

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APRIL 15, 2009  
MINUTES

- MEETING: Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Roll showed Selectman Sheppard, Sushchyk and Murray all present.
- AGENDA: Selectman Sheppard made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sushchyk. All in favor.
- MINUTES: Selectman Sheppard made the motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009 as submitted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sushchyk. All in favor.
- ONE DAY  
LIQUOR LICENSES: Selectman Sheppard made the motion approve the one day liquor licenses for the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club fishing derby being held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from noon to 8:00 PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sushchyk. All in favor.
- ARTICLE #39  
STORM WATER  
PROTECTION  
BY-LAW: The Board requested that Ed Himlon, consultant used to help write article for the Storm Water Protection by-law, come to their next meeting on April 29, 2009 to review the article.
- CABLE PEG  
ACCESS: The Board of Selectmen met with the Lancaster Board of Selectmen and the Cable Committee to discuss the Cable PEG Access and to review the contract and by-law. Orland Pacheco, Administrator for Lancaster, Jack Sonia, Jennifer Leone, Select people from Lancaster as well as Attorney Bill Solomon and the Cable Committee members, Bob Bloom, Dick Maki, and Cathy Harigian were all present. Attorney Solomon outlined the process; first to create a joint Public Access Corp, hire a director, form a 10 member board of directors and approve the by-laws. Both towns agreed they were comfortable with the concept and agreed to proceed, reviewing the contract and by-laws, making suggestions as they reviewed the material presented to them. Selectman Sushchyk suggested that they meet again to further discuss the regulations to forming a corporation, the workings of the corporation and the interfacing process to the corporation. All agreed to meet on April 22, 2009 at 6:30 at the Memorial Library in Lancaster.
- 7:32 PM  
REPRESENTATIVES  
EVANGELIDIS AND  
NAUGHTON: The Board of Selectmen met with Representatives Evangelidis and Naughton for an update. Representative Naughton informed the Board that the FY10 budget was not looking good. He listed community policing, the Quinn bill, regional school busing and the circuit breaker program as taking the biggest cut. The positive side was that the Chapter 70 money was level funded. Representative Evangelidis concurred with Representative Naughton emphasizing that revenue was down and a need to find new ways of creating revenue. They were optimistic about State

reimbursement for the December 11 Ice Storm. The Board thanked the two gentlemen for meeting with them and asked them to continue updating the Board as the budget was finalized.

8:06 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

PHEASANT HILL LANE: Chairman Murray opened the public hearing for the layout of Pheasant Hill Lane at 8:06 PM. Mr. Andrysick showed the Board a plan of the road layout explaining that there was a short punch list that he thought had been completed and should be signed off on by the Planning Board. He explained that there were 4 remaining lots to be built on. After reviewing the plan, Selectman Sheppard made the motion to accept the layout of Pheasant Hill Lane as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sushchuk. All in favor.  
Chairman Murray closed the hearing at 8: 11 PM.

MARCH POLICE

REPORT:

Chief Chamberland was present to give his monthly report for March. Chief Chamberland focused on the meetings he attended on the preliminary discussions regarding the regionalizing of dispatch services. He informed the Board that Lieutenant Kokernak was looking for grants that would fund a feasibility study for the regionalization of a dispatch center for multiple towns.

Chief Chamberland informed the Board that the police department was now on Twitter, which allows residents to sign up and follow incidents and situations within Sterling.

The Board thanked the Chief for his report and Selectman Sushchuk asked that the Chief keep the Board informed on the regional dispatch center, stating that it is a concept that Sterling needs to pursue.

TOWN

ADMINISTRATOR'S

FOLLOW-UP:

Ms. Ackerman informed the Board that she had estimated low on the Cherry Sheet so that the numbers should be alright on the budget. She will check on the regional transportation numbers reported by Representative Naughton.

Ms. Ackerman reported that the Mass Municipal Association is sending two representatives from the Town of Wellesley to attend the Board's next meeting to report on Form of Government, as requested by the Selectmen.

Dawn Bloom reported to the Town Administrator that there were still title questions with Gates Terrace and that she was in the process of reviewing the discharge for Chase Hill Road.

Ms. Ackerman reported that the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting was complete. The quarterly goals were reviewed at the last department head meeting.

The final plans for the vault were in, Ms. Ackerman asked for copies and Mark Brodeur was reviewing the plans to ensure the plans were up to code.

The property/liability insurance will be going out to bid the third week of May and Ms. Ackerman is expecting 2 to 3 insurance companies to bid.

Selectman Sushchuk asked Ms. Ackerman if she had heard any further from Mr. Cappoccia with regards to affordable housing. Ms. Ackerman had not but would call Mr. Cappoccia and set up a meeting with him for April 29, 2009.

PUBLIC SESSION

LEGION HALL: Mr. Pape informed the Board of Selectmen that the masonry work was being done at the Legion Hall.

VAULT: Mr. Forance asked about the vault and the process for building it. Ms. Ackerman informed the Board the plans have been received and she forwarded copies to Tom Rutherford and Mark Brodeur, Building Inspector, for their input.

FARMERS MARKET: Michael Pineo asked permission of the Board to hold the Farmers Market once again in front of the Butterick Building starting May 22, 2009. Selectman Sushchyk made the motion to authorize permission for the Farmers Market to be held on Fridays in front of the Butterick building from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM starting May 22, 2009. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sheppard. All in favor.  
Mr. Pineo informed the Board that the 4H group volunteered to clean the front of the Butterick Building with him supervising.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S  
PERFORMANCE REVIEW:

Before the Board started Ms. Ackerman's review, Selectman Sushchyk made a public statement, stating that the Board of Selectmen has never held secret meetings and has never held an Executive Session or secret meeting for the Town Administrators performance evaluation. The DA ruled that all paperwork from last year's performance evaluation be released to the public and the Board of Selectmen released it.

Selectman Sushchyk then read a list of accomplishments that Ms. Ackerman had completed within the past year. Chairman Murray then began the process, asking each member for a score for each category listed on the performance evaluation, combining them for an average score. The Board then listed strengths and weakness along with recommendations for improvement for Ms. Ackerman to work towards for the next year. The Board ended the performance review by thanking Ms. Ackerman for a job well done.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Chairman Murray reminded the Board of the next scheduled meeting for April 22, 2009 in Lancaster and April 29, 2009 for the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Sushchyk made the motion to adjourn at 9:21 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sheppard. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

PAUL M. SUSHCHYK  
CLERK