

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 27, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Patuto with all Selectmen present.

CITIZENS' TIME:

Resident Ernie Zabolotny came before the BOS regarding ways of purchasing land in Burlington and how to acquire the Thorstenson land. He spoke about reimbursement money by combining it with the Wildwood site and applying for a grant.

457: APPOINTMENT: DPW/Water Treatment Plant Operator

Town Administrator Mercier put forth the name of William Doherty to the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator. There was no need to waive the 15 days.

458: PRESENTATION: Shawsheen Technical Students
"Renewable Energy"

Electrical teacher at Shawsheen Tech, John Bagne, and three students, Jason Baker, Leanne Wagner and Stefani Warnick came before the BOS with a presentation on solar and wind energy. They will be competing with other vocational schools on renewable energy.

459: APPROVAL: Street Opening/Gas Line Connection
Sylvester Road

Rajendra and Ketki Shah came before the BOS requesting a waiver on the \$3,000 deposit for the street opening because the five year moratorium will be up in 2010. Selectman Gianino said that as a Board they have not given waivers. He suggested they look into a bond or surety. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the Street Opening/Gas Line Connection/Sylvester Road with a \$3,000 bond or surety. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

460: APPROVAL: Staff Traffic Advisory Committee
Reconfiguration of Pearl St./Beacon St./Sylvan Rd.

John Corey, City Engineer for the City of Woburn and Alderman Michael Raymond came before the BOS with plans to create a more standard intersection. This plan will also include a sidewalk. They will also replace an old marker taken down in the 1950's. Selectman DiTucci moved to approve the Staff Traffic Advisory Committee/Reconfiguration of Pearl St./Beacon St./Sylvan Rd. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Town Engineer Tom Hayes came before the BOS with recommendations from the STAC Committee; a stop sign at Peach Orchard Rd and Maple St, and to post School Zone Hours from 7am-9am and 1pm-3pm along Peach Orchard Rd and Winn St. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the stop sign at Peach Orchard Rd and Maple St as proposed by the STAC Committee. Seconded by Selectman Gianino and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Selectman Rollins moved to approve to post School Zone Hours from 7am-9am and 1pm-3pm along Peach Orchard Rd. and Winn St. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

461: APPROVAL: DPW/Sump Pump/Illicit Amnesty Program

Town Engineer Tom Hayes presented the Amnesty Program that began in the 1980's for illicit sewer connections; storm water being discharged into the sewer system. The DPW is currently in Phase 4 of the ongoing Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) and would like to include the Sump Pump/Illicit Connection Amnesty Program as part of this upcoming project. They would like the BOS to support them in their goal. Residents will be notified through water billing mailings and through the reverse 911. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the DPW/Sump Pump/Illicit Amnesty Program. Seconded by Selectman DiTucci and unanimously voted. (5-0)

462: PROCLAMATION: National Public Works Week
May 17-23, 2009

Dan DiTucci read aloud the Proclamation for National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2009, and it was signed by the Board of Selectman.

463: VOTE: Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization
Candidate Nomination

Selectman Rollins moved to designate Bedford to the Boston Metropolitan Organization. Seconded by Selectman DiTucci and unanimously voted. (5-0)

464: VOTE: Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization's
Transportation Demand Management Program

The BMPO has encouraged Burlington to submit a final application for funding under the TDM program along with Lexington, Lincoln, Waltham and Weston. Selectman DiTucci moved support our four neighbors in applying. Seconded by Selectman Rollins and unanimously voted. (5-0)

465: APPROVAL: Common Victualler License
Café 105/5 Burlington Woods Office Building

Michael Vilarino came before the Board requesting a Common Victualler License. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the Common Victualler License/Café 105/5 Burlington Woods Office Building. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

466: APPROVAL: 2nd Annual Block Party
Old Colony Road Residents

The residents of Old Colony Road are requesting to hold a block party on August 8, 2009 and are seeking approval to close the street from 12pm to 10pm. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the 2nd Annual Block Party/Old Colony Road Residents. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

467: May Town Meeting Warrant Review
Trade Show Date/May 5
Murray-Kelley Room 7-9pm

Presented by T.A. Mercier since the last BOS meeting the House version of the budget shows a further reduction in State aid that reflects a decrease of approximately \$300,000 for Burlington. He believes that we need to react to these numbers and further reduce the planned spending for warrant articles this May.

ARTICLE 6 Town-wide Vehicle Replacement

This is the second year of a five year plan and has been modified to \$57,000. Selectman Rollins moved to approve \$57,000 for Town-wide Vehicle Replacement. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

ARTICLE 7 Fund the Administrative & Professional Compensation Plan

This is a salary adjustment for the professional staff. Selectman Zenkin moved to approve \$50,000 to Fund the Administrative & Professional Compensation Plan. Seconded by Selectman DiTucci and unanimously voted. (5-0)

ARTICLE 8 Fund the Part-time Compensation Plan

Selectman Rollins moved to approve \$10,000 to Fund the Part-time Compensation Plan. Seconded by Selectman DiTucci and unanimously voted. (5-0)

ARTICLE 11 Sewer Services Enterprise Fund

Selectman Zenkin moved to approve \$4,525,223 for the Sewer Services Enterprise Fund. Seconded by Selectman Rollins and unanimously voted. (5-0)

ARTICLE 13 Ice Palace Parking Lot

This item is on hold. The audit has not been completed.

ARTICLE 18 Town Common Sidewalk

This will be rolled into the pavement management program. Selectman Gianino moved to withdraw \$60,000 for the Town Common Sidewalk. Seconded by Selectman Rollins and unanimously voted. (5-0)

ARTICLE 19 DPW/Two-Way Communication Radio Upgrade

Selectman Rollins moved to postpone. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

ARTICLE 30 Computer Technology Infrastructure and System Replacement

This item is on hold.

ARTICLE 35

Water Meter and Hydrant Tampering Fines

Selectman Gianino moved to approve the Water Meter and Hydrant Tampering Fines. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

The trade show date was scheduled for May 5th from 7-9pm at the Murray-Kelley Room.

468: SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:

Presented by Selectman Gianino the Fire Department regrets to notify retired Captain George Clark passed away last week. Burlington Assisted the Town of Lexington for a five alarm brush fire. Last Saturday Boy Scout Troop 103 had five Eagle recipients. He congratulated all five for their achievements.

Presented by Dan DiTucci, he and Walter met with Todd Smith of Northwest Park and they have space to lease as well as build to suit. He spent a few hours with DPW Superintendent Sanchez and Town Engineer Hayes to familiarize himself with DPW operations. They will meet again on Thursday. Yard waste collection begins on April 20th and will continue through May 25th. Pick up is on original trash day. Street sweeping continues around Town. See the website for street sweeping in your area. On April 20th hydrant flushing began. There were two water leaks during the week of April 20th. The Highway Department and State have been patching the streets.

Presented by Selectman Rollins the BLINE Committee will meet Thursday at the DPW Annex conference room at 8:30am. She and Selectman Gianino were at the Memorial School Committee meeting, the plans are moving along smoothly. The BEF is having its' 5th annual road race on Sunday. Registration is at 8:00am at the High School. There will be vendors and MIX 98.5. The Grandview Farm is moving along. The Committee is meeting every other Wednesday. Bricks are back on sale, visit the Burlington.org website.

Presented by Selectman Zenkin Northwest Park is working closely with T.A. Mercier for stimulus money for the MITRE Link and Force Main. The construction at Grandview is focusing on firming up the foundation. The Police Department is eligible for a Recovery Act grant that provides training, binoculars, safety vests, and portable breathalyzers. The Letter Carrier Food Drive is on May 9th. Please donate items that expire after December 2009. The Rotary Club hosted the third annual fashion show with 350 people in attendance. The money goes to local charities around Burlington. He asked the BOS if they would adopt a policy about cell phone usage during meetings and whether it should be public record. T.A. Mercier said he will speak with Town Counsel John Giorgio and seek his opinion.

469: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

T.A. Mercier received notification today about a \$400,000 Growth Initiative Grant with a June 30th deadline. It is the first part of a contract to design Middlesex Turnpike. The second part will be paid for by Nordbloom. Second Ave and the Mall Rd alignment are incorporated into the design. The BOH will comment at the meeting tomorrow night about the Swine Flu. He received a 64 page draft RFP for the Public Safety Complex. He needs to meet with the Fire/Police Chiefs and is waiting on the home rule petition. On next Monday he is meeting with the energy consultant.

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470: CHAIRMANS' REPORT:

The Drug and Alcohol Task Force Alcohol Free Weekend is on Friday, May 1st from 5-7pm on the Town Common. In case of inclement weather it will be relocated to the Murray-Kelley Wing. The Beautification Committee has begun planting. He asked T.A. Mercier about the COA parking lot. T.A. Mercier said he is waiting for Town Meeting to approve the spending and construction will begin this season if it is approved.

Selectman Rollins moved the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:57pm. Seconded by Selectman DiTucci and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Nichols
Recording Secretary