

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

PRESENT: Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice-Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), Michelle Burt (Selectman), Daniel Trabucco (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Joel Bard (Town Counsel), Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant).

At 7.00 pm, Mr. Boyle called the meeting to order.

TEMPORARY TRAILER PERMIT REQUEST: 158 WEST ELM STREET, WILLIAM O'HARA

Mr. Stone moved to grant a Temporary Trailer Permit for a six month period to William O'Hara at 158 Elm Street to be use as temporary living quarters; Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

DISCUSSION OF OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT

Karen Ames has filed an Open Meeting Law Complaint regarding her Freedom of Information Act Request submitted on August 10, 2015. She seeks executive session minutes that have not yet come before the Board to be voted for acceptance or for release. Discussion ensued and the draft of the executive session minutes of June 1st, June 15th and July 6th were reviewed in open session. Mr. Boulter moved to accept the executive session minutes of June 1, 2015, June 15, 2015 and July 6, 2015 as presented. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. Mr. Trabucco moved to release the executive session minutes of June 1, 2015, June 15, 2015 and July 6, 2015. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

PERTINENT DISCUSSION OF ARTICLES ON THE WARRANT

General discussion ensued on the Annual Town Meeting Articles and their presentation. Mr. Bard was present to explain that town counsel originally provided an opinion whereby Article 13 could not be taken up at a fall special town meeting. This article would establish a revolving account whereby the Recreation Commission could retain revenues to support the programs for which the fee was charged. Mr. Bard stated that new information has been received and, provided that the tax rate has not yet been set, the article could proceed this evening. Mr. Thorne advised that the Advisory Committee has received this information and recommends that the article be brought to the Annual Town Meeting in May; the BOS concurred.

At 7:10pm, 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. Boyle so declared and Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion.

By roll call vote: Mr. Boulter - yes, Ms. Burt - yes, Mr. Stone – yes, Mr. Trabucco – yes, Mr. Boyle – yes.

At 7:45pm, Mr. Stone moved to recess the Selectmen's meeting to Town Meeting. Mr. Trabucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

MATERIALS & EXHIBITS

Temporary Trailer Permit Application, Site Map (BOS/TA Office)
Draft of Executive Session Minutes of June 1, 2015 and June 15, 2015 and July 6, 2015 (BOS/TA Office)
Open Meeting Law Complaint Form Received October 20, 2015 (BOS/TA Office)
FoIA Response Letter sent to Karen Ames on August 27, 2015 (BOS/TA Office)
STM Warrant for October 27, 2015 Special Town Meeting