

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2014**

PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Michelle Burt (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Ben Bastianelli (DPW Commissioner), Jeff Matthias, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant), and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Clerk MaryAnn Smith has announced that absentee ballots are now available for the Special Election on January 25, 2014; absentee voting hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Please call 781-293-7211 with any questions.

7:00 JEFF MATTHIAS: HILL BOG PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Matthias was present before the Board to present an update on the Hill Bog Project; he has not begun construction on the pond at this time; work at the bog is suspended for the winter but a surveyor has been hired to delineate the property lines and bounds around the bog work when weather conditions improve. Mr. Matthias addressed the truck routes approved by the BOS in September; trucks exiting will turn right as they exit the property. Mr. Matthias stated that he provided Kevin Sealund with fill for his project on Blue Jay Way when ten loads of fill were transported in a ten wheeler over the course of two days and these trucks did turn left to reach the development at Forest Street; this was not part of the scope of the approved project. Mr. Stone stated he received and replied to resident complaints regarding this discrepancy and requested that any future deviation from the approved route be reported in advance to the Town Administrator's office so resident's concerns may be addressed. Mr. Matthias agreed.

CONSIDER DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION PERMIT REQUEST: NEXT STEP LIVING

Mr. Boyle stated that he has questions regarding this application; none of the applicants were in attendance. Mr. Boyle moved to table this request for three weeks and invite the group in again to answer the Board's inquiries. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The Board was unanimously in favor. At 7:08 pm, Mr. Boulter relinquished the chair to Mr. Boyle.

WATER WHEEL REQUEST LETTER

Mr. Boulter stated he has worked with the Town Administrator to draft a letter to the Conservation Commission requesting that they consider placement of the water wheel at the designated permanent location. This would allow engineering expenses to be focused on engineering the permanent location as opposed to spent on a temporary location, as referred to in item number four of the Conservation Commission's Order of Conditions from April 22, 2013. Engineering can then begin so that it can be submitted with a Notice of Intent for the permanent location to the Conservation Commission as requested. Mr. Boulter moved to send the send this letter to the Conservation Commission signed by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Burt seconded the motion. Mr. Stone stated that he is in favor of this letter and that the 300th Anniversary Committee voted to gift the wheel to the town and the BOS voted to accept it with the intention of placing it in the permanent location all along. All agreed that they look forward to working closely with the Conservation Commission to accomplish this goal. The vote was unanimously in favor. At 7:15pm, Mr. Boyle relinquished the chair to Mr. Boulter.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, DECEMBER 16 AND DECEMBER 23, 2013

Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of December 9th as written; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of December 16th as written; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Stone moved to accept the minutes of December 23rd as written; Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Stone requested an update on generator installation at Mayflower Court; Mr. Thorne will inquire and update the Board. Mr. Boulter requested that residents stay off the ponds as the ice is not thick enough.

Mr. Boulter stated that the ice needs to be twelve inches thick before it is safe; he wanted to remind everyone of their own personal risk and the risk to first responders.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thorne stated that he has a request in to the DOR to schedule a presentation of the Financial Management Review to the Board and to the town and he will follow up when this is scheduled. Mr. Thorne also wanted to advise that the School Department is in receipt of their recycling totes and is rolling out their recycling program on Wednesday to each school. Mr. Thorne worked with the school department and Mike DelPrete to implement this full participation in the recycling program. Mr. Boulter stated he has heard from a resident with a two family assessment who is seeking a municipal user's fee abatement; Mr. Thorne will review the application.

UPCOMING ISSUES

Mr. Boulter announced that Nancy Richards from PACTV will be present on January 13th at 7:00 pm to review Town Meeting lighting and provide an update; dates are pending on a DOR presentation of the financial management review, a review of the DEP report on the Recycling Center and a joint meeting date with the Energy Committee. Mr. Stone stated that tonight the Duxbury Board of Selectmen is receiving an update on progress made toward implementing electronic balloting at Town Meeting and Marshfield has announced the opening of their warrant for spring Town Meeting on January 6th with a closing date of January 27th. Their Town Meeting is April 28th. Mr. Stone feels that schedule allows enough time for the warrant to be considered properly by all related Boards and still meet the printing deadline. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Stone thanked DPW Commissioner Ben Bastianelli for the DPWs efforts during the storm; Mr. Bastianelli stated that the storm presented many challenges in the way it presented. The DPW had to balance fiscal responsibility with public safety concerns. Mr. Trabucco asked about the Town Green; Mr. Bastianelli stated there is more work to be done in the spring concerning grading and elevation changes and seeding to prevent water from pooling.

At 7:42 pm, Mr. Stone moved to enter executive session 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 public body and the chair so declares. Mr. Boulter so declared and Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Mr. Stone - yes, Mr. Boyle - yes, Ms. Burt - yes, Mr. Trabucco - yes, Mr. Boulter - yes.