

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
October 6, 2008

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

CITIZENS' TIME: No one spoke at Citizens' Time

303: PRESENTATION: Certificates of Commendation/Police Department

Police Chief Fran Hart and the Board of Selectmen presented Officers John Lynch, Peter Abaskharoun and Scott Lauder with Certificates of Commendation to commend their actions by helping to save a woman's life.

304: PUBLIC HEARING: All Alcohol License Violation
The Ginger Pad/Wayside Common

A public hearing was held on the All Alcohol License Violation/The Ginger Pad/Wayside Common. There was no one present representing The Ginger Pad. There was no one opposed to the public hearing. Presented by Police Chief Hart, on August 27, 2008 Police Officers Kevin Cooney and Michael Minichiello conducted a compliance check and The Ginger Pad served alcohol to a minor. The Selectmen were disappointed that there was no one present representing The Ginger Pad. Selectman Gianino moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0) Selectman Patuto moved to initiate suspension procedures for a one day license suspension on Monday, October 13, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Fay and unanimously voted. (5-0)

305: APPROVAL: Disability Access Committee/Handicap Fines

Presented by Bob Hogan, the Disability Access Commission unanimously voted to request that the Board of Selectmen increase the handicap parking fines from \$100 to \$200. It is hoped that this will be a deterrent to parking in handicapped spaces. He said that there will be notification of the increase on the handicapped parking signs. He also requested funds from the DAC account to purchase new handicapped parking tickets and stickers for the handicapped parking signs with the increased fine amount. Selectman Patuto moved to approve the Disability Access Committee/Handicap Fines increase from \$100 to \$200. Seconded by Selectman Fay and unanimously voted. (5-0) Selectman Gianino moved to approve and not to exceed \$1,500 for new handicapped parking tickets and stickers indicating the \$200 fine for parking in a handicapped parking zone. Seconded by Selectman Patuto and unanimously voted. (5-0)

306: DISCUSSION: Housing Partnership

Jayne Hyde of the Housing Partnership updated the Board on the Affordable Housing Status. She said that the annual compliance report for both Arborpoint and Kimball Woods indicates that both projects have complied with all of the requirements of affordability. Both units are completely full and there is a waiting list. She said the Town has and continues to maintain 10% affordable housing.

307: PRESENTATION: Wildwood School Parcel/Recreation Commission

Members of the Recreation Commission came before the Board asking them to consider the Wildwood School Parcel for additional fields. They believe the parcel can accommodate two full size multi purpose fields and a smaller baseball

field. They would like to seek the recommendation of a recreation planner. Selectmen Gianino, Zenkin and Patuto support using the site for fields. Chairman Rollins said the Town should know how much it would cost and agreed that a recreation planner is needed. She also said other Departments will want to come before the Board and speak their needs. T.A. Mercier said short term use of the site for fields makes sense but reminded the Board that there are other Departments that are interested, we are facing a cemetery shortage in five to seven years, and will need a senior center for the growing population. Selectman Gianino said that as a group they should go forward and seek information.

308: APPROVAL: Street Opening/Moline Road

Resident Peter Wojak came before the Board seeking approval for a street opening on Moline Road. This request is for two properties to install natural gas. Selectman Fay moved to approve the Street Opening/Moline Road. Seconded by Selectman Patuto and unanimously voted. (5-0)

309: DISCUSSION: Traffic Advisory Committee/Mountain Road

The Traffic Advisory Committee recommends the removal of the stop signs on Mountain Road and Manor Avenue and the installation of one stop sign on Manor Avenue. Chief Hart said they are trying to address the problem signs in Town and are starting with this one. Selectman Gianino said he would like the original proponent and abutters notified. Chairman Rollins made a recommendation that the Board ask the Traffic Advisory Committee to join the Board at a future Selectmen's meeting and inform the neighborhood. Selectman Fay moved to discuss this at a future meeting and notify the abutters. Seconded by Selectman Patuto and unanimously voted. (5-0)

310: APPROVAL: BAE Systems Run/Walk
New England Executive Park

Selectman Fay moved to approve BAE Systems Run/Walk/New England Executive Park. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

311: SIGNATURES: November 4, 2008 State Elections

The Board of Selectmen signed the November 4, 2008 State Elections. Selectman Zenkin said for added privacy at the poles, a sleeve can be requested at the head table for the ballot to be put into. Selectman Gianino requested a sign indicating under 18 years of age to be posted at the student vote table.

312: APPROVAL: Minutes: September 8 and September 22, 2008

Selectman Fay moved to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Gianino and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Selectman Gianino moved to approve the Minutes of September 22, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Patuto and unanimously voted. (5-0)

313: SUB-COMMITTEES' REPORTS:

Presented by Selectman Fay the water division is working on the water gate valves on Cambridge Street. The installation is scheduled for night work. On October 1st there was a water break on County Road. The Town received the 207 Water Fluorination Quality Award.

Crack sealing will begin in the next couple of weeks. There will be an automated trash collection question and answer session that Selectman Fay, Rollins and DPW Superintendent Sanchez will be attending on Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00pm in the Selectmen's Main Hearing Room.

Presented by Selectman Zenkin the Police Department received a \$10,000 Safety Equipment Grant to be used for car seat safety. The MMA is holding a Massachusetts Green Workshop that he will be attending on November 7th. It will offer all the ways to get funding for grants and State assistance. There will be an open house for Ice Facility on October 15th from 11am-1:00pm. He informed residents that after watching the green channel he learned that caps need to be removed from water bottles or they will not be recycled. The taste of Burlington was a great event.

Presented by Selectman Patuto October is Senior Month. There will be special events going on at the Senior Center. The kick off was on October 1st. There will be a special license meeting for all alcohol licenses on October 15, 2008 at 3:00pm in the Selectmen's Main Hearing Room for all alcohol license holders. The Burlington Cable Access is pleased to announce that Comcast will continue to make available high speed internet for the schools free of charge. Oracle has pulled a permit for the construction of another building.

Presented by Selectman Gianino the pole on Cambridge Street has been moved. He requested to have common cause on the agenda for the next meeting. He said there has been plenty of notice given to the other boards.

314: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

We will be conducting a tax classification hearing on November 10th. All of the numbers are prepared to set the rates for 2009. We are sending out notices for preliminary budget preparation. He is concerned about the economy and projecting local receipts. Scenarios on 3%, 4%, and 5% operating budget increases have been done and how they will impact the levy. We are working with Town Council and SEA on a plan for the Grandview Farm. Tom Hickey is working with Town Council on documents for the sale of the lot on South Bedford Street. He is in the process of closing out the documents with CDM on the Mill Pond facility this week hoping to wrap it up in the next couple of weeks.

315: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Rollins and T.A. Mercier met with Dr. Conti & Craig Robinson regarding the combined IT. Chuck swain gave us good accolades for some of the joint ventures already in place. The MMA is holding their sixth grade essay "If I were an elected official I would be....." Dr. Conti has the information. The Burlington Community Scholarship Telethon is on October 14th-16th. The live portion is on Wednesday, October 15th from 6pm-9pm. The Historical Commission is holding lantern walks to begin at dusk at the Burlington Museum on October 17th and 18th. The walks will take 1 ½ hrs. For more information please call 781-272-2516 or visit the Burlington website/Historic Commission.

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Selectman Gianino moved to adjourn at 8:37pm. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin with Selectman Patuto, Selectman Rollins and Selectman Gianino voting in favor. (4-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Nichols
Recording Secretary