

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Tuesday, April 06, 2010~7pm
Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street

APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AT THEIR MEETING OF

May 25, 2010

With a quorum present, Mr. Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Swartz announced that the annual Town Meeting is May 1, 2010; the Warrant Hearing will be held on Monday April 26th. The Warrant books will be delivered on April 16th & 17th.

Stretch Code Presentation

Mr. Swartz announced there will be presentations regarding the Stretch Energy Code at the Library on April 7th, 14th, and 21st.

Annual Appointments -

Mr. Swartz announced any changes or corrections related to annual appointments must be submitted by April 12th; the appointments will be made at the May 11, 2010 BOS meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY GUESTS OR STAFF

War Memorial Committee (WMC) – Policy Direction on Current Proposal

Present: Peter Hersee, Roger Armstrong

Mr. Hersee reported to the BOS that the WMC has been working on design of a War Memorial with landscaping. He recognized Roger Armstrong for his assistance to the WMC with the design.

Mr. Armstrong was present and presented a schematic drawing of the memorial currently being brought forth for consideration describing the base as four sided with a five sided memorial set atop. The materials were described as light, off white close grained Vermont granite, black polished granite and bronze.

Mr. Armstrong went over the construction of the memorial and talked about the team that has been put together to provide the granite, engineering, bronze, and set crew at an estimated cost of \$166,000.

Mr. Hersee thanked the committee for their work over the past year and briefly talked about the fund raising to pay for the monument.

Mr. Hersee informed the Board of Selectmen that this will be presented to the Building Committee upon the approval of the BOS.

Wenham Day – Saturday, August 28, 2010

Present: Fire Chief Bob Blanchard; Lindsey Diehl, Museum Director

Chief Blanchard talked about Wenham Day in conjunction with the Museum's craft day.

He explained that the fire department will hold their events at Pingree Park and are suggesting a parade down Main Street from Great Pond Road to Pingree Park with the possibility of the Civil War fence dedication at this time. Ms.

Diehl said the Museum has a history of having a doll parade and could plan it for this time. She requested permission for the Museum to use the Wenham Town Hall front lawn for exhibits. Various community groups will be invited to participate.

OLD BUSINESS

Pumping Policy Review

Mr. Swartz read a letter to commend the Wenham FD for their work during the recent storms to help the Museum divert disaster from water damage.

Present: Fire Chief Bob Blanchard; Deputy Chief Stephen Kavanagh

Chief recognized the Firefighters for their commitment to residents and their dedication.

Chief informed the Board that there were about eight return calls for various reasons e.g. pumps failing.

He also reported that the work done by the town after the Mother's Day Storm kept water from homes that experienced flooding during that storm.

Chief Blanchard reported that \$5800 was spent on man hours during the past two rain storms; wear on equipment was not included.

Mr. Swartz reviewed that the Board previously talked about creating a policy for repeat calls to the same residence and how to best identify ongoing situations that should be addressed by the home owner. Chief Blanchard responded that there were no such cases this past storm but that a few residents may benefit from sump pumps and drains and that this was an extenuating circumstance with back to back storms.

The Chief will review the list of call with the Town Administrator, and Building Inspector to issue letters to those residents with ongoing problems.

Adeline Cole Monument Committee – Appointments

Mr. Swartz reviewed that Wenham resident Adeline Cole 1865 – 1959 made many contributions to Wenham and the Town has been encouraged to make a monument to recognize her.

Ms. Davis made a motion to appoint Jack Hauck, Harriet Davis, Win Dodge, Lindsey Diehl, and Barbra Locke to the Adeline Cole Monument Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Senior Care Funding

Mr. Chelgren explained that historically, the Town annually contributes to Senior Care \$2,500-3,000

Present: Tom Tanous

Mr. Tanous briefly explained that the Town traditionally contributes \$2,500-3,000 annually to Senior Care for its operations. He gave a brief history saying Senior Care serves seniors in nine communities.

Seventy Two residents are served in Wenham, for an estimated total of \$125,000 a year with most funding coming from the state.

Mr. Tanous read a letter written to the Town Administrator requesting the funds from the town to put towards a matching grant.

The Board talked about this being included in the Fiscal budget and to make a recommendation to the Finance Committee to add a line item to the Council on Aging budget for the purposes of supplementing the trust fund payment of Senior Care for Federal Fiscal Year 2010.

Ms. Davis made a motion that the Town contribute to Senior Care \$1,070. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Chelgren announced that Wenham Quilting Ladies have been working on a quilt for more than 3 years. It has been suggested by the Friends of the COA to dedicate the quilt at Town Meeting. It was the consensus of the Board for this to be done.

May 1, 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Present: Ben Tymann

Mr. Chelgren noted that the Finance Committee has not taken a position on the budget and the warrant will not be closed at this meeting as anticipated.

Mr. Tymann spoke about the liquor License updating the BOS saying that communications with the State. On March 2 it was proposed to amend the current language before the Senate, and to carry an Article on the warrant in case the amendment did not pass.

Mr. Tymann reported that Senate Counsel sent this to ABCC for comment to maintain all four licenses, but that one is a package store license and three remain pouring license. Mr. Tymann said there is general concern from the ABCC about a package store being attached to a restaurant liquor license

A meeting with ABCC has been requested to explain that the holder is not going to also serve alcohol in the restaurant and to clarify the understanding of the intent.

Mr. Tymann referenced Article 12 and the language written, stating there is no pouring licenses but a single package store license.

He summarized that if by May 1 the Senate bill is not amended and if the town meeting warrant article passes, the will of the people will prevail.

Mr. Swartz stated that the BOS will close the warrant at the posted meeting of the BOS on Thursday, April 8, 2010. The Board reviewed those articles with open positions.

Article 2 - this article will be discussed further after the Finance Committee has approved the budget; this article was held

Article 13 – Regional School District Agreement Amendments – Regional School District

And updated version from Dr. McGrath was provided to the Board for review including the proposed wording with changes.

Mr. Swartz stated concern with the section 9, but the article is all inclusive and must be accepted or rejected as a *Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend unfavorable action at Town Meeting on Article 13. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Article 14- Regional School District Agreement Amendments; Citizens Petition

Mr. Clemenzi clarified that he previously supported this but with further understanding cannot support this article and stressed new administration will be coming in.

The Board discussed the article saying that they support the bases of the article but noted it may be reframed for Town Meeting; Recommendation will be made at Town Meeting.

Article 15 – Authorization to Establish Stabilization Fund – Regional School District

It was noted that Wenham representatives on the School Committee are not in favor of this.

Discussion followed and it was clarified that this is for replacement or construction capital projects.

Mr. Clemenzi made a motion to not recommend favorable action at Town Meeting. Ms. Davis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 16 – Zoning Ordinance Amendments; By-Law Amendments; Adopt Stretch Code

There is not public or Town opposition; Held

Mr. Swartz noted that there is a potential override article in the warrant if Article 2 doesn't fully fund the school budget and town meeting must provide the opportunity for the Town the full amount.

The warrant will be posted on the Town's web page by Friday morning.

Ms. Davis announced Gordon College is proposing a bike and race on Saturday April 10th. A portion will run through Wenham. Appropriate requirements will be in place, crew members to mark the way, along with an EMT and the police department has been consulted.

Ms. Davis made a motion to authorize Gordon College to hold the race as requested on April 10th.

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

REPORTS

Mr. Chelgren acknowledged a request for the donation of one day parking passes at Pleasant Pond through the Buker School auction. It was the consensus of the Board for this to be approved.

The board talked about providing additional information, regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee/Department of Education data, in the Town Warrant to be “stuffed” by the Boy Scouts.

MINUTES - March 25, 2010

Ms. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2010 with edits as indicated. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Session

The purpose of the ES under MGL chapter 39 section 23B was to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body; to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; and to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

Ms. Davis made a motion with three members present to enter into ES for the purpose of discussing Collective bargaining and to return to open session for the purpose of adjourning and that Molly Martin, Selectmen Candidate is present.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clemenzi and all members voting in the affirmative and non in the negative on roll call vote it was VOTED: to enter into ES

9:23 Pm – The Selectmen returned to open session and on a motion by Ms. Davis it was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley