

APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AT THEIR MEETING OF

Aug. 3, 2010

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Tuesday, June 01, 2010 ~ 7 PM
Town Hall, 138 Main Street

With a quorum present, Ms. Martins called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Selectmen present: Molly Martins, Chair; John Clemenzi, Vice Chair; Harriet Davis, 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

STATEMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY PUBLIC

Orchard Street

Present: Anne O'Shea, Elizabeth Ferris

Mrs. O'Shea and Mrs. Ferris informed the Selectmen that since the "No Dumping" signs at Orchard Street parcel were removed this past week (at the request of residents) dumping on the property has begun again. The BOS reiterated that this is not a dumping site; the Town will monitor the situation.

Mr. Clemenzi was recognized for organizing a successful Memorial Day Parade; Mr. Clemenzi acknowledged those who participated and contributed to the success of the day.

Mr. Clemenzi said that Wenham resident Albi Dodge was recognized recently by several groups. The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year, and Mr. Dodge was nominated for induction by Ron Gauthier for the One Hundred Anniversary National Hall of Leadership for his accomplishments for the Town of Wenham. The Rotary Club awarded Mr. Dodge the Paul Harris Designation for his many years of service to the Hamilton-Wenham communities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall Summer Hours – Closed to the public on Fridays

Ms. Martins announced the Town Hall Summer Hours saying that the Town Hall offices will be closed on Fridays. Appointments can be made to do business this day in advance.

H-W Capital Management Committee – Congratulations on being designed by DOER

Ms. Martins congratulated the Hamilton Wenham Capital Management Committee, and the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham for being designated as “Green Communities”; the towns may now apply for grants.

Note of Appreciation to Liz Carey – (Interim Town Clerk) served Dec – May

Elizabeth Carey was acknowledged and thanked for her interim service to the town as Town Clerk; a note of appreciation will be sent.

PRESENTATION BY GUESTS OR STAFF

OLD BUSINESS

7:19 PM Annual Town Meeting – Adjourn Meeting

Present:

Mr. Weaver identified that the May 1, 2010 Annual Town Meeting was adjourned to this time and place, and he declared the Town Meeting resumed in session, noting the adjournment was to allow the ballot vote to take place. Being aware of no other business that can come before the 2010 annual town meeting and identifying the Town Clerk being present, Mr. Weaver accepted a motion by Ms. Davis to dissolve the annual town meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Present: Mr. and Mrs. Card, 130 Main Street

Mr. Card gave an overview of the current situation saying that when the Maples was built there was an agreement between the Maples and the owners of 130 Main Street that a row of 10-12 foot trees serve as a buffer between the properties; the trees were planted by the Maples.

He went on to say that in January they received notice that the Maples were going to trim the second row of trees along the fence line to allow sunlight to filter through citing mold problems.

The Cards reported that the first row of trees was cut down entirely and that these were the wrong trees.

The Cards told the BOS they believe that according to the original agreement, these trees should be replanted by the Maples.

Mr. Chelgren observed that there a lack of clarity in this situation of where the responsibility lies and what needs to be done. Unless clarification is provided it is a private issue between property issues. He suggested this be sent to the Planning Board (PB) with a request to re-open the hearing and consider the details and to render an opinion of what needs to be done since the original an approval of the PB and should be a resolution of the PB.

Ms. Davis questioned if this was a misunderstanding along the line; the Cards responded that they did not believe this was the case.

Mr. Chelgren will monitor the situation and report back to the BOS.

Buker / Cutler School - Response for use of Pleasant Pond Recreation Area Last Day of School

Ms. Davis acknowledged a request from the 5th Grade of Cutler to use Pleasant pond for graduation on June 18th.

Ms. Davis made a motion to permit approve the use of Pleasant Pond on June 18th for the 5th grade class of Cutler. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fire Department - Summer Coverage (weekends)

Present: Fire Chief Blanchard

Chief Blanchard addressed the BOS saying that because Wenham Fire Department is a call department, the number of firefighters available during the summer is unpredictable. He requested permission to keep a three day crew on call during the weekend from July 1 through the end of Labor Day during the daytime hours; this is at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. He noted that the Firefighters train and do maintenance during this time.

Ms. Davis made a motion to implement summer coverage for weekends for approximately \$ 10,000 for three men on duty for ten weeks. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Block Party – Request to Close Down Puritan and Mayflower

Mr. Clemenzi acknowledged a written request to close Puritan and Mayflower Roads on June 27th in the afternoon for the annual block party. The Police Department has no concerns.

Mr. Clemenzi made a motion to approve the street closure for Sunday June 27th as requested.

Ms. Davis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Capital Management Committee

Mr. Chelgren spoke about the Sustainable material recovery Grant, saying he is meeting with Sue Petrolia, Sustainability Coordinator, to work on the grant which must be submitted on line tomorrow. The BOS was provided a draft copy. This grant will fund the Consultant's position for the 15 year master plan for a Cape Ann solid waste facility. This is funded for the first two years and then funded by the savings and will not add to the town's budget.

Ms. Davis made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator and Sue Petrolia to present the grant proposal to the Massachusetts Department Environmental Protection by close of business tomorrow. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

7:41 pm Paul Weaver left the meeting

ESCo (Energy Service Contract)

Mr. Chelgren stated legal Counsel has reviewed the final draft contracts and the CMC will meet with Johnson Controls to review the documents.

FY10 End of Year Actions

No action required at this time

Highway Department – revisions to open position

Mr. Chelgren reported that the town has accepted a retirement letter from DPW employee John Pews effective July 16, 2010

Bill Tyack is looking to advertise for the position. He is asking to elevate the position responsibility at an annual maximum salary of \$70,000 to include all snow overtime, DPW work, and burial agent which previously was billed separately.

Ms. Davis made a motion to allow for the job change and to advertise for the position with the assurance this will not increase the budget. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS

Mr. Chelgren announced the BOS retreat for Friday, June 4, 2010

The BOS are invited to the H/W High School Graduation on June 13th.

Ms. Martins acknowledged a letter of thanks and gratitude from the Friends of Buker for the support at the fund raising auction.

Mr. Chelgren announced the first and third Tuesdays are televised BOS meeting. The BOS will meet weekly as needed.

Ms. Davis stated that as of July 1, the BOS meeting agenda's will be posted as according to the new open meeting law

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the ES meeting minutes of May 11, 2010. Mr. Chelgren seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Ferris praised the Hamilton and Wenham Fire and Police departments for their outstanding service fighting a barn fire on Bay Road.

Rail Trail

Present: Win Dodge, Rail Trail Committee

Mr. Dodge asked for authorize the RTC to negotiate and enter into agreement with Iron Horse to remove the rails and ties from the trail and prepare the sub surface. The work can begin immediately upon the signing of the contract.

Mr. Clemenzi recommended the BOS give their full support.

Regarding the 40 foot hole in the trail, Mr. Dodge said discussions continue with Iron Horse and the Conservation Commission to fill it in completely and seal it off or fill it in and allow for some water flow.

Ms. Davis made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a contract with Iron Horse after the details are ironed out with Committee and Iron Horse. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

8 pm Executive Session

Ms. Davis made a motion to enter into Executive Session (3) 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 nonunion personnel, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and to return to open session for the purpose of adjournment. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Selectmen returned to open session and on a motion by Mr. Clemenzi adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley