

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 8, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:03pm 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.

CITIZENS' TIME:

018: Farewell to Chief Hart

Police Chief Fran Hart took a few moments to say thank you and good bye. He spoke about the accomplishments of the Police Department over the past eight years. He made mention of the field training, domestic violence program, and alcohol compliance program. He stated that the Department received over \$1.5 million in grants during his tenure. He stated that he would like to get involved in teaching, real estate and will be playing in a band. Selectman Rollins wished him well on his retirement and said she was grateful to have him for 32 years. Selectman Gianino thanked him for his 32 years of service and wished him luck on his endeavors. Selectman DiTucci thanked him for being with us as a Chief Law Enforcement Officer. Selectman Zenkin said he appreciates the hard work he has done for our community. Chairman Patuto said he worked with Chief Hart for 28 years and thanked him for his service and said he benefited from Hart's time as Chief.

019: PROCLAMATION: Roberta Damelin (retirement), Burlington Food Pantry

Wesley Simons of the Burlington Community Life Center thanked Roberta Damelin for her time and energy put into the Burlington Food Pantry. He said she was dedicated and faithful to those in need. Selectman DiTucci read a proclamation dedicated to Roberta Damelin to wish her an active retirement and continued success on her new ventures.

020: APPROVAL: Common Use – Fundraiser for Fox Hill Eighth Grade

There was no one present at the meeting.

021: APPROVAL: Grandview Commons – Home Equity – Unit #301

T.A. Mercier received a letter from tenants at the Grandview Commons who are seeking approval on a re-finance of their current mortgage to allow for an equity loan of \$30,000. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the Grandview Commons-Home Equity-Unit #301. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

022: APPROVAL: BHS Post-Graduation Party

Donald Flaherty and Karen Sullivan came before the BOS requesting that they cover the cost of the Police Detail expense for the Post Graduation Party. Anyone interested in helping can access the High School website; there is a link to the Post Grad Party site. Selectman Rollins moved to approve the BHS Post-Graduation Party Police Detail expense. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

023: APPROVAL: Bon Appetit, Oracle Café, 8 Van De Graaff Dr.

Corporate Chef Eric Carlson came before the Board requesting permission to open the Café next week at 8 Van De Graaff Drive. Selectman Rollins moved to approve Bon Appetit, Oracle Café, 8 Van De Graaff Dr. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

024: APPROVAL: Nexdine, Cafeteria, 5 Wall St.

Mike McGrath of Nexdine came before the Board requesting permission to open the Cafeteria at Nexdine located at 5 Wall Street. Selectman Gianino moved to approve Nexdine, Cafeteria, 5 Wall Street. Seconded by Selectman Rollins and unanimously voted. (5-0)

025: DISCUSSION: NStar-NGrid Energy Efficiency Opportunity

On January 21, 2010 T.A. Mercier met with members of NStar and NGrid to discuss energy efficiency opportunities. It was determined that the focus would be on the Library, High School and Marshall Simonds. Since the recent decision to renovate Marshall Simonds the focus has shifted to just the High School and Library. A total of \$215,000 would have to be invested into various components of both buildings HVAC systems. Rebates, no interest loans and other forms of financial incentives were brought up.

026: DISCUSSION: Budget Process/Schedule for FY11

T.A. Mercier met with Brad Bond and Mike Hardy of the Ways & Means. He said at this point in time our three major budgets have all been submitted under the 2.5% budget guideline. We now show a \$400,000 deficit in revenues and expenses; down from \$800,000 from the last projection. We have maintained a 5% reduction in State Aid; the Governor's House I essentially level funds local aid. He will be working on the Debt Schedule. There will be a heavy interest payment this year for the new Memorial School. The school bids are significantly lower than anticipated. The original authorization for the Town share was \$14,000,000 on the Debt Schedule. Based on the bids, this number maybe revised.

027: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Presented by Selectman Rollins the Memorial Building Committee will meet at 7:00pm tomorrow at the School Committee Room to give a final recommendation. The Grandview Farm Advisory Committee meeting is this Wednesday and they will discuss a fundraiser for October of 2010. Selectmen Rollins and DiTucci have been in meetings concerning economic development. She commended the Chamber in being involved and having a voice for the business community.

Presented by Selectman Gianino the Fire Dept thanks Dick Linder for the portable generator. They are requesting the list for a fire fighter candidate to replace David Banville. The Town recently signed a three year contract with Armstrong Ambulance for our ambulance billing. He will initiate going over the new lease with Mt. Hope and will talk with Lahey about the pilot program. We have received the RFP on the Public Safety Building. On January 22nd and 23rd he went to the MMA convention and spoke with some Stoneham Officials about sharing resources. He also talked with our legal council about open meeting laws. There are new standards governing ethical conduct. Public employees and officials must take a test by April 1, 2010. He asked T.A. Mercier about follow up on the water tower. T.A. Mercier said they are looking into it and getting prices for 2012.

Presented by Selectman DiTucci the DPW responded to three small snow events over the last three weeks. There was a water leak on Garrity Road on January 29th. The automatic water meters are in full swing with 1,000 out of 8,000 meters installed. The installations will take a year. He and Chairman Patuto walked the Mill Pond Conservation Area on Saturday at 10:00am.

Presented by Selectman Zenkin, the Sign Bylaw will break down to Municipal Signs, Wall Signs, Marquis Signs and Ground Signs. They will work on them separately. T.A. Mercier will meet with Shawsheen tomorrow with the permitting process for the Grandview Farm. The Union, Local 12, stepped in and approval is needed from the State. On February 9th the Drug and Alcohol Task Force will hold a meeting on Strategies to Enforce Underage Drinking Parties at Marshall Simonds Middle School from 700pm-9:00pm.

028: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

We received a letter from the City of Boston today following up on our desire to create a couple of playing fields in the corner of the lot on Blanchard Road. They appear to be in favor to sign a license agreement for 15 years. They want the paperwork completed by June. T.A. Mercier read aloud a letter he received from Northeastern University. They stated they are not for sale and the building is in current use by the University and they intend to continue their presence. T.A. Mercier is going into Boston tomorrow with Representative Murphy and John Sanchez about the Sewer I&I. He had a positive and productive meeting with the Governor. There are some interesting initiatives the State has going forward on Economic Development. We are scheduling training in Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest as recommended by the Secretary of State Office. There will be day time sessions for employees and night time sessions for committees. T.A. Mercier said he received a terrific reception at Palomar.

029: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Members of the COA are invited to attend the Valentines Dance sponsored by the Wilmington Rotary; sign up is at the Senior Center. February is heart month. Congressman Tierney and his staff were here in regards to stimulus money. The Selectmen chose the DARE Graduation Dates as follows:
Memorial School - Selectman Gianino, Pine Glen - Selectmen Rollins and Patuto, Fox Hill – Selectman Zenkin and Francis Wyman – Selectman DiTucci.

Selectman Gianino moved the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm. Seconded by Selectman Zenkin and unanimously voted. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Nichols
Recording Secretary