

Approved 11.12.13

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Meeting of Tuesday October 30, 2013  
Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Selectmen Chambers.

With a quorum present, Chairman Whittaker called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Selectmen Present: Ken Whittaker, Chair; Jack Wilhelm, Secretary

Not Present: Selectman Patrick Wilson was attending a public meeting with Harborlight Community Partners regarding a 40B building project off Maple Street

Also Present: Mark Andrews, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Minutes Secretary

Public Information

Agenda

Executive session minutes of August 20, 2013; September 3, 2013

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Whittaker announced the Special Town Meeting is at 7:30 PM on Tuesday November 5, 2013 at Buker School.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Warrant Articles** - Mr. Whittaker stated that the Hamilton Wenham Regional School Committee is not supporting or seeking funding for Article 7 & Article 8 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

1. *Vote: Mr. Wilhelm moved, and it was seconded, the Board of Selectmen recommend unfavorable action on Article 7 at the Special Town Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*
2. *Vote: Mr. Wilhelm moved, and it was seconded, the Board of Selectmen recommend unfavorable action on Article 8 at the Special Town Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Supplemental of Meeting Minutes** - Mr. Whittaker explained that upon further review, the executive session minutes of August 20, 2013 and September 3, 2013 did not have enough information to explain what the discussions were, and proposed to supplement the minutes to better reflect the discussions. Mr. Whittaker offered the following amendments:

**August 20, 2013**

**1) Employment Complaint** -The BOS discussed an ongoing threat of litigation brought forth by a former applicant for a position in the joint public works department and determined that the matter was appropriately addressed, for the present, by efforts by Town of Hamilton.

**2) Burley Street Construction** - Potential litigation issues and means of possible avoidance through actions of the Building Inspector were also discussed with regard to the Burley Street development construction (legal) requirements. The BOS will continue to monitor both situations.

**September 3, 2013**

The BOS met to discuss a contract dispute with Hamilton regarding library fees with the Town of Wenham and subsequently determined to continue negotiations as a means to avoid legal action.

*Vote: Mr. Wilhelm moved to release the amended executive session minutes of August 20, 2013 and September 3, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Vote: Mr. Wilhelm moved to adjourn at 7:39 pm and it was unanimous to do so.*

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley

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