

**Minutes  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday – May 16, 2005  
Police Station Community Room  
7:00 p.m.**

Chair Person Hal Haberman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

**Present:** Select Board Persons Hal Haberman, John Papale, Kathleen Grady, Brian Ashe and William Scibelli.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Robin Crosbie and several members of the public.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Minutes of the May 2, 2005 Regular Meeting and May 2, 2005 Executive Session were accepted as presented.

**Visitor Comments and Questions:**

Richard Kmetz, Recycling Commission, spoke to the Board about waste disposal and the recycling program that he observed recently in a Florida community. Diane Nadeau, 41 Shaker Road, also spoke to the Board regarding waste disposal. Eleanor Stolar, 29 Meadow Road, spoke to the Board regarding a recent tree/sewer line issue that had come before the Board. Bill Hoff, School Committee, spoke to the Board regarding clarification of salary increases in the schools.

**Bertucci's Change in Directors Public Hearing:**

Chair Person Haberman opened the public hearing. Since it was not required, no representative from Bertucci's was present. Town Manager Crosbie explained that this application was brought about by a corporation change and that all the Town's where a Bertucci's was located were processing the same application. The Board unanimously approved the change in Directors. Chair Person Haberman closed the public hearing.

**Old Business:**

*Waste Contract:*

DPW Acting Superintendent Rich Haraty and Recycling Commission Member Arlene Miller were present to answer questions from the Board, and a toter was there for display. It was noted that a representative from Central Mass was unable to attend the meeting. Chair Person Haberman recapped that Central Mass has been chosen as the new waste disposal hauler and that this discussion was to determine the type of service to be provided, either the same as the present service, or to have an automatic pick-up. He explained that if an automated pick-up were chosen it needed to be determined how the receptacle, or toter, would be paid for. It was noted by Ms. Miller that each household would get one toter and that if a resident wanted more than one they would pay an annual fee for each additional toter. The toter in the contract is the smaller 46 gallon version. Mr. Haraty explained that the reasoning for the smaller toter is to increase recycling efforts in order to control costs by reducing trash. Mr. Haraty also explained that by going to an automated system there was a possibility of the Town taking over pick-ups in the future. Select Person Scibelli reviewed some information that had been provided by the Town Accountant and noted that the Town had to find ways to save money and the Town has an

opportunity to raise revenue by reducing waste. He felt that the 46 gallon toter would service most of the residents in Town. Select Person Ashe asked about trash over the barrel limit and was given several options available from Ms. Miller. Select Person Grady was concerned about the cost of the automated system and noted concerns she had heard from residents. Select Person Papale noted that he did not have an opinion either way. Chair Person Haberman asked for a vote from the Board. A motion was made to keep the same service – Haberman – yes, Ashe – yes, Grady – yes, Scibelli – no, Papale – abstain. The Board therefore voted to keep the same service and to explore ways to reduce waste. Select Person Scibelli asked Ms. Miller to explore whether weekly pick-ups were needed for municipal dumpsters and were necessary.

*Response to Mrs. Stolar:*

The Board concurred with the Board of Health's response to Eleanor Stolar's request to be reimbursed by the Town for a filtering system to take fluoride out of her water. The Board felt that it was Mrs. Stolar's choice to install the filtering system and that the Town had no obligation to reimburse her.

**New Business:**

*Request of the Planning Board for Special Legislation:*

Town Manager Crosbie explained that this request was made due to the fact that the Town Clerk had not submitted two Zoning By-Law articles to the Attorney General's office for approval from the November Special Town Meeting. She will check with the Attorney General's office first. The Board approved submitting special legislation if necessary.

*Workplace Violence Policy:*

Town Manager Crosbie drafted a Workplace Violence Policy and the Board adopted it unanimously.

*PVPC Traffic Counts:*

Town Manager Crosbie noted that the Town was eligible for two free traffic counts per year from the PVPC and asked if the Board wished to utilize this service. The Board asked to proceed with Converse Street and that they would submit ideas for other possible streets.

*Special Legislation for Town Meeting Petitions:*

In light of the recent petitions relating to fluoride the Board discussed ways to limit such articles coming back time after time. Town Manager Crosbie said she would look into this issue with the Attorney General's office. The Board is also interested in whether special legislation is a viable course of action.

*Interviews for Boards/Committees*

The Board discussed the new rules for appointments in the recently adopted by-laws and decided to amend the rules at the Fall Town Meeting to read "interviews waived at the Select Board discretion if vacancy is an uncontested renewal". They decided that they would interview applicants when there were multiple applicants for one position, but if only one person was re-applying for a position, an interview was not necessary. The interviews would take place at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting as noted in the previous schedule.

**Consent Agenda:**

The Board voted the consent agenda unanimously including a one-day liquor license for Stephen Hoyt for a meeting at Bay Path May 20<sup>th</sup>; the unanimous re-appointment of Fire Chief Eric Madison; and the Center School request to close the street for their annual field day June 3<sup>rd</sup>, rain date June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Correspondence:**

It was noted that the Board received letters regarding the waste disposal issue and the tree removal issue.

**Town Manager's Report:**

Town Manager Robin Crosbie briefed the Board on various matters, including developing a reporting system for illegal dumping (first reports go the Police Department).

**Executive Session:**

At 8:45 p.m. on a roll call vote (Haberman – yes, Papale – yes, Grady – yes, Ashe – yes, Scibelli – yes) to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and labor negotiations and not to return to Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Crosbie  
Town Manager