

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 23, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Rollins with all Selectmen present.

CITIZENS' TIME:

Ernie Zabolotny and Paul Raymond came before the BOS to discuss the Burlington Renewal Energy Program. Mr. Zabolotny said there is \$177,000,000 available and the Department of Energy released a plan on how to distribute the money. Chairman Rollins recommended they speak with Selectmen Patuto and Zenkin who are on the Alternative Energy Committee.

Chairman Rollins said it was a pleasure attending the State House last week for the awards ceremony of the E-Government Award with Distinction Burlington received. There were 118 communities that received the award and 49 that received it with Distinction. She thanked all the boards that were involved.

435: APPROVAL: Appointments:  
Conservation Commission  
Burlington Scholarship Foundation Committee  
Cultural Council

Town Administrator Mercier put for the name of Anne McNamara to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Gianino moved to waive the fifteen day waiting period. Seconded by Selectman Fay and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Town Administrator Mercier put for the name of Amy Warfield to the Burlington Scholarship Foundation Committee. Selectman Patuto moved to waive the fifteen day waiting period. Seconded by Selectman Fay and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Town Administrator Mercier put for the name of Dana Berlow Belliveau to the Cultural Council. Selectman Fay moved to waive the fifteen day waiting period. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

436: APPROVAL: Walk-A-Thon/Town Common  
Marshall Simonds Middle School/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Marshall Simonds Middle School eighth grade teacher Ms. Cheryl Mantia and nine of her students came before the BOS requesting permission to hold a Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and to hold an event on the Town Common after the walk. The donations will benefit Riverside Community Care of Wakefield. They are looking to use the same route the BEF used. Selectman Patuto moved to approve the use of the Town Common contingent on the approval of the Board of Health and the Recreation Department. Seconded by Selectman Fay and unanimously voted. (5-0)

437: APPROVAL: Ambulance Bills

Fire Chief Lee Callahan came before the BOS requesting they consider writing off bills through December 31, 2006. Once a bill goes unpaid for a period of time it is very unlikely that a payment will ever be made. If a bill is paid, payment will be applied to the proper account. Selectman Gianino moved to approve to write off all bills prior to December 31, 2006. Seconded by Selectman Patuto and unanimously voted. (5-0)

438: APPROVAL: Landlocked Parcel Trail System

Martha Simon came before the BOS seeking approval to mark the trails on the landlocked parcel. There are 13 miles of trails. She said she has volunteers who are willing to mark the trails and color code them. She said the ultimate goal is to list trail lengths on markers or signs. Selectman Gianino suggested she work with the Conservation Commission for uniformity. Selectman Rollins requested she touch base with the Police and Fire Departments. She said she will work with the Conservation Commission and come back to the BOS with a plan.

439: APPROVAL: Budgets/Human Resources

Selectman Patuto moved to approve the Human Resources budget at \$67,897 with a 2.77% decrease. Seconded by Selectman Fay and unanimously voted. (5-0)

440: VOTE: Cable License

Selectman Patuto moved to extend the cable television license term to RCN. Seconded by Selectman Fay and unanimously voted. (5-0)

441: APPROVAL: Continued Discussion/KENO Monitor  
ONE STOP/31 Winn Street

This item was continued from the February 23, 2009 meeting for further clarification. The owner of ONE STOP was not in attendance this evening. Selectman Fay moved to postpone this item. Seconded by Selectman Patuto and unanimously voted. (5-0)

442: VOTE: Vote to Amend Minutes/November 10, 2008

Selectman Gianino moved to Amend the Minutes of November 10, 2008 as follows: Amend Agenda item #328 correction of "Tax Classification for FY 2010" to read "Tax Classification for FY 2009." Amend November 10, 2008 Minutes item #328 correction of the following paragraph: "A public hearing was held on the Tax Classification for FY 2010" should read "A public hearing was held on the Tax Classification for FY 2009" and add the following "Selectman Gianino moved to approve Option One, Residential Rate of 9.90 and C.I.P. Rate of 25.90. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)"

443: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Presented by Selectman Patuto the senior lunch will be provided by the BHS cafeteria staff beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. He received a letter from a resident volunteering assistance in accessing a database to help recall deeds back for cemetery lots. He Selectman Zenkin are members of the Green Committee. Tonight the contract with RCN was approved.

Presented by Selectman Fay, street sweeping and the cleaning out of catch basins has begun. The pot holes on Route 3A are being filled. Crews have been out replacing curbing and hydrants that were damaged this past winter. Harold Smith passed away this past week. The Burlington Hockey Team is the Middlesex Champions.

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Presented by Selectman Zenkin last year the bike path study came in at \$3-\$4 million. The state will not pay for signage. He is hoping to get some funding to move forward. The Grandview Farm is generating some interest. He has received 30 designs for the flag competition.

Presented by Selectman Gianino the documentary the Emerson students filmed should be available to the Town in April. The change to 24hr shifts for the Fire Department last year has resulted in a 14% decrease in sick time use.

444: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The Growth District Initiative approved \$400,000 for a Middlesex Turnpike study. He has a signed memorandum of understanding with the municipal employees giving up a percent of their increase. The Police and Fire Departments are negotiating and the Patrolmen are going to arbitration. Recreation Director Lorinovitch will bring the MOU to the Recreation Commission to sign at the next meeting.

445: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Rollins said she had the pleasure of joining Meals on Wheels to deliver meals to residents. She enjoyed the ride and meeting the residents. Election Day is April 4, 2009. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The new wing of People Helping People will open up this week. The Grandview Farm Committee meeting is on Wednesday at 7:00pm. T.A. Mercier said the Grandview Farm is being funded by floating a loan that the Gutierrez Company is paying down and by land swap money. No taxpayer money is being used.

Selectman Fay moved the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Seconded by Selectman Gianino and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Nichols  
Recording Secretary