

March 16, 2010

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Tuesday, March 09, 2010 ~ 7PM
Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street

With a quorum present, Mr. Swartz opened the meeting at 7 PM.

Selectmen present: Lawrence Swartz, Chair; Harriet Davis, Vice Chair; John Clemenzi, Secretary

Also present: Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Minutes Secretary

Abbreviations used:

BOS- Board of Selectmen

Public information:

Agenda

Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code

**WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF AGENDA
STATEMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Connect CTY – Public Encouraged to register cell phone numbers

Mr. Swartz reminded residents to register cell phone numbers in the event of an emergency this system is used by Town officials to communicate information.

Expanded trash collection and yard waste opportunities

Mr. Swartz also announced that storm related yard refuse can be dropped off, this week March 8 – 15th at the west Wenham Playground on Route 97 and behind the Iron Rail building, at 91 Grapevine Road.

Town Elections

Ms. Davis announced that nomination papers can be taken out until Thursday March 11th and must be returned by March 12th at the Town Clerk's office.

PRESENTATIONS BY GUESTS OR STAFF

Organic Waste Program

Present: Gretal Clark

Ms. Clark reported that there is full funding for the bins; no funding is needed from the towns for the Organic Waste Program.

Ms. Clark noted that this program is saving the towns an estimated \$15,000.00.

The Board was asked to approve the program

Ms. Davis made a motion that the BOS sign the intermunicipal agreement between the towns of Hamilton and Wenham for a pilot organic waste program as approved by the Town of Hamilton, as presented at this meeting subject to the approval of Town Counsel, Paul Weaver.. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. Clark reviewed that this program includes all organic waste including food scraps, summer yard waste (no sticks or branches) are included e.g. grass clippings, plant material.

The first pick up is Wednesday, March 31, 2010 and will be every other week.

Carry-in-Carry out (CICO) Program Update

Present: Zach Bensley, Hamilton Wenham Green

Mr. Bensley reported on the Carry in Carry out program initiated last year in the public parks and playgrounds. He reported that the program did cut down on the trash at the parks. He stated that the Committee is asking to extend the pilot program into the spring. Mr. Chelgren noted that DPW Director, Bill Tyack, is in support of this program.

Mr. Bensley said one major concern is for disposable diapers and doggie bags that are left behind in parks and playgrounds but that time will allow people to get used to the program.

Ms. Davis made a motion to extend the Extend the CICO pilot program through June 30th. Mr. Clemenzi seconded but stated that he does not know if he can support this in the future. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bottle Bill Update

Present, Megan Terry and Sarah Lopez, student volunteer at Salem State

Ms. Lopez explained that they are requesting that the town support the update of the twenty-five year old state's bottle bill through a legislator bill. The deposit remains the same at five cents.

The update will include water bottles, sports and energy drink bottles which are being put into the trash.

Ms. Lopez identified that opposition comes from supermarkets and bottling companies.

Ms. Davis made a motion that the Wenham Board of Selectmen support the resolution to expanded the bottle bill currently in the legislator. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Comcast Agreement

Mr. Chelgren reported that Comcast has agreed to pay for the updates to abandon the copper line and update the Optic Fiber System.

Ms. Davis made a motion to authorize the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding dated March 9, 2010 regarding the Comcast fiber link. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

ADA (American Disability Act) Proclamation – July 26, 2010

Ms. Davis read the proclamation to make July 26, 2010 , ADA day.

It was noted that March 26, 2010, marks the 20th anniversary of the signing of the ADA bill.

Ms. Davis made a motion to sign the proclamation. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Holocaust days of Remembrance – April 11 – 17, 2010

Mr. Swartz read the proclamation to make April Monday, April 12, 2010, as Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Mr. Swartz made a motion to sign the proclamation. Ms. Davis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Support Our Schools (S.O.S)

– Discussion of "Fair Share" Proposal

Present: Lynnette Fallon

Cost comparison information was provided to the public.

Ms. Fallon explained the Fair Share budget. She identified the difference in the budget between the .25%, 2% and 2.9% increases in the budget based on net revenues, and the contributions between Hamilton and Wenham.

This formula takes the State Aid out of the Town's budget and Chapter 70 and Transportation reimbursements out of the school budgets and reformulates the contributions.

Mr. Swartz, in full disclosure, stated that his wife works for the School system.

Mr. Swartz had some clarifying questions of the Net Budget and commented that the enrollment shift realized is that Hamilton is decreasing in enrollment at a faster pace than Wenham is decreasing.

Ms. Fallon spoke briefly about the Comparison of 2009 Blue Ribbon Committee data to Updated Student Teacher Headcount data presented in February 2010 to the Selectmen saying the five districts chosen to be brought forward are misleading and not necessarily peer communities and encouraged additional comparisons.

HW Capital Management Committee Appointment

Ms. Davis made a motion to appoint Jon Richardson, 74 Arbor Street to the Capital Management Committee. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Iron Rail Soccer Field Lease – Extension Review

Mr. Chelgren stated that the Iron Rail Soccer Field Lease is up in 2015. He said that discussions are beginning to potentially continue the process and have another recreation facility created, and he looked for authorization to begin discussions with this group to determine where potential areas are and what the terms of a potential lease would look like. It was agreed that the CMC be allowed to look into this.

Ms. Davis said she was familiar with the lease as she had worked on the original lease 15 years ago, and said it was too early to begin discussion for extension. She also said she would not want to extend the lease until the Winthrop school issue was solved as a new school might need to be built on the Iron Rail property as that was one of the reasons the property was purchased some 35 years ago.

It was the Consensus of the Board for the process to look at potential land sites to begin.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Committee

The ZOAC is looking at zoning in Town as associated with the Green Committee and the need to commit land for sustainable energy. They are seeking \$3000 for legal counsel from Mark Grabowski.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve this request provided that funds were available in town hall accounts.

Mr. Chelgren announced the dates for HW Green presentations at the Library.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Close Warrant

Review Warrant Articles

Ms. Davis made a motion to close the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2010, as of March 9, 2010.

Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Swartz read the list of potential warrant articles; this included a brief explanation of the submittal of citizen's petitions.

REPORTS

Town Administrator

March 25th - Stretch Code Presentation

MINUTES - February 23, 2010

Ms. Davis made a motion to accept the meetings of the BOS meeting of February 23, 2010. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Selectmen agreed to post a meeting for Friday, March 12 at 530pm if needed to continue the March 11th meeting.

8:40 PM Ms. Davis made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.