

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING AUGUST 8 , 2011

PRESENT: Daniel W. Trabucco (Chairman), Lewis Stone (Vice-chairman), Greg Hanley (Clerk), Arthur Boyle Jr., Willard J. Boulter, Jr., Edwin Thorne, John Mattinson, Mikaela Slaven, Len Rusczyk, and others.

ANNOUCEMENTS

Shawn McCloud – donation of the time capsule from his family's business for the 300th anniversary celebration. Capsule made of titanium worth \$6,000.

300th Anniversary – Bill Boulter reported on the following: ideas for the time capsule should contact him, golf articles for sale at Sandbaggers on Rt. 53, raffle at \$100/apiece 200 to be sold, \$5,000 first prize, \$1,500 second prize, \$500 third prize, drawing December 4.

Oldham Pond Update – Tom Driscoll reported that Oldham Pond was now open to all activities, and the Board voted to open the Town Landing Beach with lifeguards.

Lowe's Grant to the COA- Alan Peterson reported the Board that the COA has received a \$1200 grant from Lowe's to do upgrades to the senior center. Alan encouraged volunteers and students in need of community service to provide labor on Saturday, August 27, from 8am to 4pm, and Tuesday, August 30, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. The Board voted unanimously to accept the grant.

7:10 – Eagle Scout Report

David Lopes reported to the Board on his project at the Veteran's Memorial Park in front of the First Church on Center Street. The Board acknowledged the fine job he did and formally signed off on the project.

7:15 – Dr. McAdams Update

Dr. McAdams issued a statement to the Board, announced she was appealing the June 13, decision of the BOS, and promptly exited the meeting. Mr Boulter commented that the dogs on the premises should be restrained and/or taken into custody (quarantined) by the ACO if the animals were not restrained. Mr. Boyle echoed those comments, and Mr. Stone commented that the BOS was very lenient at the first hearing in that the Board had the option of putting down the animals. Mr. Boulter moved that the dogs be quarantined with cage or chains, and if dogs are loose on property, the ACO should seize the animals. An amendment was offered to change the word quarantined to restraint. Board voted unanimously

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The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of July 25, meeting as amended.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT

The Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Sabrina Chilcott as the new Executive Assistant.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Boyle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve a new contract with Mr. Thorne for the period July 1 – 2011 to June 30, 2014.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

The Board voted unanimously to select September 17, 2011. Mr. Stone suggested a second day in the spring and Mr. Boulter suggested March 24, 2012. The Board voted accordingly.

380 WASHINGTON STREET CELL TOWER LEASE

The Board voted 5-0 to accept Mr. Thorne's recommendation that they sign a ten year lease with STC Six Company contingent upon approval of the fall special town meeting.

HIGH AVENUE SIGNAGE

Robert Briggs was present to ask the Board to post a 15 mph speed limit sign on High Avenue. After being told by Mr. Boulter that posting the signs was not up to the BOS, Mr. Briggs requested that the BOS write MASSHighway and/or the DPW for a report on speeding in the area. Mr. Boulter moved that BOS forward letters to the DPW and MassHighway asking for assistance. Mr. Boyle seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously. Mr. Briggs also said he would write down the license numbers of speeders and forward them to the Police Department.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chairman Leonard Rusczyk of the Recycling Committee was present to update the Board on the following: Committee to meet August 8th to review recycling center operations; grant application to DEP; outreach to School Department for upcoming school year. He asked about the status of the recycling bins and with the health agent on vacation, that issue was tabled. Mr. Stone inquired about the status of the Housing Authority bins and was informed by Mr. Thorne that all three sites have received the bins. Mr. Stone initiated discussion on closing the recycling center on Wednesdays, and moved that the center be closed effective Wednesday September 7. The BOS voted unanimously. Mr. Boulter suggested that additional closings may be warranted in the future

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Troop 105 Car Wash, September 17 at the Hatch Building 1pm – 4pm. Mr. Boulter suggested a community calendar to help with scheduling of such events to avoid potential conflicts such as what has happened in the past. Mr. Thorne announced that passports will be processed Monday, Wednesday, Fridays from 9am to 12 noon.

ASK THE SELECTMEN

Mr. Stone addressed the following issues:

Water Street truck traffic and speeding – Increased police presence has been effective.

Letters to the editors should be directed first the BOS for answers. Mr. Boulter announced that the Boy's Club will hold martial arts classes beginning September 6.

Interested persons should contact Mike Deluca at 781/706-3670.

It was announced that the BOS will meet in a joint session with the Hanson BOS, Tuesday, August 9, at 6:30 pm at Hanson Town Hall for the purpose of discussing Oldham Pond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to go into executive session to conduct strategy with regard to collective bargaining or litigation, and upon conclusion, there may be a need for a public vote. Roll call vote: Stone, yes – Hanley, yes – Boyle, yes – Boulter, yes – Trabucco, yes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm

Prepared by Edwin J. Thorne