

Approved 6/7/2011
WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Tuesday, April 26, 2011 ~ 7 PM
Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street

With a quorum present, Ms. Martins called the meeting to order at 7:02 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
HW Hamilton-Wenham

Public Information
Agenda

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

Trudy Reid, Town Clerk announced the special election is May 19, 2011 to vote on the trackless machine as related to Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting. Non-registered residents wishing to vote must register by Friday, April 29, 2011 at the Town Clerk's office.

Ms. Reid reminded residents that the ballot question vote is on May 19, 2011 and will be held at the Town Hall, 138 Main Street; this is a change in polling location from the Buker School.

Warrant Hearing – Process and Participation Request

Roger Kuebel, Finance Committee Chair announced the Warrant Hearing is Monday, May 2, 2011. The FinCom will take questions prior to May 2nd but will also be taking questions during the hearing via email. He also said that Article 2 will be presented in a different format in an effort to deliver the information in the most suitable format and the FinCom will be looking for feedback.

Mr. Clemenzi announced important meeting dates including the Town Elections and the Annual Town Meeting, May 7, 2011 at the Buker School and the Ballot vote on May 19, 2011 being held at the Wenham Town Hall.

Warrant & Annual Report

Ms. Davis announced the Annual Report and Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting have been delivered in a disc format by the Boy Scouts. Both documents are also available on the Town's web page; hard copies are available at Town Hall and the Library.

Residents were encouraged to provide feedback regarding the change of the documents to a disc.

**PRESENTATIONS BY GUESTS OR STAFF
OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Chelgren noted that the BOS has not taken positions on three Articles and asked the BOS consider taking a position.

Regarding Article 7, the Community Preservation Act (CPA) appropriations. The Committee received two applications, one for the Town Hall funding of the 20-year bond for FY 12 for \$177,767 and \$18,000 for the Border to Boston rail trail through the Wenham Swamp.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve article put forth by the CPA as Article 7 as stipulated in the motion and to recommend favorable action at Town Meeting.

Article 14 – War Memorial Park

Mr. Chelgren reviewed that the wording of the motion has been reduced. The article is to designate the car barn lot as a perpetual war memorial park.

Ms Davis made a motion support Article 14. The motion was not seconded and therefore failed.

Mr. Clemenzi and Ms. Martins expressed their support of a park and the work of the War Memorial Committee but agreed that more information is needed.

Ms. Davis observed a memorial can't be designed without knowing where it will go and reiterated that Town Meeting can change the vote in the future should the situation change. Mr. Clemenzi said the BOS has agreed that the Car Barn lot is the appropriate place for the War Memorial but that more information is needed before the whole property can be designated for this purpose.

Mr. Clemenzi made a motion to not recommend favorable action on Article 14. Ms Martins seconded. The motion carried by majority vote with Ms. Davis voting in the negative.

Mr. Chelgren reviewed that Article 16 is a Citizen's Petition looking for clarification from Town Meeting of whether to proceed with Middleton Emergency Center Operations (ECO) or stay with Hamilton in a shared ECO. There is no language for the motion at this time. Town Counsel will meet and work with the petitioners on the wording.

Mr. Clemenzi stated he supports the town going to the regional ECO in Middleton saying the BOS has monitored the project closely.

Ms. Davis questioned how Hamilton and Wenham have come up with different savings and Mr. Chelgren explained that Hamilton is rolling forward the pensions of the employees, and Wenham is capping the pensions.

The Chair asked the BOS to state their position to support pulling out of Middleton or remaining in Hamilton.

Ms. Davis said she supports putting this question before the voters, and would reconsider moving forward until Hamilton makes a decision. Ms. Martins reiterated the Town signed a contract to join the Middleton Regional ECO and stands to breach the contract; she supports the town going forward.

Mr. Clemenzi questioned what commitment the State will have to Hamilton/ Wenham dispatch noting they are supporting more regionalized centers and he supported the town going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Pleasant Pond Stickers

Mr. Chelgren announced that Pleasant Pond parking stickers are available at the COA, Library, & Police Station for Hamilton/ Wenham residents.

The BOS were asked to support a free parking pass as recommended by the Pleasant Pond Association to the Maples, Boulders, Library, and Enon Village. Ms. Davis requested a pass be also provided to the Wenham Museum.

Ms. Davis made a motion to provide a free pass to those organizations as requested. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Chelgren announced that Sunday, May 15th is volunteer day at Pleasant Pond.

The Garden Club plant sale is May 14th.

One-Day Liquor Licenses

The Wenham Tea House is requesting one- day liquor licenses for May 14th, May 15th, May 19th, May 20th and May 29th. This is a total of eleven licenses of the thirty allowed per year.

Ms. Davis asked that the Tea House be reminded that there are a limited number of one – day liquor licenses available.

Ms. Davis made a motion to authorize the one-day licenses for May 14th, May 15th, May 19th, May 20th and May 29th as requested. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES - April 19, 2011

Ms. Davis made a motion to accept the BOS meeting minutes of April 19, 2011 with edits as indicated. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next BOS meeting is prior to Town Meeting on May 7, 2011 at 12:30 pm.

Executive Session

Ms. Davis made a motion to enter into ES at 7:38 pm (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 sole purpose of adjournment. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The BOS returned to open session at 7:50 pm and on a motion by Mr. Clemenzi, it was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley