

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2009

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Ted Teichert called the Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 P.M. in the **Selectmen's conference room at the Town Offices** and requested a Roll Call: Chairman Teichert – Y, members Brian Major – Y, Mary Lyman – Y, Jerry Stabile – Y, and Alex Vispoli – Y. Also present were: Town Manager Reginald S. Stapczynski, and Town Clerk Randy Hanson. The meeting was duly posted and cablecast live.

II. Opening Ceremonies

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

III. Communications/Announcements/Liaison Reports

Town Manager Stapczynski said the Warrant is ready to be signed by the Board tonight and then the Town Clerk can have it ready for Town Meeting and post it on the website.

Selectman Lyman said the Commission on Disabilities will meet on Thursday, April 22nd at the Memorial Hall Library. Future meetings will be held on Wednesday nights due to the closing of the Library on Thursday nights.

IV. Citizens Petitions and Presentations

John Pasquale, 47B Whittier Street, reported the Pride Patrol began picking up litter this week. They will patrol the area from the Historical Society to the Library and The Park. Mr. Pasquale patrolled The Park today. There are five seniors currently involved and they will meet next month.

Mary Carbone, 3 Cyr Circle, said younger people should be picking up the trash.

V. Regular Business of the Board

A. Board to discuss and/or vote on the following 2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

#P-2 – Election Not Required by Ballot

To elect all other officers not required by law to be elected by ballot, or take any other action related there.

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend approve Warrant Article P-2 Election Not Required by Ballot. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

#P-3 – Salaries of Elected Officials

To establish the salaries of the elected officers for the ensuing year or take any other action related thereto.

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend approve Warrant Article #P-3 – Salaries of Elected Officials. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

#P-4 FY-2010 Budget

Selectman Major motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article #P-4 FY-2010 Budget. The motion was seconded by Selectman Vispoli and voted 5-0 to hold.

The Town Manager discussed the level of free cash and the over expenditures on both the Town and School side to be covered for FY-2009. Selectman Major would like to have 2/3 of free cash remaining after Town Meeting. The Town Manager discussed the information coming from the State on numbers, cuts, proposals, time-lines, etc. We may not know what the final money coming from the State will be until late August. We need to have a reserve at the end of Town Meeting as a foundation for FY-2010. Selectman **Lyman suggested distributing copies of Peter Fraiser's presentation at Thursday's** Triboard Meeting because the bond rating is an important piece and people should know where the rating comes from and how it is used. Tony Torrisi said the Town spends \$2.5M every week to cover expenses; we have just one week of reserve funds within the Stabilization and Free Cash accounts. Jerry Stabile said the Stabilization Fund is specific for Capital Projects.

Selectman Major motioned to recommend approval to have \$1.5M in Free Cash leaving Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Vispoli, voted 4-1 and approved.

Selectman Lyman suggested guidelines for reducing expenses for travel, professional dues, subscriptions, etc. be established.

Joanne Marden said we still have to cover \$500,000 for Special Education costs for FY-2009.

Selectman Stabile motioned to direct the Town Manager to address a change to the current General Fund from \$1,780,000 to \$1,332,000. The motion was seconded by Selectman Major and voted 5-0.

#P-5 – Capital Projects Fund Appropriation

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article P-5 Capital Projects Fund Appropriation. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman and voted 5-0 to hold.

#P-6 – Budget Transfers

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article P-6 Budget Transfers. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman and voted 5-0 to hold.

#P-7 – Supplementary Budget Appropriations

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article #P-7 – Supplementary Budget Appropriation. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman and voted 5-0 to hold.

#P-8 – Free Cash

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article #P-8 – Free Cash. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman and voted 5-0 to hold.

#P-9 – Unexpended Appropriations

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article #P-9 – Unexpended Appropriations. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman and voted 5-0 to hold.

#P-12 – Unpaid Bills

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article #P-12 – Unpaid Bills. The motion was seconded by Selectman Major and voted 5-0 to hold.

#P-15 – Accumulated Employee Benefit Account

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article #P-15 – Accumulated Employee Benefit Account. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman and voted 5-0 to hold.

#P-67 – Insurance Recovery Transfer

To authorize to transfer \$110,585 from Insurance proceeds in excess of \$20,000 and appropriate to the Municipal Building/Insurance Fund said sum being the amount of insurance proceeds received on May 22, 2008 for Structural Repairs to the Bancroft Elementary School, or take any other action related thereto.

Selectman Stabile motioned to recommend approval of Warrant Article #P-67 Insurance Recovery Transfer. The motion was seconded by Selectman Vispoli, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

#P-69 -Parking Program

To ask the Town to vote to transfer the balance of the funds from Article 47, Parking Program and appropriate \$23,890.67 to install or replace parking meters including costs incidental, or take any other action related thereto.

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend approval of Warrant Article #P-69 Insurance Recovery Transfer. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lyman, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

#P-70 5 Campanelli Drive

To ask the Town to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a right-of-first refusal, or an option, to purchase 5 Campanelli Drive on terms and conditions Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article #P-70 – Five Campanelli Drive. The motion was seconded by Selectman Major and voted 5-0 to hold.

#P-71 Site Evaluation for a New Town Yard

To ask the Town to vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$20,000 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to evaluate a parcel(s) of land for general municipal purposes, including the development of a new Town Yard facility.

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend to hold on Warrant Article #P-71 – Site Evaluation for new Town Yard. The motion was seconded by Selectman Major and voted 5-0 to hold.

VI. Adjournment

Selectman Vispoli motioned to adjourn the Regular Session of the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Selectman Major, and voted 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 P.M.

Chairman Teichert motioned to reconvene the meeting at 10:06 PM. Roll call: T. Teichert – Y, A. Vispoli – Y, M. Lyman – Y, B. Major – Y, J. Stabile – Y.

Selectman Vispoli motioned to recommend the Board sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The motion was seconded by Selectman Stabile, voted 5-0 and approved.

Selectman Major motioned to adjourn the Regular Session of the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Selectman Vispoli, and voted 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recorder