

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JULY 22, 2009

MINUTES

MEETING: Chairman Sushchyk called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Roll call showed Selectman Sheppard and Sushchyk present, Selectman Philpot was absent.

AGENDA: Selectman Sheppard made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. 2nd by Chairman Sushchyk.

MINUTES: Selectman Sheppard made the motion to hold the minutes of June 24 and July 8 until he had a chance to review the changes.

EAST LAKE
WAUSHACUM
ASSOCIATION:

Barbara Roberti introduced Daniel Kloczkowski and the other members of the East Lake Waushacum Association. Ms. Roberti explained that their main concern was invasive species taking over the lake.

Mr. Kloczkowski informed the Board of the significant increase in boat traffic on the lake. He also discussed the use of day passes, stating that these issues had also been discussed with the DPW and the DPW approved the use of passes. The ELWA objective is to submit a by-law for the fall special town meeting that would help protect this important natural resource. Mr. Kloczkowski shared some of the research done on 20 Great Ponds in Massachusetts and the policies for access to the ponds. There was discussion regarding proposals the ELWA would like to submit as a by-law. Recommendations and timelines were discussed so that the by-law would be ready for the Fall 09 Special Town Meeting.

Chairman Sushchyk informed the ELWA that he is prepared to support the Association in protecting the lake. He encouraged the ELWA to work with DCR and even suggested using a locked gate. Selectman Sheppard informed the group that a Special Town Meeting would be scheduled some time the end of October or beginning of November. It was agreed that Terri Ackerman along with Chief Chamberland, Judy Janda from Recreation, Bill Tuttle from the DPW and Mr. Kloczkowski would work together to formulate detailed recommendations for the by-law.

NEW CHARGE
FOR BUILDING NEEDS
COMMITTEE:

The Board reviewed the revised purpose and charge for the Building Needs Committee. Selectman Sheppard made the motion to approve the charge as submitted. 2nd by Chairman Sushchyk. Two in favor, one absent.

APPOINTMENTS: Selectman Sheppard made the motion to approve the continuation of appointments including the appointments of the Election Workers. 2nd by Chairman Sushchyk. Two in favor, one absent.

AUDIT: Selectman Sheppard stated that the current auditors have done a great job but feels it is time for a change. He would like to see someone with a broader background with small to large towns in Massachusetts and other states. Chairman Sushchyk made the motion to go out to bid, to accept the lowest qualified bidder for a 3 year period. 2nd by Selectman Sheppard. Two in favor, one absent.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S

BLOG: Town Administrator, Terri Ackerman, provided the Board of Selectmen with samples of blogs from 3 towns. A number of citizens along with the Board of Selectmen made comments. Selectman

Sheppard expressed his concern with the blog turning into a real time-consuming project. He would like to track the hits on the blog.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S

FOLLOW-UP:

Terri Ackerman updated the Board on the space needed for storage in the vault. After department heads counted their material it was determined that 280 linear feet plus future expansion was needed for the space. Discussion would continue at a future meeting that would include Tom Rutherford, facilities manager. Mr. Forance would be contacting Monty Tech.

Ms. Ackerman informed the Board that 3-4 times a year boards and committees will be meeting with the Department Heads.

The Building Inspector, Mark Brodeur, investigated the traffic at 29 Legate Hill Road and is consulting with Chief Chamberland with regards to trucks parking at that location.

Forty two resumes were submitted for the Human Resource position, 117 resumes for the Assistant Town Clerk have been received and the deadline for resumes for the Assistant Treasurer is July 24th.

The Cable Contract is completed and the wiring for the computers is being done. Ms. Ackerman has notified Lancaster that things are moving along.

COA VOLUNTEER

YARD SALE:

Selectman Sheppard made the motion to approve the yard sale for the COA on September 19th. 2nd by Chairman Sushchuk.

COUNCIL ON AGING

STORAGE

SHED:

Selectman Sheppard made the motion to approve the placement of a storage shed in the far parking lot for the Council on Aging subject to the following: the structure is not permanent, the structure is not too large, is approved by the Tom Rutherford and set back in the same place as the trailer. 2nd by Chairman Sushchuk. Two in favor, one absent.

NEW SENIOR

CENTER:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the request from the Council on Aging asking that the Board look at the back parking lot for the location of a new senior center. After some discussion it was noted that there is a vernal pond and spring running through the back lot making the lot unusable. Ms. Perry asked if anyone had considered the Higgins property on Princeton Road? It was suggested that the Building Needs Committee study sites and make recommendations. Chairman Sushchuk stated that resources are limited at this time; everyone is experiencing hard economic times. The Board will take this issue up at the next meeting at which time they will consider referring the senior center to the Building Needs Committee.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2009 at 6:00 PM for goal setting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman Sheppard made the motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM. 2nd by Chairman Sushchuk.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RICHARD A. SHEPPARD

