

Selectmen Present: Gary Vanderweil, Chairman
Edwin Carr
Frederick Koed
Ralph Dormitzer
Paul Carlson

Others Present: William R. Griffin, Town Manager
Jennifer Oram, Recording Secretary

Chairman Gary Vanderweil called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Chairman Vanderweil asked the Board to reconsider the vote they took on Article #22 Treat's Pond Restoration Project Funding, at the Board's March 4, 2008 meeting. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer recused himself from this discussion and moved to a seat in the audience. Chairman Vanderweil stated that the Board had asked that four specific lots be identified and put into the article, as well as the amount of \$300,000. Since that vote, there has been an enormous amount of backlash and threats of eminent domain litigation. He suggests that the Board re-write the article and delete the lot designation and add language that would state that the scope of work on the proposed project would include an in depth engineering and environmental study to identify the optimum route. It would also evaluate the Army Corp of Engineers work. Selectman Koed stated that he is still uncomfortable about endorsing anything that would require discharge into the Harbor. Chairman Vanderweil stated that if anything is to be discharged into the harbor, then an environmental study should be done and be a part of the scope of work. **Chairman Vanderweil moved to edit the version of article #22, keeping the motion as written until the word 'interest', then after that word, delete the phrase on certain parcels and the assessors map locations and then continue the motion as written in the draft warrant. Selectman Carr seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 4-0 (Selectman Dormitzer recused).** Selectman Dormitzer returned to his seat.

Town Meeting Article Review

Article # 24 Stormwater Management Bylaw - Sarah Charron and Steve Bobo of the Stormwater Management Committee addressed the Board. The Board reviewed final changes to the bylaw suggested by Selectman Dormitzer and others added by Town Counsel. There was a lengthy conversation about fees and how they would be set. In the end, the fine amount was changed from \$300 a day to \$100 a day. **Selectman Koed moved to recommend article 24 as amended. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Article #14 – Zoning Bylaw – Wind Energy Conversion Facilities – Andrew Willard and Dr. Michael Bliss of the Alternative Energy Committee addressed the Board. Selectman Carlson asked for a change in the definition portion of the bylaw. They then reviewed the possible locations in Town that could support a turbine under this proposed bylaw. **Selectman Carr moved to recommend article 14 as amended. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Article #15 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Section 4.2 Permitted Uses – Table of Use Regulations – **Selectman Dormitzer moved to approve article 15. Selectman Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Article #16 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Amendment to Section 8 – Selectman Carlson moved to recommend article 16. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Article #19 Affordable Housing Trust – Mr. Thomas Callahan and Mr. Clark Brewer of the Housing Partnership Committee addressed the Board. There was a lengthy conversation about the trust, how it would be funded and who would be in control of making decisions to spend the funds in the trust. Mr. Callahan and Mr. Brewer assured the members of the Board that every purchase would still need the approval of the Selectmen. The Board also asked that a five year sunset be added. **Selectman Carr moved recommend article #19. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Article #3 Fiscal 2009 Operating Budget – The Board reviewed three changes to the Fiscal 2009 Budget they are: increase of \$50,000 to the Cohasset School Department, a decrease of \$20,409 to the South Shore Vocational School Assessment and an increase to the Department of Public works of \$38, 000. **Selectman Dormitzer moved to recommend article 3 as amended. Selectmen Carr seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.**

Article #8 Supplemental Appropriations – Mr. Griffin reviewed the proposed supplemental appropriations. After a brief discussion, **Selectmen Carlson moved to approve and recommend article #8. Selectmen Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Article #10 Post-Retirement Health Insurance Stabilization Fund – Selectman Dormitzer moved to recommend article 10. Selectmen Carlson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Article #4 Union Contracts & Other Salary Adjustments – Selectman Dormitzer moved to indefinitely postpone article 4. Selectman Carr seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Proclamation for Hamilton Tewksbury – Selectman Carlson moved the Board approve and sign a proclamation for resident Hamilton Tewksbury. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Approval and signing – Selectman Carr moved the Board approve and sign the 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

State Aid Anticipation Bond Approval – Selectman Carr moved to approve the renewal of \$500,000 in State Aid Anticipation notes with Eastern Bank at a net interest cost of 2.4500%. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

One Day Liquor License – Selectman Carr moved to approve a one-day liquor license (beer and wine) for Saturday, March 15, 2008 at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 129 South Main Street, from 6-10PM for a fundraiser. Selectman Koed seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Selectman Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Koed seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Vanderweil, Chairman