

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

Selectman Absent: Frederick Koed

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

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

Town Manager’s Report

Mr. William Griffin, Town Manager, informed the Board and the community, that the Greenbush Line would be blowing its whistle on Halloween night.

In addition, Mr. Griffin pointed out to the Board that the answers to the questions they had asked the Planning Board about the Village Business District Bylaw was on their desks.

Selectmen Comment Period

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer stated that he, Selectman Paul Carlson and Mr. Griffin had a very positive meeting with Lighttower. Lighttower seems to be agreeing with the visibility issue, and will try to come to some sort of compromise in regard to the location of the DAS boxes. In addition to this meeting, Selectman Dormitzer attended a Downtown Revitalization meeting that reviewed what has been done as well as what still needs to be done. At the end of the meeting, it was decided to use some of the funds given to the Town by the MBTA to perform a more comprehensive study that would look at what the Town could potentially do with the Town parking lot etc.

Selectman Dormitzer also expressed his concern about the water quality in Town. He stated that he had received many calls from residents about the water being discolored and dirty. In addition, he feels that both the sewer and water departments need to do a better job of notifying residents if they plan on opening the streets.

Selectman Edwin Carr attended the South Shore Community Center’s Halloween Fair. He said the event was very well attended, and a successful fundraiser for the organization. Also, he received a call from Rick Flynn of the School Committee inviting him and Selectman Paul Carlson to come to a meeting to begin a dialogue about where they are in the budget process.

Selectman Paul Carlson stated that he had attended an event on Forest Avenue given by the residents to celebrate the installation of the new sidewalk. He said the residents gave the Selectman and many others certificates of appreciation.

Minutes – Selectman Dormitzer moved the minutes of September 24, 2007 as amended. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Selectman Carlson moved the minutes of October 10, 2007. Selectman Dormitzer seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (Selectmen Dormitzer, Carr and Carlson).

Selectman Carr stated that the next day, October 30, 2007, was the inaugural run of the Greenbush Line. He commended the Greenbush Team, Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber, for a job well done.

Special Town Meeting Article Review - #4 Village Business District Zoning Bylaw –

Mssrs. Chittick and Lacy of the ZBA spoke in opposition to the proposed bylaw. They agreed with the purpose of the bylaw but they felt that the Special Permit granting authority should remain with the ZBA, not be transferred to the Planning Board. Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development described the proposed bylaw and responded to several questions from members of the Board, previously forwarded to him by Town Magnager Griffin. Mssrs. Sturdy and Westcott of the Planning Board spoke in favor of the bylaw. Two members of the public, Mssrs. Tom Callahan and Wayne Sawchuk, spoke in favor of the bylaw. Chairman Vanderweil asked Town Manager Griffin to schedule a vote for the next Board meeting.

Selectman Dormitzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Carr seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Vanderweil
Chairman