

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 16, 2007

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Kathleen W. Weld called the meeting to order with members Carol Lisbon and David W. Heinlein present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Administrative Assistant.

ATTENDANCE: U. S. Congressman Barney Frank and aide; Wayne Beitler, The Trustees of Reservations; Police Chief Joseph Griffin; Ford Spalding & Pete Sherman, Board of Fire Engineers; Joseph Melican, Warrant Committee; Dickson Smith, Kathleen Mitchell, Roger Panek & Mary Kalamaras

PRESS: Nadia Salomon, Boston Globe West; Amy Reay, D-S Press

U.S. Representative Barney Frank

Mrs. Weld said that the Dover Board of Selectmen was pleased and privileged to welcome U.S Representative Barney Frank to this evening's meeting. Mr. Frank thanked the Board for accommodating his schedule by waiting until summer to meet since he is in Washington on weekdays during the rest of the year representing the interests of communities from Newton to Wareham with the largest populations in Taunton, Attleborough and Fall River.

Mr. Frank offered his insights on issues of concern to the country and the Commonwealth, such as housing, transportation infrastructure, health care, taxation, homeland security, energy and fuel efficiencies, and education. He spoke of legislation related to the imminent loss of subsidized housing built through public-private partnerships, and also to increase mortgage limits for the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac agencies in response to escalating housing costs. He is pursuing funding for bridges and roadways in his district, which are some of the oldest in Massachusetts. Mr. Frank said that while health care practices have substantially improved, the fact that the U.S. is the only country in the world that ties health care access primarily to employment is problematic, and he is ambivalent about the recent changes in health care requirements implemented in Massachusetts. Mr. Frank expects legislation providing for back up catastrophic weather insurance coverage to pass before the end of the year, which excludes subsidies for second homes and prohibits building in certain vulnerable areas. Finally, he told the Board that he expects increases in federal funding for special education.

Mrs. Weld thanked Mr. Frank on behalf of the Board for a very interesting and educational conversation.

Wayne Beitler of TTOR re: Conservation Restriction

Mr. Beitler asked the board to approve a conservation restriction being sought by The Trustees of Reservations for 33 acres of land in Dover owned by Christopher Morss. Its purpose is to assure that the property will be retained in perpetuity predominantly in its natural, scenic and open condition without any buildings. Mr. Beitler enumerated the public benefits of conserving this parcel, including protection of wildlife habitats, recreational and scenic resources, and furtherance of government policy as it is in keeping with the goals established in Dover's 2003

Open Space & Recreation Plan. A municipal certification dated July 11, 2007 indicating the Conservation Commission's approval of this restriction was provided to the board.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the conservation restriction as outlined in the document for the Morss property, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Chief Griffin re: Dedham Street Traffic

Roger Panek and Kathleen Mitchell met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss their concerns about safety and quality of life issues created by speeding vehicles, increased traffic volume and noise on Dedham Street. Ms. Mitchell asked that pedestrian crossing barrels be regularly placed at the crosswalks, especially since there are preliminary plans for increased activity at Caryl Park which would also increase traffic volume. She requested more police presence, posted speed limit signs and posted signs prohibiting large truck engine braking. Ms. Mitchell suggested a traffic study, particularly in the Caryl Park area. She told Mrs. Lisbon she has not spoken with Superintendent of Streets Craig Hughes or the Finance Committee on Roads about these issues.

Police Chief Joseph Griffin agreed that area roadways built in the past were not laid out to accommodate present traffic volumes, and residential streets are increasingly being used as throughways. The Chief places officers in the areas with the highest levels of traffic safety concerns. He advised that speed limits are set by Mass Highway using 85% of the speed average, and based on a recent informal traffic survey conducted on Dedham Street, it is likely the speed limit would be raised by Mass Highway. He suggested using the speed trailer in that area as a deterrent to speed violators, removing branches to improve site lines and speaking to the Highway Superintendent, the Town Engineer and Town Counsel about the possibility of placing permanent barrels at the crosswalks. Chief Griffin added that engine braking is not an enforceable offense.

Mrs. Lisbon commented that the installation of brick crosswalks may also serve to slow traffic down.

This item will be revisited at a future Selectmen's meeting after interested neighbors work with Chief Griffin on this issue.

Special Licenses (2)

Chief Griffin has spoken with representatives from the Boston College Retreat Center and Pepper's Catering regarding the upcoming events at which alcoholic beverages will be served, and recommended the board approve both without stipulations.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the special license for Pepper's Fine Foods Catering on August 24, 2007 [from 5:00 p.m. – midnight for a private party at Elm Bank], seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the special license for Boston College for the Weston Observatory conference dinner on September 17, 2007 [from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.], seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Cycle for Haylee Cystic Fibrosis Benefit Bicycle Tour

Chief Griffin advised that as a courtesy he has been notified of the particulars of the Cycle for Haylee benefit tour which runs through Dover on Saturday, October 6, 2007. There have been no mishaps during the last ten years this tour has passed through town.

He reported that the Pan Mass Challenge brought approximately 2,100 riders through Dover on Saturday morning without incident.

Enhanced 911 for Cellular Phones

Chief Griffin said that until recently 911 calls from cell phones were routed through the state police to the local police department in the town from which they emanate. Technological improvements now allow for those wireless calls to go directly to the proper locale. Dover is slated to have enhanced 911 capabilities for cell phones installed in September with grant monies. Chief Griffin has enough money in his training budget to cover the cost of the required two-day dispatch training. He told Mrs. Lisbon that he will assess the need for a Prior Notice at the end of the first or second fiscal quarter.

The Chief also told the board that he will sign a contract for the new community emergency/school telephone notification system in two weeks, with training and service to follow shortly. Additional numbers (e.g., cell phones) can be programmed into the system. He has chosen a different vendor from Sherborn at a 20% savings.

Dover Community Center Building Committee Update

Mrs. Weld said that good progress has been made appointing members to the various committees for the community center project, with an eclectic mix of citizens bringing their talent, expertise and energy to consider what to do at the Caryl School site and the best way to accommodate a community facility. The newly constituted subcommittees will meet on September 6, 2007 with the Board of Selectmen and the Dover Community Center Building Committee (DCCBC) to discuss expectations and timetables going forward. Mrs. Weld urged committee members, other Town boards and committees, and any interested citizens to forward questions that they would like answered during this phase of the project to the Selectmen and the DCCBC for consideration.

Mrs. Lisbon thanked all committee members who attended the July meeting, during which a historical overview of this project was provided.

Award Caryl School Architectural Services Contract

Mrs. Weld said that with the funds approved at the May Town Meeting for the stabilization of the Caryl School, the Board is prepared to award a contract for the associated architectural and engineering services. Don Mills of Mills Whitaker Architects met recently with the Board of Selectmen and the DCCBC, and offered an excellent, detailed breakdown of the fees for his services. Mr. Heinlein added that in addition to being familiar with the Caryl School and Dover, a compelling argument was made by the architect that he will also serve as the general contractor during the project at a cost savings.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to award the contract at a fixed fee of \$60,000 subject to approval as to form by Town Counsel, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Outstanding Annual Town Meeting Article Close-Outs

Mr. Ramsay asked the board to consider closing out several special articles for projects under its jurisdiction that have been completed, as follows: ATM07 A17 – Police Retroactive Monies, ATM07 A5.8A – Pitney Bowes Postage Machine, and ATM07 A5.8D – Protective Agencies Boiler.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to turn back the monies for these three articles, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Appointments

Mrs. Lisbon moved to appoint David Billings to the Dover Community Center Building Committee for the duration of the project effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to appoint herself as the Selectmen's liaison to the Dover Community Center (DCC) Alternative Sites Committee and the DCC Public-Private Partnership Committee; David Heinlein as the Selectmen's liaison to the DCC Gym/Physical Activities Committee; and Mrs. Weld will as the Selectmen's liaison to the DCC Great Room Committee, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to appoint Rick Henken and Justine Kent-Uritam to the DCC Public-Private Partnership Committee for the duration of the project effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Weld commented that Wade Kennedy will be the Park & Recreation Commission representative to the DCC Gym/Physical Activities Committee.

Mrs. Weld moved to appoint Kristen Sampson to the DCC Great Room Committee for the duration of the project effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Weld moved to appoint Paul Tedesco to the Historical Commission for a period of three years effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Weld moved to appoint Sue Hall to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council as Dover's general and Three Rivers Council representative for a period of three years effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was voted unanimously.

Mrs. Weld moved to appoint David Patterson to the Open Space Committee for a period of one year effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to appoint Mary Kalamaras to the Town Report Committee for a period of three years effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Weld moved to appoint Will Rogers to the Website Advisory Committee for a period of one year effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Lisbon; it was unanimously voted.

Dover Water Company Contract Extension & Conservation Restriction

Mr. Ramsay told the Board that this water supply contract extension has the same terms and conditions as the previous contract between the Town and the Dover Water Company.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the Dover Water Company contract extension, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Vote on EMT Insurance Policy

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the basic benefit insurance for the Dover EMTs in the amount of \$4,518, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon thanked the Board of Fire Engineers and Mr. Ramsay for all of their work and effort in this regard.

Pete Sherman thanked fellow Fire Engineer Ford Spalding on behalf of the EMTs for using his insurance expertise to secure accidental death and disability benefits equivalent to those afforded to police and firefighters.

Other Business:

Appoint School Committee Collective Bargaining Representative

The board reviewed a memorandum from Superintendent Perry Davis requesting that a member of the Dover Board of Selectmen be appointed as a representative to the school committee collective bargaining team to negotiate with the Dover-Sherborn Education Association for a new contract.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to appoint David Heinlein, seconded by Mrs. Weld; it was unanimously voted.

Crosswalk Contract Extension

Mr. Ramsay advised the board that the contract it had entered into with the Marino Company to expend Chapter 90 funds for the installation of brick crosswalks expired at the end of June.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to extend the contract with the F.A. Marino Company for the crosswalks, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Approve June 21 & July 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2007 as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Weld; it was affirmatively voted by majority with Mr. Heinlein abstaining.

Mrs. Lisbon moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2007 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

Citizens' Comments

Mr. Melican will convey the Selectmen's request that liaisons to the various DCC subcommittees be appointed by the Warrant Committee prior to the September 6, 2007 kick off meeting.

Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Lisbon moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Heinlein; it was unanimously voted.

DOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carol Lisbon, Clerk