

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 22, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Patuto with all Selectman present.

Chairman Patuto held a moment of silence for the armed forces and for the service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Chairman Patuto stated that this evening was Selectman Rollins' last meeting. T. A. Mercier and the BOS thanked her for her six years of dedication to the Town. Selectman Rollins said she became involved because she thought she could make a difference. She will continue to be involved and urged residents to get involved. She thanked her family, residents, the business community, and the Administration at both the Town and School. Fire Chief Callahan, DPW Superintendent Sanchez, Police Chief Kent, Tom Murphy, Kevin McKelvey and Paul Raymond all thanked her and wished her luck in her future endeavors.

CITIZENS' TIME:

Resident Greg Smith thanked Selectman DiTucci for coming to his house concerning a flooding issue. He also welcomed the new Police Chief to Burlington.

Resident Howie Strahan of Muller Road came before the BOS with an ongoing problem since 2007. NSTAR has been cutting down trees on conservation land and leaving the debris. He asked T.A. Mercier to put some pressure on NSTAR to remove the debris and to request they replant some trees before the summer months.

Residents Julie Warren and Callie McCauley came before the BOS concerning Burlington's Old Burial Ground. They noticed that the flags were snapped in half, there was trash on the ground and an American Flag hanging by one hinge. They would like to form a group to clean it once a year.

Sam Matorano requested the BOS to take issue on the health insurance pertaining to collective bargaining and non union. He requested the board issue a statement against the decision of the State. Selectman Patuto said at this time the BOS will not make a statement on any State Law or Court settlement of the U.S.A.

052: APPROVAL: Appointments/Personnel:
Firefighter/Jason Hughes

T.A. Mercier put forth the name of Jason Hughes to Firefighter. Selectman Zenkin moved to waive the 15 day waiting period. Seconded by Selectman DiTucci and unanimously voted. (5-0)

053: PRESENTATION: Powers & Sullivan/Certified Public Accountants
Town Reports

Dick Sullivan and Dennis Kohane of Powers & Sullivan presented to the BOS the financial statements. Dick Sullivan said the results were better than expected. The revenues came in better and the expenses were a little less than anticipated. The general fund balance is \$11.2 million and the stabilization balance is \$3.8 million. The Town had decent performance in 2009 and the revenue and expenses were consistent. No reserves were needed. The Management Letter contained 15 comments in the prior year and 10 have been resolved. There are five new comments. They recommended better reporting on the School Lunch Program, better control on the vending, cross training employees, monthly reconciliations, and an actuarial to be completed every two years.

054: APPROVAL: All Alcohol License/Change of Manager
Romano's Macaroni Grill @ 50 South Avenue

Jennifer Broderick was present representing Romano's Macaroni Grill. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the All Alcohol License/Change of Manager/Romano's Macaroni Grill @ 50 South Avenue. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

055: VOTE: Oracle Name Change/TIF

Selectman DiTucci moved to approve the Oracle Name Change/TIF to Oracle USA, Inc. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

056: APPROVAL: Friends of the Burlington Landlocked Forest
Trail Maintenance

Martha Simon came before the BOS requesting permission to do some trail maintenance and to construct some boardwalks at the Landlocked Forest to make the forest more easily usable by Burlington residents. She said they are looking into private funding and grants to help fund the projects. Selectman DiTucci said this is similar to what the Conservation Commission has been doing at different conservation areas. Selectman Zenkin said he has spoken with John Keeley of Conservation Commission and he is aware of what is going on. Selectman Gianino moved to approve the Friends of the Burlington Landlocked Forest Trail Maintenance. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

057: APPROVAL: Curbcut Alterations/Northwest Park

Attorney Bob Buckley, Todd Freemont Smith and Frank DiPietro were present representing Northwest Park. Nordblom Company obtained a curbcut permit from the BOS in October. Since that time they have made some alterations to the roadway including installing a conduit. Selectman DiTucci moved to approve the Curbcut Alterations/Northwest Park including the conduit. Seconded by Selectman Rollins and unanimously voted. (5-0)

058: APPROVAL: Budgets:
Fire Department Police Department
Management Information Systems Sealer of Weights and Measures

Selectman Gianino moved to approve the Fire Department budget at \$5,719,698 with a 3% increase. Seconded by Selectman Rollins and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Selectman Zenkin moved to approve the Police Department budget at \$6,511,692 with a 1% increase. Seconded by Selectman DiTucci and unanimously voted. (5-0)

T.A. Mercier said they are introducing a new initiative of combined purchasing with the School Department. Selectman Gianino moved to approve the Management Information Systems budget at \$282,409 with a 7% increase. Seconded by Selectman Rollins and unanimously voted. (5-0)

T.A. Mercier is working with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on moving the Sealer of Weights and measures position to the State. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the Sealer of Weights and Measurers budget at \$9,300 with a decrease of 4.26%. Seconded by Selectman DiTucci and unanimously voted. (5-0)

059: APPROVAL: Minutes
January 4, 2010

Selectman Rollins moved to approve the Minutes of January 4, 2010. Seconded by Selectman Gianino with Selectman DiTucci, Selectman Patuto, Selectman Rollins and Selectman Gianino voting in favor and Selectman Zenkin abstaining. (4-0-1)

060: VOTE: Recycling Containers/Parks

DPW Superintendent John Sanchez, Recreation Director Don Lorinovich and Gretchen Carey of the Recycling Committee came before the BOS proposing the Board approve the purchase of recycling containers to be used at all the parks and fields using the funds received from the paper rebates. The paper rebates have generated \$17,000. The Parks Department agreed to install and maintain the new baskets and to dispose of the bottles in a proper manner. Selectman Rollins moved to approve \$17,000 to purchase Recycling Containers for Parks at the Town of Burlington. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

061: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Selectman Rollins said the Grandview Advisory Committee will meet this Wednesday at 7:00pm. They are looking to hold a fundraiser on October 1, 2010. She said the Titanic was fantastic and she congratulated the BHS Music Department.

Selectman Gianino thanked the firefighters and other public sectors of the community for their help for the last storm. T.A. Mercier, Assistant T.A. Hickey, Chief Callahan and Selectman Gianino came to the conclusion that it is not economically feasible to move forward with a new public safety building at this time. They will begin to look forward at the existing site. Selectman Gianino, T.A. Mercier, Doug Gillingham, and Don Lorinovich will be going to the City of Boston to continue dialogue on the development of fields. Selectman Gianino moved that the Board of Selectmen support the continued dialogue with the City of Boston concerning the use of a portion of the Cummings property for Recreational fields with the expectation that a license agreement with the trustee will be in place by the end of June 2010. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Selectman DiTucci said the DPW was very visible during all the rain. He said the BOS will do what they can to help the residents get rid of the trash from the damage. He read a letter to T.A. Mercier from Walt DeCoste thanking Paul Cauldwell and the staff at the cemetery division for handling his wife's burial. The Food Pantry will be having a drive on Election Day. They are in need of non perishable and monetary donations.

Selectman Zenkin had a walk through at Grandview with the contractors last Friday. They are working on Phase III of the design. He attended the Dare Graduation

062: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

He is working with the Chairman and Selectman Gianino to coordinate a meeting with Lahey Clinic. The increase in meals tax will go into effect on April 1, 2010. The funding for the Memorial School groundbreaking appears to be in good shape. He thanked Selectman Rollins for being a professional, boss and true friend.

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063: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The COA will be hosting The Senior Olympics in the spring. He attended the Dare Graduation at Pine Glen School with Selectman Rollins. The Green Committee received a notice from the Federal Government to see if we qualify for funding. He received a letter from the Chancellor at UMASS Amherst thanking new Police Chief Kent, who was on the Amherst Police Department, and commented on how lucky the Town is to have him.

Selectman Rollins moved the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Nichols
Recording Secretary