 4, 2011 for the Water Withdrawal Permit.

Orlando & Elizabeth Lopez have sent a letter requesting a meeting to discuss potential conversion of their property to 40B housing.

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of \$ **129,362.12**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant FY11:	
019T	\$ 76,529.95
020	\$ 52,832.17

At 8:04 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 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 27, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

<p>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.</p>
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