

**Select Board Special Meeting
March 25, 2009
Police Station Community Meeting Room – 34 Williams Street
9:00 a.m.**

Minutes

Select Board Chair Person Paul Santaniello called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Select Persons Paul Santaniello, Robert Barkett, William Scibelli and Kathleen Grady.

Absent: Select Person Brian Ashe.

Also Present: Town Manager Robin Crosbie, Public Works Director Mike Wrabel and Administrative Assistant Cynthia French (to take the minutes). No members of the public were in attendance.

A motion was made by William Scibelli, seconded by Kathleen Grady, to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purposes of adding three articles.

Mike Wrabel was present to answer questions from the Select Board regarding the Mill Brook sewer article and the Mill Brook slope stabilization article. It was decided to pay for the Mill Brook sewer work from the sewer operational budget. After some discussion a motion was made by William Scibelli, seconded by Kathleen Grady, to place an article for \$18,000 for the slope stabilization work on the Annual Town Meeting warrant in tandem with a reserve fund request, as this is considered an unforeseen expense. A vote was taken and Select Persons Santaniello, Scibelli and Grady voted yes, with Select Person Barkett abstaining.

Chair Person Santaniello asked Mr. Wrabel to send out a press release regarding progress on hydrant replacement, and at this time Mr. Wrabel left the meeting.

The third article is regarding the Community Preservation Act's annual reserve. This article must legally be placed on the warrant each year to set aside 10% of the funds collected, and had been inadvertently left off the list of articles submitted by the Community Preservation Committee. A motion was made by Kathleen Grady, seconded by William Scibelli, to place this article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. A vote was taken and Select Persons Santaniello, Scibelli and Grady voted yes, with Select Person Barkett abstaining.

At 9:25 a.m. Robert Barkett made a motion, seconded by William Scibelli, to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of collective bargaining and to return to Open Session. A roll call vote was taken: P. Santaniello – yes, R. Barkett – yes, W. Scibelli – yes, K. Grady – yes.

At 9:40 a.m. the Select Board returned to Open Session.

The Town Manager's contract, which was previously voted on, was briefly discussed regarding the language change to allow for six (6) months of severance pay. The contract was signed by Select Person's Santaniello, Scibelli and Grady. Select Person Barkett declined to sign the contract.

In other business, Chair Person Santaniello mentioned that a “webinar” would be taking place on Thursday regarding the stimulus money that has been awarded to the School Department. Also, the Select Board had a brief discussion regarding the Finance Committee report for the Annual Town Meeting.

Adjournment

At 9:45 a.m. a motion was made by Paul Santaniello, seconded by William Scibelli to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia French
Administrative Assistant