

**Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of September 10, 2013**  
**Town Hall – Meeting Room #1 6:30 pm**

Present: Chairman Michael O'Donnell, Selectmen Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Richard Ward, Vice-Chairman Jack Franey, Interim Town Administrator James Purcell and Elaine Weston

The meeting opened with a lawn side plaque dedication ceremony on the front lawn of the Town Hall in which the Boy Scouts presented a plaque to go with the blue spruce tree that was previously donated and dedicated in memory of the victims of 9-11-01.

**The Board returned to the meeting room.**

**O'Donnell read the announcements.**

**Police Personnel update from Chief Duphily:**

Duphily presented his goals of where he would like to see the staffing of the department to be in accordance with the needs of the community. He is proposing two school resource officers, a detective, detective sergeant as well as a patrol sergeant and patrol officer. He would like detectives available to focus on the increasing drug problem in town. In the next 11 years, many officers will be eligible for retirement and he feels proper training and staggered hiring over time will provide the knowledge and experience needed to establish a strong and effective police force to be continued for the town. He doesn't feel it needs to be an immediate approach, but would like to see it as a long-term plan to move forward.

Franey stated he would like to see it happen sooner rather than later due to all the drug activity.

Hewins feels that it is not a good idea to do this sooner rather than later. She noted that the DPW and School had positions taken out of their budget.

Duphily agreed that moving ahead at the proper speed is important.

Marrone feels the security of the school is important and thinks everyone can come together and work out a budget that will work.

Purcell stated that an immediate approach may necessitate an approach above the levy limit. The drug problem seems to be getting more acute in Carver.

Franey would like to discuss how to move forward, Marrone would like to see how we can finance it first.

**School Committee and Town Building Study Committee regarding funding of town buildings and potential need for a Special Town Meeting:**

Lance Kennedy called the School Committee to order-Members of the School Committee and Superintendent Liz Sorrell were present as well as members of the Town Building Study Committee (TBSC). Dan Ryan reviewed what was discussed between the School Committee and the TBSC at their meeting held on Monday, September 9. He stated that the TBSC feels that the Police/Fire buildings and the School building can be moved forward. Lance stated that they cannot take advantage of the funding capabilities in the town and will focus on the MSBA funding. The only issue the School Committee would have is if it competed with tax payer dollars which it does not look like is going to happen.

Franey would like to put the Police and Fire projects on a Special Town Meeting warrant and have the voters decide which project to move forward with first.

Hewins questioned Ryan about hiring a consultant if he feels they are ready to move forward with the building projects.

Ryan stated he feels the building projects can move forward simultaneously and the consultant can finish the police/fire study as soon as needed.

Sorrell submitted a letter of interest and a senior study team is being sent out to give the opinions of the state of the building. They decided Carver did not need another senior study but decided they would like to come out and talk to Sorrell. There are 12 finalists and Carver is unique that it is the first town to be invited back into the process.

Fire Chief Weston expressed that all the potential building locations have been well thought out and feels that everyone is united on what needs to happen and would like to see these projects move forward.

Purcell stated that there is a need per the Town Accountant for a fall Special Town Meeting nevertheless.

Marrone feels she does not want to create a separation between the departments and would like to see everyone come together.

Ward suggested that Purcell look into dates so at the next meeting a Special Town Meeting date can be set.

The School Committee adjourned their meeting at 7:55pm.

Motion by Franey to hold a Special Town Meeting on October 28, 2013 with an article deadline of September 19, 2013, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0.

**Residents of Pine Street and abutters of Edaville Railroad to discuss concerns relating to the proposed expansion.**

Jean Taylor and David Burns spoke about the detrimental effect the expansion of Edaville has had on their neighborhood including leaving industrial dumpsters uncovered all weekend. They would like to work with Edaville to resolve many issues. Burns requested that Edaville not use the 15'-20' strip of land that runs along the street for the parking of vehicles so in order to leave a turning lane and room for emergency vehicles. He stated the trees that have been cut down now don't block the headlights from cars and he now has to look at them all night.

Sherri Basignani is concerned because she has spent almost \$200,000 to convert her bogs to organic and there is currently a water runoff issue and that a study has not been done on the water.

Jon Delli Priscolli and Brenda Johnson of Edaville Railroad present. Delli stated he met with the planning board and received site plan approval and feels the process was open and fair. He stated that they are working off of the existing Edaville footprint and one section of trees was taken down. He spoke with the DPW Superintendent and did all the work requested by him. He stated a neighborhood committee has been formed and has met with the Town Planner. Johnson stated that a large roll-off dumpster was placed there for busy events and was supposed to be picked up in between the events and that didn't happen and they did send employees to pick up trash outside of the dumpster and it is no longer there. Now they have a normal dumpster with a cover on the top and sides which is emptied a minimum of twice a week.

Hunter stated the Planning Board approved an entranceway a few years ago, and a few weeks ago, Delli asked to change that and discussed the master plan revision he would like to see done with the park. He did a site walk with the Planning Board addressing public safety and drainage today (Tuesday) and that no one felt there was an issue. The Planning Board scheduled a public walk. It is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm for residents and public safety officials and a direct mailing will be done to notify everyone. In the interim, Jean Taylor started discussing issues such as quality of life, noise, etc. Hunter hopes to meet with everyone on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and would like to find a way for this to succeed.

Ward noted that the Dorine Merritt Community Memorial Fund raises a large portion of their funds at their annual Edaville Rail Run and thanked Edaville for that and addressed the residents on the change of use and has concerns about that. He would like to see something worked out and would like to support the business.

O'Donnell recused himself and left the meeting.

**Request for Common Victualler License for a Bed and Breakfast: Maureen Fuller**

Maureen Fuller requested that her license be reinstated. She has all of her other permits required. Motion by Marrone to approve the license, second by Ward, vote 4-0.

Hewins recused herself and left the table.

## **Town Administrator Screening Committee applicant interviews and appointments:**

### **Citizens at Large:**

**George Callahan:** He is retired from the Army and would like to become more active in the town. Marrone questioned why he chose this committee instead of another one. He feels this is the one he feels the most comfortable participating in and would like to possibly move on to other committees in the future.

**John Delli Priscoli:** He has served on several committees in the City of Marlborough and has owned a business in town since 1999. He feels he understands the needs of the town.

**Thea Dickinson-Rowles:** She is a mother of 11 year old triplets and has served on the Elementary PTO and is the Assistant Director of School-based Counseling. She feels this is an opportunity to represent what the families are going thru here in town. Marrone feels she has people skills and asked if she would be interested in filling an opening on another committee.

**Ann Marie Olson:** Has lived in town for 37 years and was a bus driver and EMT in town. She would like to represent all of the people, not different organizations or interests.

Motion by Ward to nominate George Callahan. Motion by Marrone to nominate Jon Delli Priscoli, second by Franey for discussion purposes. Vote 2-0-1 Ward abstain. Motion by Marrone to nominate Ann Marie Olson, second by Franey. Vote 3-0.

### **Former Town Officials:**

**Daniel Brassil:** Resident in town for over 30 years, former chairman of the Finance Committee and the Housing Authority as well as the committee for the former Town Administrator.

**Steven Dewhurst:** Has lived in town for 21 years and has served on several committees and has run a business in town for 20 years. In his corporate experience he was in charge of interviewing candidates for employment.

**Paul Johnson:** Former member of several committees. Currently president of the Sportsmen's Club.

Motion by Marrone to appoint Brassil and Johnson, second by Franey. Vote 2-0-1 Ward abstain.

### **Board of Selectmen member appointment to the Town Administrator Screening Committee:**

Marrone suggested Franey be the representative and Ward stated he was going to volunteer. Motion by Marrone to nominate Franey to be the Board of Selectmen representative, second by Ward. Vote 3-0.

### **Read Screening Committee charge and distribute to appointees:**

Franey read the Town Administrator Screening Committee charge.

Hewins returned to the table

### **Approval of minutes of August 13, 2013 and August 27, 2013**

Motion by Ward to accept minutes of 8/13/13, second by Marrone. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Ward to accept minutes of 8/27/13, second by Marrone. Vote 4-0.

### **Citizens Participation**

Nanu Patel of Dave's Liquors stated that the approval of the New England Farms will wipe out his business and asked if the board would reconsider their wine and malt license approval.

Robert Belbin questioned if there had been any Open Meeting Law training in town.

### **Selectmen Notes**

**Marrone:** Thanked Pack 63 for a great ceremony and for donating the stone and to the volunteers of the Town Administrator Screening Committee for coming forward.

**Ward:** Thanked everyone for making the YPAC open house a success and to the Dorrine Merritt Community Memorial Fund for their generous donation to the YPAC and to Edaville for hosting the Dorrine Merritt Rail Run which raises a lot of money which is donated back into our community. He thanked Pack 63 for a nice ceremony tonight.

On the Sept. 24 meeting agenda he would like to add to the agenda policy that a Selectman should be able to place an item on the Board of Selectmen agenda without having it deleted by the chair or vice-chair.

**Hewins:** Thanked everyone for coming out to the YPAC open house and was overwhelmed by the support and generosity of the citizens.

**Franey:** The Plymouth County Advisory Board is meeting on Thursday and will report back to the board on it. He stated that open meeting law complaints are being resolved. He thanked the Merritt donation that paid for the swimming program for the youth in town. He thanked the Boy Scout that sang America the Beautiful. He also thanked everyone who stepped forward to volunteer to be on the Town Administrator Screening Committee.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session for negotiations with non-union personnel for contract status of Police, DPW, Clerical and Supervisory at 9:40pm, not to return to open session. Roll call vote: Affirmative: Franey, Hewins, Ward and Marrone. Hewins stated she will be recusing herself from the Supervisory portion of Executive Session.