

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 23, 2008 MINUTES**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Teichert reconvened the meeting of the Public Session from the Executive Session attended by Selectman Vispoli, Major and Lyman, and called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:25 P.M. in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Offices. Present at the Regular Meeting (by roll call) were: Chairman Teichert – Y, Selectman Stabile – Y, Selectman Lyman – Y, Selectman Vispoli – Y and Selectman Major – Y. Also present were: Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Town Clerk Randall Hanson. The meeting was duly posted and cable-cast live.

II. Executive Session

Vice Chairman Vispoli called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:50 P.M. The meeting was held in the Board of Selectmen's Conference room in the Town Offices. Present were: Selectman Vispoli, Selectman Lyman, and Selectman Major.

On a motion by Selectman Lyman and a second by Selectman Major, it was voted to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy and approve Executive Session Minutes.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Open Session at 7:22 P.M. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the Executive Session and not to return to Open Session at 9:45 P.M.

III. Opening Ceremonies

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

III. Communications/Announcements/Liaison Reports

The Town Manager made the following announcements:

- . The Water Treatment Plan will hold an Open House on Wednesday, June 25 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 4:30 P.M.
- . The Annual Water Quality Report has been sent to residents as required by the EPA.
- . The Community Services Summer Bulletin has been mailed to residents.
- . A Memorial Ceremony for former Town Manager Ken Mahony will be held at Memorial Hall Library on July 11th at 6:30 P.M. Invitations to current and former boards and committee members will be sent out.

Selectman Stabile announced that Friday, June 27th at 1:00 PM. a ceremony will be held in front of the Town Offices to acknowledge the accomplishments of celebrity Mike Chiklis who grew up in Andover.

Selectman Lyman said a ceremony will be held at the Senior Center at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 26th to dedicate a tree in memory of Jim Solari. Following the ceremony, **this year's Shining Star Award will be presented to the nominee.** Selectman Lyman also requested changes to the Town Accounts evaluation be sent to herself or Selectman Vispoli before the end of June.

Chairman Teichert congratulated the Andover Youth Services on the tremendous turnout they had at the recent Skate-a-thon.

IV. Citizens Petitions and Presentations

Mr. John Pasquale, 47B Whittier Street, said he did not see a posting for tonight's meeting. He also requested that the areas in and around the in-town parking lots be cleaned up.

V. Public Hearing

A. Bay State Gas Company

Director of Plant and Facilities Joe Piantedosi and a representative of the Bay State Gas Company explained that the conversions to gas scheduled for Andover High School and West Middle School and stated the change over will provide an opportunity to save approximately \$200,000 per year. Several residents in attendance expressed their concern and dissatisfaction with closing both Lincoln and Shawsheen Roads during the conversion work, the lack of communication and continued inconvenience. The Board requested a timeline be articulated to residents when access to their homes will be disrupted, providing starting and ending times.

Selectman Lyman motioned to approve the request of the Bay State Gas Company to replace and/or extend its gas mains for system improvement as follows and to include a note of communication to the residents:

- Excavate approximately 1,853 feet on Lincoln Street from Lowell Street to Shawsheen Road; and excavate approximately 1,379 feet on Shawsheen Road to **install 6" HDPE** gas main to serve Andover High School and West Middle School.

The approximate locations are shown on Plan No. 06122008-D 1 of 2, dated June 12, 2008 and Plan No. 06092008-D, dated June 9, 2008. The application has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works subject to the condition that street opening permits be obtained from the Department of Public Works prior to the commencement of any construction.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Stabile, voted 5-0 and approved.

VI. Regular Business of the Board

A. SAFER Grant

Due to a potential conflict of interest both Selectmen Stabile and Teichert left the meeting at this time and Vice Chairman Vispoli resumed the responsibility of Chairman.

Fire Chief Mike Mansfield provided an update on the status of the Safer Grant as well as a review of the information packet distributed showing how future expenses to the Town will be offset in latter years of the grant. Vice Chairman Vispoli thanked Chief Mansfield for providing exactly the information the Board had requested. Two of several revenue offsets to the expenses could be realized through increased revenues of approximately \$121,000 for programs/fees unrelated to the grant as well as overtime cost savings of \$127,000. Currently, the Department does not meet OSHA requirements for PA-1710. The Chief also pointed out that four firefighters would be cross-**trained as EMT's and put** into the equation. The Town Manager said the SAFER Grant is a wonderful opportunity for the Town to increase public safety personnel. The Board discussed various scenarios on how to fund the expense beyond years covered by the grant agreeing it is a great opportunity to increase staff but an unknown expense they could have difficulty covering

beyond the life of the grant given the current economic picture.

Selectman Lyman motioned to approve the request of Chief Mansfield and to move ahead with funding the SAFER Grant. The motion was seconded by Selectman Vispoli. The motion was voted 2-1 and not approved.

Selectman Stabile and Teichert returned to the meeting after the discussion and vote.

B. Town/School Technology Resources

Selectman Vispoli welcomed School Committee members Dennis Forge, Art Barber and Dick Collins to the meeting. Selectman Vispoli said he and School Committee Member Dennis Forgue met to discuss combining some of the technology processes performed by the Town and School Departments and submitted a draft of Phase I of this process. The process would include creation of a committee with agreement by the Town Manager and School Superintendent, list of goals, architectural and functional diagrams of a Technology Committee, and a review of action to be taken. Dennis Forge will present the draft to the School Committee and meet with Superintendent Bach as well. Art Barber requested additional clarification on the process based on the vote passed at Town Meeting to hire an outside consultant to conduct a study. Selectman Vispoli said this would be pre-cursor to any monies being spent on a consultant. It was agreed that the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools would meet with Mr. Vispoli and Mr. Forgue.

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A. Appointments and Re-appointments

Selectman Vispoli motioned to approve the following appointments recommended by the Town Manager. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman, voted 5-0 and approved.

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	RATE	EFF. DATE
<u>PLANT & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT – Mechanical/Electrical Division</u>			
Nicholas B. Platt	Seasonal Laborer	\$10.00/hr.	6/23/08
<u>PLANT & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT – Building Division</u>			
Andrew D. Anketell	Seasonal Laborer	\$10.00/hr.	6/25/08
Daniel J. Abreu	Seasonal Laborer	\$10.00/hr.	6/25/08
Kyle P. Lightner	Seasonal Laborer	\$10.00/hr.	6/25/08
<u>YOUTH SERVICES</u>			
Daree Colon	Program Assistant – PT	C3B	5/1/08
Rebecca Parks	Program Assistant – PT	C10A	6/16/08
David A. Tanklefsky	Program Assistant – PT	C4C	6/23/08
David J. Hunt	Counselor – PT	C2C	6/23/08
Neal E. Callahan	Counselor – PT	C2C	6/23/08
Peter K. Loring	Program Supervisor – PT	C6C	6/23/08
Leslie A. Barber	Counselor – PT	C3B	6/9/08
Margaret R. Doherty	Counselor – PT	C3B	6/9/08

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Matthew J. Carroll	Lifeguard – PT		C2A	6/23/08
Evan C. Carter	Lifeguard – PT	C2A		6/23/08
Erica Wright	Counselor – PT		C2A	6/23/08
Robert A. Carleo	Maintenance – PT		C2B	6/23/08
Stephen J. Moore	Lifeguard – PT		C2A	6/23/08
Colin J. Trepicchio	Lifeguard – PT		C4A	6/23/08

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE – Term expires 6/30/11

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B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

Selectman Lyman motioned to approve the Executive Sessions to be released for January 8, 2007, January 10, 2007, February 12, 2007, and March 5, 2007. The motion was seconded by Selectman Vispoli, voted 5-0 and approved.

VIII. Executive Session

A. Board to discuss potential litigation and confidential meeting with Town Counsel

Selectman Major motioned that the Board vote to go into Executive Session to discuss commencing potential litigation and for confidential communications with Town Counsel for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and not to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Teichert – abstained; Selectman Lyman – Y; Selectman Vispoli – Y; Selectman Stabile – Y and Selectman Major – Y. The motioned was voted 4-0-1 and approved.

IX. Adjournment

Selectman Lyman motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Selectman Vispoli, voted 5-0 and approved. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recorder