

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of March 10, 2008

I. Call to Order/Roll Roll

Chairman Brian Major called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:12 P.M. in the Selectmen's conference room at the Town Offices. Present were: Chairman Major and Selectmen May Lyman, Alex Vispoli and Gerald Stabile. Also present was Town Manager Reginald Stapczynski. The meeting was duly posted and cable cast live.

II. Executive Session

Board of Selectman Chairman Brian Major called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's conference room at the Town Offices. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Major, Selectman Lyman and Selectman Vispoli.

A motion by Selectman Vispoli and a second by Selectman Lyman, it was voted to go into an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy and to return to Open Session. Roll call vote: M. Lyman – yes, A. Vispoli – yes, B. Major – yes. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Open Session at 7:05 P.M. Roll call vote: M. Lyman – yes, A. Vispoli – yes, B. Major – yes.

III. Opening Ceremonies

Chairman Major asked for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Communications/Announcements/Liaison Reports

Town Manager Stapczynski reminded everyone that the Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

Selectman Lyman congratulated the AHS Girls' Basketball Team on advancing to the Eastern Massachusetts Division Tournament.

V. Citizens Petitions and Presentations None

VI. Public Hearing

A. Laying Out of Streets

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article #P-31 – Barron Court and Avella Circle

Planner Jacki Byerly from the Department of Community Development & Planning said the Department does not recommend Barron Court and Avella Circle for street acceptance at this time.

VI. Public Hearing

A. Laying Out of Streets

Selectman Vispoli motioned not to lay out Barron Court. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman, voted 4 – 0 and approved not to be laid out.

Selectman Vispoli motion not to layout Avella Circle. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman, voted 4 – 0 and approved not to be laid out.

B. Discontinuance of Portion of Paulornette Circle as a Public Way & Conveyance of Land - #P-55

Attorney Mark Johnson, on behalf of 7-10 Paulornette Realty Trust, explained the layout and the request to discontinue the portion of Paulornette Circle as a public way and to authorize the transfer of the care, custody and control of the parcels of land to the Board of Selectmen. Town Counsel and the Department of Public Works both recommend approval of this warrant article (#P-55).

Selectman Stabile motioned to approve the recommendation to submit Warrant Article #P-55 to Town Meeting for discussion and approval. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman, voted 4-0 and approved.

VII. Regular Business of the Board

A. Community Preservation Act

John Hess explained the next steps of the Community Preservation Act which will be presented as a warrant article at Town Meeting. Funds from the CPA can be used for four purposes: open space, historic preservation, affordable housing and recreational purposes use. Revenue stream will come from a 1% tax surcharge and matching funds from the State. Low income seniors would be exempt from the surcharge and all citizens would have \$100,000 deducted from their assessment prior to the 1% surcharge being assessed. Mr. Hess explained the various projects within the Town that the funds could be used towards. Information on the Community Preservation Act can be obtained by going to www.andovercpa.org. No action taken.

VIII. Adjournment

The Regular meeting recessed at 7:50 P.M. prior to regrouping as a Joint Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recording Secretary